CMJA CONFERENCE 2019

“Parliamentary Democracy and the Role of the Judiciary”

8-12 September 2019

CONFERENCE BROCHURE

Port Moresby,
Papua New Guinea

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WELCOME MESSAGE
The Chief Justice of Papua New Guinea
The Honorable Sir Gibbs Salika, GCL KBE, OBE, CSM

Port Moresby is a typical Pacific Island capital city by the sea with a tropical savanna climate that has a relatively constant temperature throughout the year. The average temperature in Port Moresby is 27 °C and has a 59% humidity.

It is the gateway to Papua New Guinea and sees a large number of tourists transit through the city on their way to outside provinces while others visit the many WWII relics, nature parks and diving locations in and around the city.

Port Moresby has hosted major international events such as the 9th South Pacific Games in 2015, FIFA under 20 Women’s World Cup in 2016, 3 pool matches of the Rugby League World Cup in 2017 and most prominent the APEC Summit in November 2018.

It gives me great pleasure to extend a very warm welcome to you on behalf of the Papua New Guinea Judiciary. This is the first time that we have hosted the Commonwealth Magistrates and Judges Association Conference and we are delighted to have been given the privilege to do so this year.

The theme for the conference is “Parliamentary Democracy and the Role of the Judiciary”. This is an interesting theme and I am sure delegates will be as interested as I am in the presentation of papers that will explore and address this important subject.

I am pleased that you have come to my country for this important conference. The conference programme is varied and interesting and the Local Organising Committee has arranged a social programme that will be enjoyable. We trust that your stay in Port Moresby and other places should you have the opportunity to stay longer and explore will be interesting and that you go home with life-long happy memories.

This conference gives us all the opportunity to share experiences, develop ideas and to learn from each other and I encourage everyone to make the most of this opportunity.

Again, welcome to Papua New Guinea ‘the land of the unexpected’.

The Hon Sir Gibbs Salika, GCL KBE, OBE, CSM
Chief Justice of Papua New Guinea

Aims and Objectives of the Conference

- To promote better understanding amongst judicial officers of all ranks and from all parts of the Commonwealth of judicial independence issues and to explore the approach to those issues in different parts of the Commonwealth;
- To promote greater awareness amongst the magistrates and judges of the Commonwealth, of international treaties and law relating to the development and access to justice, and to consider the practical application of that body of law;
- To enhance networking within the Commonwealth Magistrates’ and Judges’ Association on judicial developments.
# DRAFT PROGRAMME

*(This Programme is subject to change)*

## SUNDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2019
- CMJA Council meeting (by invitation only)
- Chief Justices Meeting (by invitation only)
- Registrations
- **Evening:** Welcome Reception

## MONDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2019

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| **Session 2:** | Keynote Speech  
“Challenges to the Separation of Powers in constitutional democracies” |
| **Session 3: Panel Sessions (Concurrent)** | 3A: Realising institutional and financial independence for the judiciary;  
3B: Improving government decision-making and judicial review. |
| **Session 4: Specialist Meetings** | A: Recognising the Status of Industrial Tribunals;  
B: Challenges of Case Tracking;  
C: Is it time to abolish blasphemy offences?  
D: Current issues with Disciplinary Forces. |
| **Evening** | Reception |

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| **Session 6: Panel Sessions (Concurrent)** | 6A: Politicians and Lawyers in conflict with the Judiciary;  
6B: Scandalising the Courts and judiciary: Controlling the media. |
| **Session 7: Panel Sessions (Concurrent)** | 7A: Mediation the Pacific Way  
7B: Grassroot and Religious Courts- Do they dispense justice |
| **Session 8: Breakout Groups** | Gender Section meeting  
(attendance optional but all delegates are welcome) |
| **Evening** | Reception |

## WEDNESDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2019

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| **Session 9:** | Keynote Speech  
“Judicial Leadership” |
| **Session 10- Panel Sessions (Concurrent)** | 10A: Human Rights abuse and witchcraft violence;  
10B: The court’s duty to prevent damage to the environment. |
| **Session 11: Panel Sessions(Concurrent)** | 11A: Judicial involvement in the wider community;  
11B: Judicial accountability to Parliament. |
| **Session 12: Learning Session** | “Judicial Wellness –Keeping fit and staying alive” |
| **Evening** | Gala Dinner |

## THURSDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2019

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| **OPTIMAL DAY OUT** | The day out will include:  
A Visit to  
Owers Corner (southern end of the Kokoda Trail),  
Varirata National Park,  
The Orchid Gardens and Bomana War Cemetery |

## ACCOMPANYING GUEST PROGRAMME

- **Monday 9 September:** Afternoon visit of Port Moresby including a visit to the National Museum
- **Tuesday 10 September:** All day visit to Boera Village
- **Wednesday 11 September:** Visit to Boroko Craft Market
CONFERENCE REGISTRATION DETAILS

The Conference will take place at the Stanley Hotel Conference Room in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea. Complete the registration form online at www.cmja.biz.

