



Participate In Papua New Guinea's Long term Development

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What is the INA?

The INA is privately funded, non-profit research institute or "think tank". Around 80 companies contributed to its running and management and they contributed sums of between K25,000 and the minimum of K500 per year. It was founded in 1976 by concerned individuals from both the government and the private sector to promote dialogue between the private sector and government and to offer alternative advice to that being given by the very dominant public service. It continues that tradition today.

It is run by a council which is drawn from all walks of life and includes some of the leading businessmen and public servants in the country. It also tries to ensure regional coverage so that research and activities are not too closely identified with Port Moresby.

The INA is not a "lobby group" and does not represent specific industry or firm although it will contribute to topics of national interest which coincide with the interests of an industry. The council has reaffirmed this important distinction because it believes that the reason that the INA has been able to have some influence on every government since independence is its reputation of impartiality.

Government may not like results of INA research and comment but it accepts that it is made on a non-partisan and non-political basis. The INA taken the lead in promoting discussion and dialogue with government on matter that affect the economy and the society. It has promoted National Development Forums in one form or another for more than twenty years. These have not always achieved results but they have kept open an accepted and respected process by which both side can air their opinions.

This process has been extended by the formation of the Consultative Implementation and Monitoring Council (CIMC). Organised by the INA, this Council has widened the consultative process to include civil society, including churches, NGOs, Unions, women's groups, youth groups and concerned individuals. The CIMC has twelve sectoral committees which meet on a regular basis and offer advice and criticism on subjects which deal with their own sector. This process has achieved a number of important results and has gained the respect and ears of the government.

The INA's primary role is to carry out research and to disseminate the results as widely as possible to the community, government departments, statutory institutions, learning institutions and politicians. Research is carried out by world class academics from some of the world's leading universities and has a conscious policy of including PNG academics in its research where that is possible. This research is generally sponsored by PNG and international bodies.

The research is published and available to the public.



Why your organisation should join

An adequate return on investment is as much affected by factors outside the control of individual management as by those under management's control. Government policies and the way those policies are implemented affect your firm's profitability through the economy and basic costs such as law and order, infrastructure and corruption. A 2002 INA survey showed that these were the main concerns of business in PNG.

The INA seeks to make a direct impact on the environment in which you operate. It does so by providing good and independent policy analysis on which government can base its decisions and the private sector can base its dealings with the government. It does not do so by lobbying for single firms or industries.

Papua New Guinea has had a very chequered career over the last decade, it has been beset by natural disaster, the Bougainville crisis and very low commodity prices. It has also had periods of excessive government expenditure and poor economic management. Throughout this period the INA has been a voice offering informative comment on a regular basis, alternative economic advice and contributing to forums where these problems have been discussed.

The establishment of the Consultative Implementation and Monitoring Council (CIMC) under the administration of the INA has taken that process another step forward. Its twelve sectoral committees provide valuable links between the government, the private sector and civil society. They have proven to be important avenues for



society to initiate policy. It has been acknowledged throughout PNG by government, private sector and civil society as the most important source of development dialogue.

The INA Council is open and receptive to any research needs in the PNG economy and society in general. Contributors and the general public are urged to submit proposals or even ideas that they consider should be given greater emphasis. The INA will then provide world class researcher to look dispassionately at the subject and provide practical and relevant policy options.

Every country needs consistent, sound and relevant criticism of its policies. It does not need constant negative complaints but good analysis followed by good policy advice on the important issues of the day. The INA has been providing this type of advice since 1976. It is virtually unique in the development world because of its private sector funding and its consistent independence from government and politics. Many visiting experts from different walks of life as well as representatives of international organisations have been impressed by the fact that PNG has been able to sustain the INA and it is important that it continues to provide a platform for the formulation of sound government policy.



Who belongs?

