



DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION SUMMIT 2025

24th – 27th November 2025, STANLEY HOTEL, PORT MORESBY, PAPUA NEW GUINEA

*Theme: Driving Papua New Guinea's Digital Future through
Innovation, Inclusion and Good Governance*

PROGRAM

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Day 1: Reaffirming the Vision and Direction

This day sets the tone for the Summit by revisiting Papua New Guinea's digital transformation vision under the **Digital Government Act 2022** and related national frameworks. It features high-level addresses from political and policy leaders to reaffirm commitment, align priorities, and articulate the roadmap for a **secure, inclusive, and innovative digital nation**.

Day 2: Converging Academia, Industry, and Government for Co-Creation

The focus shifts to **collaboration and innovation**. Academia, industry, and government share platforms to co-design solutions that enhance interoperability, research-driven innovation, and industry linkages—showcasing how cross-sector partnerships can accelerate service delivery and economic growth.

Day 3: FutureGen Inclusion and Immersion

This day celebrates **youth engagement and digital talent development**. Activities include coding challenges, gaming, hackathons, and digital literacy programs aimed at empowering young innovators and promoting inclusive participation in the digital economy.

Day 4: Next Steps: Partnering to Deliver

The final day focuses on **action and sustainability**. It brings together partners to formalize commitments through MoUs, share feedback, and outline collaborative implementation pathways to sustain momentum beyond the Summit.

Papua New Guinea Digital Transformation Summit 2025 (DTS25)

Monday, 24th November 2025

Day 1: Reaffirming the Vision and Direction

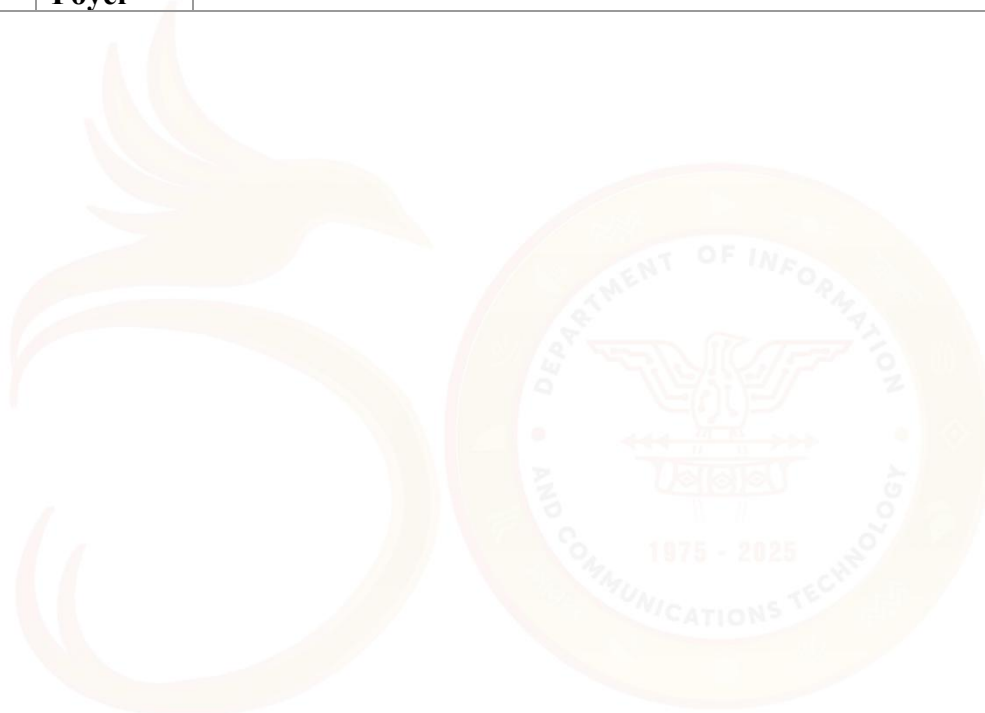
THEME: Focus on leadership, policy direction, and reaffirming PNG's digital vision.