Places are ONLY SECURED ON PAYMENT OF REGISTRATION FEES. If we do not receive the payment at the time of registration or within 30 days, your place will be forfeited and made available to new registrants. Places at the Conference are made on a first come first served basis. We would therefore urge you to BOOK AND PAY NOW TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT. www.cmja.biz

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- **Early Discount rate**: To qualify for the early discount rate your Registration and Payment must be received by 24 May 2019. All registrations will be acknowledged within 3 working days of receipt by email. If you do not receive confirmation please advise the CMJA.

- **CMJA Individual Member Fee**: Paid up Individual Members of the CMJA who pay a minimum of 3 year membership by 29 August 2019 are eligible for the CMJA Members discount. This Fee includes all benefits of Non-Members Delegates Rate (see below) and a certificate of attendance, sent after the conference.

Join the CMJA now as an Individual Member and benefit from the Discount!
Go to http://www.cmja.org/joinus.html, or contact info@cmja.org for details.

- **Non–Member Delegate Fee includes**: Attendance at opening ceremony; entrance to all conference sessions; receipt of Conference documentation, access to the Delegates Area on the Conference Website (www.cmja.biz) for papers distributed during the event-available at the Conference; lunch and refreshment breaks on 9,10,11 September 2019; attendance at welcome reception, evening functions and closing dinner; post conference papers (accessible online on the CMJA’s conference website: www.cmja.biz, accessible from the beginning of the Conference-the password will be provided at the Conference itself and not before).

- **Accompanying Guest Fee includes**: Attendance at Opening ceremony; Attendance at welcome reception, evening functions and closing dinner; Participation in the accompanying guest’s programme of tours (see below), lunch at the Stanley Hotel on Monday and Wednesday.

- **Day Delegate Fee (local delegates only) includes**: Attendance at daily working sessions, refreshment breaks and lunch on the day (s) paid for; Receipt of Conference documentation and any additional papers distributed on the day(s) of attendance. Day Delegates can only register for a maximum of two days during the conference (excluding the Day Out).

- **Day out on 12 September 2019**: The Local Organising Committee (LOC) has arranged a once in a lifetime experience of Papua New Guinea. You will have the opportunity to visit: Owers Corner, the start of the 96km Kokada Trail, a famous battle ground between the Australians and the Japanese during the Second World War. A short trip away from the hustle and bustle of Port Moresby up scenic windy roads and curves you will also visit the Varirata National Park, the original hunting grounds of its tree-house dwelling landowners of Koiari. At certain times of the day, birds of paradise, wallabies and deer can be seen along the walking trails. At the end of the trail
the lookout presents a panoramic view of Port Moresby and the coastline. The trip offers stunning views the entire way. You will also visit the Orchid Garden with hundreds of different varieties of orchids in all colours and shapes. A visit to Port Moresby would not be the same without paying your respects at Bomana War Cemetery to the 3824 soldiers Commonwealth soldiers who fell during Second World War. Lunch will be served at the National Park.

ACCOMPANYING GUEST PROGRAMME

The LOC has arranged an interesting programme for accompanying guests which will include a tour of Port Moresby by bus on Monday afternoon including a visit to the National Museum and Art Gallery that showcase thousands of cultural and historical artefacts; On Tuesday, the LOC has organised a full day trip to Boera Village, which is a 20 minute drive from Port Moresby. This village is on the coast and the houses are built on the sea. Accompanying Guests will experience a traditional welcome to the Village and will gain an understanding of the culture and local history during their visit. Accompanying guests will also have lunch at the village. On Wednesday, accompanying guests will visit the Boroko Arts and Craft Market that sell a wide variety of cultural artefacts and attire.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION PAYMENT

All registration fees need to be paid IN ADVANCE TO THE CMJA in British Pounds Sterling (GBP £). Places are ONLY SECURED ON PAYMENT OF REGISTRATION FEES. If we do not receive the payment at the time of registration or within 30 days, your place will be forfeited and made available to new registrants. All bank charges are the responsibility of the payee and must be paid at source. Any shortfalls will be charged on site if not covered in the original payment. If paying by bank transfer, please include the NAME OF THE DELEGATE AND CMJA INVOICE NUMBER on the copy of the transfer instructions.

CONFERENCE CANCELLATION AND NO SHOW POLICY

All cancellations must be received in writing (by email or post). If you have paid your registration fee but do not participate in the Conference for whatever reason (see Disclaimer below), you will be deemed to have cancelled your participation and no refund will be given.