- Airways Hotels & Apartments P/L
- Akzo Nobel
- Allens Arthur Robinson
- Anderson Foodland
- America Home Assurance
- Australia & New Zealand Banking Group
- Arnott's Biscuits (PNG) Limited
- Bank of Papua New Guinea
- Bank of South Pacific
- Blake Dawson Waldron
- Origin Energy PNG Limited
- Bougainville Copper Limited
- BP PNG Pty Ltd
- Brian Bell
- British American Tobacco
- Carson Pratt Services Ltd
- Chemcare Pharmacy
- Coca Cola Amatil
- Coffee Industry Corporation Ltd
- Coffee Exporters Council
- Coffee Planters & Processor Association
- Colgate Palmolive (PNG) Pty Ltd
- Credit Corporation
- Curtain Bros PNG Pty Ltd
- Daltron Electronics
- Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu
- EMTV/Media Niugini Pty Ltd
- ENB Provincial Administration
- ENB Supermarket Ltd
- Express Freight Management
- Farmset Limited
- Gadens Lawyers
- Galley Reach Holdings Pty Ltd
- Good Fielder International Limited
- Global Internet Limited
- Hastings Deering PNG Pty Ltd
- Highlands Pacific Group
- Institute of Business Studies
- Investment Promotion Authority
- Kambang Holding Limited
- Kenmore Pty Ltd
- Kina Securities Pty Ltd
- KK Kingston Limited
- KKB Limited
- KPMG Peat Marwick
- Lihir Management Company
- Livestock Development Corporation
- Mainland Holdings Pty Ltd



- Manufacturers Council of PNG
- MAF PNG Limited
- Marsh Ltd
- Melanesian Tourist Services
- Mobil Oil
- New Britain Palm Oil Dev. Ltd
- New Guinea Australia Line Ltd
- New Island Produce Co. Ltd
- New Zealand High Commission
- Oil Search Limited
- Ok Tedi Mining Ltd
- Orica PNG LTD
- Pacific Capital Limited
- Pacific MMI Insurance
- Pacific Rim Plantation Pty Ltd
- POM Stock Exchange Limited
- Placer Niugini Management P/L
- PNG Growers' Association
- PNG Institute of Accountant
- PNG Institute of Banking & Business Management
- PNG Institute of Business Studies
- Queensland Insurance
- PriceWaterHouse Coopers
- Ramu Sugar Limited
- Remington Limited
- RD Canning
- Rio Tinto Minerals Ltd
- Rural Industries Council
- Shell PNG Limited
- SP Holdings Limited
- Steamships Trading Company
- Steel Industries Limited
- Stettin Bay Lumber Co. Limited
- Teisaki Pty Ltd
- Telikom PNG Limited
- Trukai Industries Limited
- The Waterboard
- The World Bank
- Tower Insurance
- W & R Parer Pty Ltd
- W. R Carpenters PNG Ltd
- Wamp Nga Group of Companies
- Westpac Bank PNG Limited
- Young & Williams
- Zurich Pacific Insurance



What does the INA do?

- Sponsors research by international and PNG experts and publishes the results. Research has been carried out into: the economy, taxation, land, trade, coastal shipping, industrialisation, law and order, agriculture, mining, small business, government expenditure, fisheries, forestry, human capital formation and labour.
- Publishes smaller research papers and speech series papers.
- Conducts public seminars on a wide range of subjects in its own right and in collaboration with other bodies within PNG and overseas.
- Has the leading role in the organisation of National Development Forum which brings together the government, private sector and civil society at least annually to allow all sides to bear the options of others and to highlight problems and offer advice about solution to those problems.
- Provides regular comment on the economy in the print and electronic media both within PNG and overseas.
- Takes part in a wide range of advisory activities and task forces which provide government with independent advice.
- Provides the secretariat and administration of the Consultative Implementation and Monitoring Council (CIMC).
- Distributes the results of its research free of charge to politicians, public servants and major libraries in PNG.
Contributors receive copies of this research free of charge and the general public can purchase it at a moderate price.
- Assist in the bringing together of international bodies such as the World Bank with the private sector.
- From time to time co-ordinates private sector position papers on important issues and upon changes of government.



How do you benefit?

Contributors to the INA:

- Are among the better informed members of the business community.
- Receive free copies of all published papers, speech series and other materials.
- Have access to the library research materials available to the INA. During the course of 2000 this will be widened to include a web site.
- Have the opportunity to raise matters of concern either for further research or for discussion in regular commentaries
- Make a contribution to the policies and directions of government through the interaction of the INA with government, the private sector and civil society.

Benefits are not easily measurable in a quantifiable way. They are more attuned to setting the overall scene in which government and business operate. Members have access to first rate research and a large library and can influence the policies of government.

The INA 's primary aim is to improve the business climate and provide an environment in the country and it's people can prosper.

YOU SUPPORT IS NEEDED

TO CONTRIBUTE:

There is no fixed amount that you should contribute. The minimum amount accepted is K500 and the average contribution is K3,000.

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