

# PAPUA NEW GUINEA (PNG)

## BUSINESS ADVOCACY NETWORK (BAN) STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS (2020-2022)

### BACKGROUND:

Women in Papua New Guinea (PNG) face systemic barriers to gender equality, both socially and economically. To advance women's empowerment in PNG, private sector stakeholders are advocating for policy reforms that promote women's participation in the economy. Earlier this year, a group of local business leaders coalesced to form the Papua New Guinea (PNG) Business Advocacy Network (BAN). CIPE is supporting the PNG BAN's efforts to push for lasting change by sharing its proven Women's Business Agenda (WBA, or "business agenda") model. The network will work to launch a business agenda that advocates for a level playing field for women in business.

In September 2020, the PNG BAN elected its first Steering Committee. The seven individuals listed below were elected to lead the coalition as it implements PNG's first Women's Business Agenda.



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### AKAE BEACH

**Director, Beach Accounting and Advisory/ Board Member, Port Moresby Chamber of Commerce and Industry**

Akae Pa'asia Beach is a certified practicing accountant and has been an advisor/consultant for over 20 years with Big 4 chartered accounting experience in PNG, Brisbane, and the Gold Coast, consulting for the management teams and boards of large corporations. She currently manages her accounting and business advisory company BAA Limited and serves as the Treasurer for Port Moresby Chamber of Commerce & Industry Inc and the Treasurer for Transparency International (PNG) Inc.



### BRONWYN KILI

**Behaviour Change Campaign Advocacy (BCC) Assistant, UN Women**

Bronwyn is a coordinator of the Sanap Wantaim Campaign at UN Women. She has a Diploma in Criminology from Bond University, Australia and is currently pursuing an undergraduate degree in law. Bronwyn is passionate about women and youth empowerment. She has a rich experience in educating and engaging youth through her current role and previous work experience with the Young Women's Christian Association, The Voice Inc., Equal Playing Field, and other community initiatives.



### DIANNE AIKUNG

**Company Secretary/Lawyer, Kumul Petroleum Holdings Limited**

Dianne is currently the Company Secretary/Lawyer for Kumul Petroleum Holdings Limited – Papua New Guinea's national Oil and Gas Company. She attained her law degree at the University of Papua New Guinea in 2001 and was admitted to the National and Supreme Court in 2002. Dianne practices law in the areas of mining and resources law, commercial and corporate law, project negotiations, stakeholder engagement, tenements management, and compliance, regulation, and tenement commercial dealings with Mineral Resources Authority. She is also Vice President of the PNG Women Lawyers Association and volunteers her time offering pro bono legal services.



## JACQUELINE BOGA GAROAU

**Principal Advisor, Legal in the Department of Prime Minister and NEC/Co-Chairperson PNG Assembly of Disabled Persons**

Jacqueline attained her law degree at the University of PNG in February 1992 and was admitted to the National and Supreme Court in November 1992. She holds a dual Master of Business Administration and Master of Conflict Management and Resolution degree from the James Cook University, in Queensland, Australia. She is currently employed as the Principal Advisor, Legal in the Department of the Prime Minister and National Executive Council. She has served on several boards and committees, including the Board for the Callan Services for Persons with Disability National Unit and the National Advisory Committee on Disability. She currently serves as the Interim Chairperson of the Women with Disabilities Network and the Female Co-Chairperson for the PNG Assembly of Disabled Persons.



## LUANIA TEMU

**General Manager, Savitec Limited**

Luania Temu is the General Manager of Savitec Limited, a locally owned and operated company with well over two decades of experience in office automation, print technology, networking, and communications. Prior to this role, Luania has been heavily involved in the fashion retail entrepreneurial space becoming the first national woman to launch an online fashion boutique. She has significant project management experience and has co-managed and hosted major events for the ABAC MSME week for PHAMA under DFAT, ExxonMobil, as well as the MSME Digital Innovation Awards event for IBBM during APEC.



## PRISCILLA KEVIN

**Co-Founder PNG Digital ICT Cluster and WiSTEM**

Priscilla Kevin is a technology specialist and entrepreneur who dreams of making Papua New Guinea "the Silicon Valley of the Pacific". She holds a bachelor's degree in Computer Science from the PNG University of Technology. Priscilla has been a volunteer with the PNG Digital ICT Cluster since 2014 and founded the PNG Women in STEM Association in 2017 to encourage more women to take up these male-dominated fields. She also runs her own ICT consultancy firm In4net, specializing in enterprise resource planning, ICT advisory consulting, and project management.



## SUSIL NELSON KONGOI

**Senior Media & Communications Advisor, Exxon Mobil PNG**

Susil works as the ExxonMobil PNG Senior Media & Communications Advisor. She has over 15 years of experience in the development and professional services sector. She is the Chair of Incentive Fund, an Australian and Papua New Guinean government partnership that supports well-managed organizations to access funding for innovative projects that have a strong development impact. She is also the current Vice President, International of the Business Council of PNG, an organization that represents the private sector in PNG across all sectors, promoting the importance and role of economic growth, freedom, and enterprise. She is involved with several non-profit organizations, including the Business and Professional Women's Association, and Coalition for Change.