The following is the CMJA cancellation policy:

- Up to 90 days prior (10 June 2019) full refund less bank charges and admin fee of £30
- Up to 60 days prior (10 July 2019) less bank charges and cancellation charge of £90
- Less than 60 days before start of conference – no refund

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation has been arranged with the following hotels. Delegates are responsible for making their own hotel arrangements and payment directly with the Hotel. The CMJA cannot arrange hotel accommodation for delegates. Please refer to the terms and conditions on the hotels’ websites. Please note that the hotel rates are all in PGK which is the currency in which payments have to be made.

Please note that all the hotels listed below provide complimentary airport transport to and from the airport, free Wi-Fi internet within the hotels and 24 hour security service within and around the hotel premises.

STANLEY HOTEL (adjacent to the Vision City Mega Mall) – The Conference Venue

https://www.thestanleypng.com/

The Stanley Hotel is located in Waigani, the Diplomatic district. It is adjacent to the Vision City Mall. The Stanley Hotel is HACCP and ISO accredited. Please use coded CMJAPNG and Room rate starts at PGK744. All room rates are inclusive of GST and Buffet Breakfast and Wi-Fi.

Contact: Ms Rachel Condell, Rooms Division Manager: rdm@thestanleypng.com
AIRWAYS HOTEL (16 minutes from the Stanley hotel)

https://www.airways.com.pg

The Airways Hotel is located just 4 minutes from the Jackson’s International Airport and has a unique view of the runway, Bootless Bay area and surrounding mountains. Use booking code: CMJA2019 (you can only use this code when directly booking with Airways Hotel)

Contact: Gizelle Moreno, email: reservations@airways.com.pg

The Room rate starts at K750. All rates are subject to 10% GST per night but inclusive of full buffet breakfast at the Vue Restaurant and include Wi-Fi. GST exemption is applicable on all room bookings that are booked and paid for prior to departure from destination outside of PNG.

HILTON HOTEL PORT MORESBY (16 minutes from the Stanley Hotel)

The Hilton Hotel is located in Hohola, Port Moresby and is part of the Star Mountain Plaza Development. Room rates start at PGK648 including Wi-Fi. The hotel has a link to a dedicated booking site:

http://group.hilton.com/CMJAConference

GATEWAY HOTEL – (13 minutes from the Stanley Hotel)


The Gateway hotel is located just 2 minutes from the Jackson’s International Airport. Room rates start at PGK484. All room rates are inclusive of 10% GST and buffet breakfast for 1 person and Wi-Fi.

Contact: Ms Barbara Kisekol, Group Senior Sales Executive BKisekol@coralseahotels.com.pg

HOLIDAY INN (5 minutes from the Stanley Hotel)


The Holiday Inn is located in Waigani and is a 5 minute drive away from the Stanley Hotel. Room rates start at PGK500. All room rates are subject to 10% GST but inclusive of breakfast and Wi-Fi.

Contact: Ms Nicky Emau – Reservation Manager nicky.emau@ihg.com

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS (5 minutes from the Stanley Hotel)

http://holidayinnexp-portmoresby.h-rez.com/index.htm?lbl=ggl-en&gclid=EAIaIQobChMI6Yv89-T13gIvIoBwChOL4AN_EAAAYAiAAEgJh_fd_BwE

The Holiday Inn is located in Waigani and is a 5 minute drive away from the Stanley Hotel. Room rates start at PGK500. All room rates are subject to 10% GST but inclusive of breakfast and Wi-Fi.

Contact: Ms Nicky Emau – Reservation Manager nicky.emau@ihg.com

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

GETTING THERE

Port Moresby airport is called the Jackson International Airport. There are a number of flight options available via Tokyo, Hong Kong, Manila or Singapore, Bali and Australia (Cairns, Brisbane, Perth, Sydney). Air Niugini, Qantas, Singapore Airlines, Virgin Australia and Philippine Airlines all fly to Port Moresby. There are also regular flights from Nadi (Fiji) and Honiara (Solomon Islands). Please check with your travel agent for your best options.

TRANSPORT TO/FROM AIRPORT

Complimentary airport transfer will be provided by the LOC. You will need to indicate on the Registration form what date you will be arriving and departing so that the organisers can arrange the pick-up. Staff and members of the LOC will be at the airport for arrivals of all flights on 6, 7 and 8 September 2019. If you are arriving outside these dates, you will NEED TO INDICATE THE DATE AND ARRIVAL TIME CLEARLY ON THE REGISTRATION FORM so that the LOC can arrange for airport transfers to the hotels.

PASSPORT AND VISA

The Papua New Guinea National Executive Council has recognised the conference as a National Event and, as such, all delegates attending the CMJA Conference will be granted Visa on arrival at no cost. You will be provided with a letter of invitation from the CMJA and a visa on arrival letter from the Immigration authorities in Papua New
Guinea which you will need to bring with you. You should have at least six months to run on your passport.

