

Papua New Guinea participates in APEC high Level Policy Dialogue.

The Minister for Community Development Youth and Religion Hon. Soroi Eoe, The Secretary for Community Development and Religion Ms Anna Solomon and Assistant secretary for Policy Jacob Manase took part in the APEC High level Policy Dialogue in Hue Vietnam from 24th to the 30th of September 2017 on behalf of the National Government.

The APEC 2017 Women and Economic Forum was held under the chairmanship of Vietnams Minister for Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs, H.E Dao Ngoc Dung. Ministers and Vice Ministers from Apec Member economies, heads of representative mission in Vietnam and some 200 member delegates from members economies, APEC secretariat and heads of Vietnamese ministries, agencies and localities participated in the event.

Presenting on behalf of the government of PNG was Hon. Soroi Eoe, Ministers for Community Development Youth and Religion. “We have made tremendous improvements and progress at the legislative and policy level, economic empowerment of women can happen if we are able to provide a protective environment for over women to participate in social and economic development”.

The dialogue adopted important documents aiming to promote gender equality and enhance women’s economic empowerment in the APEC region.

The 2017 Apec Women and the Economy Forum policy recommendations for APEC member economies centred on three priorities including; promoting gender equality for sustainable, innovative and inclusive growth, and enhancing competitiveness and innovations led by women, and reducing gender gap in human resources development. Delegates agreed to submit the statement to APEC leaders for endorsements this November in Nang, Vietnam