You may also require **transit visas if you are travelling through a third country** to Papua New Guinea. Please ensure that you have all relevant transit visas before departing and please apply for these visas in plenty of time.

**LETTER OF INVITATION**
Letters of invitation will **ONLY BE ISSUED** after payment is received from registered participants. Please note that such an invitation is intended to help potential participants raise travel funds or obtain a visa. It is not a commitment on the part of the conference or the CMJA to provide financial support or a guarantee that the host nation will issue the necessary visa on time.

**SECURITY**
The PNG Tourism industry has taken a highly coordinated approach to safety and security, working with various law enforcement agencies to ensure safety and security at all times. Visitors will find that there is sufficient police presence for example patrolling the streets and adequate security in the Shopping Malls. Advice for visitors to Port Moresby is to be aware but not alarmed and enjoy what the city has to offer. The Governor of the National Capital District has assured the organisers that the safety of the participants at the Conference is of utmost priority to him and the Government of PNG.

**DIETARY REQUIREMENTS AND SPECIAL NEEDS**
Please advise the organisers of any special requirements on the registration form and note that some requirements may be subject to charges.

**TRANSPORT TO/FROM THE CONFERENCE**
Transport will be provided between the Conference venue and the hotels by the LOC.

**CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE**
The certificates will be sent after the conference to all paid up CMJA Individual Members who participate. If you are interested in Individual Membership, please join online at: [www.cmja.org/joinus.html](http://www.cmja.org/joinus.html)

**DRESS CODE**
During working sessions, dress code will be lounge suit. National dress/lounge suit is appropriate for evening functions including the Gala Dinner. During the Accompanying Guest programme and Day Out casual clothes are recommended

**INSURANCE**
The organisers will not assume responsibility for personal accidents or incidents at the conference or for travelling to/from the conference. Participants must obtain individual travel insurance (medical, personal and luggage) in their home countries prior to departure.

**CURRENCY**
The currency of Papua New Guinea is Papua New Guinea Kina. Payments for hotels will be charged in PGK. Please check the rates on [www.xe.com](http://www.xe.com) or with your bank.

**TEMPERATURES DURING SEPTEMBER**
Temperature in Port Moresby at this time of the year is between 24-30 °C or 75-86 °F.

**TOURIST INFORMATION**
For further information on what Papua New Guinea has to offer please go to: [https://www.papuanewguinea.travel/](https://www.papuanewguinea.travel/). Further information is available on YouTube: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ocm__jFcBlw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ocm__jFcBlw)

**PRE AND POST CONFERENCE TOURS**
If you are interested in pre or post conference tours, the following Travel Agents may be able to assist you with this: [http://www.pngfrontieradventures.com/](http://www.pngfrontieradventures.com/); [bunatrekkers@gmail.com](mailto:bunatrekkers@gmail.com) and [https://www.pngfacts.com/tour-operators-in-png.html](https://www.pngfacts.com/tour-operators-in-png.html)
TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF REGISTRATION AND DATA PROTECTION/ PRIVACY POLICY
The CMJA makes every effort to protect the data it holds on delegates and accompanying persons in the run up and during the Conference. It will need to provide the Immigration authorities in Papua New Guinea with the following information: passport details/date of birth/current country of residence/full name and address for each delegate and accompanying person. This information will be held by the CMJA for up 3 years following the Conference in order for it to complete all its administrative and financial requirements of the Conference including the issuance of certificates of attendance.

The CMJA will also be producing a list of delegates and accompanying guests; this will appear in the secure area of the Conference website at the beginning of the Conference and will remain on that website for up to 100 days after the conference. Thereafter all details will be deleted from the website. In accordance with UK law, the CMJA will not share your personal details with any third parties other than people directly associated with the conference (which may include the organisers of events held during the Conference) and the Immigration Services for entry requirements. Please ensure you answer all boxes on the Registration form to ensure that the CMJA is able to comply with data protection information. The CMJA’s privacy policy is available on the CMJA’s website at: www.cmja.org

DISCLAIMER
Registrations will be allocated on a first come, first served basis and on the basis of receipt of fees. The organisers will not assume responsibility for any visa refusals or delays that lead to the cancellation of attendance or non-appearance at the Conference and no refunds will be issues in this case. The organisers reserve the right to amend or cancel the event or amend the terms and condition of registration where deemed necessary. They also reserve the right to withdraw any invitation to attend.

In the event of cancellation of the conference, a full refund of any registration fees less admin cost will be paid but the organisers will accept no further liability.

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To help the CMJA continue to protect and promote judicial independence and the good administration of justice across the Commonwealth

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