TIME	ROOMS	PROGRAM	SPEAKERS/PANELISTS	DESCRIPTION
07:30 - 08:30	Ground	Check-in to Summit		
08:30 – 08:45	Main Plenary	National Anthem National Pledge Opening Prayer		
08:45 – 09:00	Main Plenary	Welcome Remarks	Steven Matainaho, Secretary, Department of Information & Communications Technology (DICT)	Overview of the Summit and PNG@50 linkage.
09:00 – 09:15	Main Plenary	Opening Address	Hon. Peter Tsiamalili Jr., MP – Acting ICT Minister	Key political commitment to digital transformation.
09:15 – 09:30	Main Plenary	Keynote Address	Hon. James Marape, Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea	Vision for PNG's digital future
09:30 – 09:45	Main Plenary	Group Photo	- PM & Acting Minister, DICT SMT, Partners & Gold Sponsors - DTOs	
9:45-10:00	Foyers	Morning Tea Break		
10:00-10:05	Main Plenary	MoA Signing	NiuPay & DICT	
10:05-10:10	Main Plenary	International Telecommunicatio n Union (ITU)	Atsuko Okuda – Regional Director for ITU Asia Pacific Regional Office	
10:10 – 10:30	Main Plenary	Showcase Segment: SevisPass, SevisDEx & E- Recruitment	Officiated by: Steven Matainaho, Secretary, Department of Information & Communications Technology (DICT)	- SevisPass Video Demo - E-Recruitment Video Demo

			Taies Sansan, Secretary, Department of Personnel Management (DPM)	
10:30 – 10:45	Main Plenary	Regional Partnership Address	His Excellency Mr Ewen McDonald - Australian High Commissioner to PNG & Special Envoy for Pacific and Regional Affairs	Discussion on regional collaboration, Lagatoi Declaration, and partnerships for a “Smart Pacific.”
Panels 1-4 Discussion Sessions				
10:45 – 11:45	Main Plenary	Session 1: Governing a Digital Nation	- Hon. Allan Bird, MP Governor of East Sepik (TBC) - Hon. Powes Parkop, MP NCD Governor - Hon. Peter Tsiamalili Jr., MP - Acting ICT Minister - Prof. David Kavanamur, Managing Director, Kumul Consolidated Holdings Ltd. - Charles Punaha, Former CEO, NICTA Moderator: Hon. Marsh Narewec, MP, Chairman, Parliamentary Committee on Media & Communications	High-level dialogue on governance, regulation, finance, and security in a digital era.
12:00 – 13:00	Foyers	Lunch Break Expo Pavilion Open		
13:00 – 13:45	Main Plenary	Session 2: Building a Resilient Critical Digital Infrastructure & Connectivity leveraging AI for PNG	- Ronesh Dayal, GM Retail Bank, BSP (<i>context presentation</i>) - Tarik Boudiaf, CEO, Digicel PNG Ltd. - Ronald Prasad, Chief Strategy Officer, Vodafone PNG - Amos Tepi, CEO, Telikom PNG	Strategies for fortifying essential sectors (telecom, finance, energy, utilities) with reliable connectivity infrastructure, emphasizing redundancy,

			Moderator: Paul Komboi, GCL, OBE, Managing Director, PNG DataCo Ltd	accessibility, and integration for PNG's remote and urban needs.
13:45 – 14:50	Main Plenary	Session 3: National Cyber Resilience Framework - Establishing National and Sector CERT Capabilities (Presentations)	• Hamilton Vagi, Acting Executive Manager – DS & CS, Digital Government & Information Delivery, DICT • John Paitaridis, CEO, CyberCX • Australia Cyber Security Center (ACSC) • Cimas Alberto, Cyber Security Advisor, Deloitte Moderator: David Hwenpla Tekwie, CEO, Ark Cyber Security Consultants Pty Ltd	Dedicated focus on strengthening PNG's cyber defences, including NCSC, led PNGCERT coordination for threat detection, incident response, and international partnerships.
14:50– 15:00	Foyers	Afternoon Tea Break		
15:00 – 15:45	Main Plenary	Session 4: Digital Public Infrastructure for Economic Growth (Presentations)	• Rahul Parthe, CTO & Co-founder, Tech5 – (presentation) • Sailen Kotecha, Director, Strategic Initiatives, JAPAC Centre of Excellence, Oracle Cloud Infrastructure • James Inglis, CEO, NiuPay • Troy Bell, Prime Named Account Executive, MuleSoft Moderator: John Burke, CEO, Kyudo Ltd	Role of DPI (digital ID, payments, data exchange) in economic innovation.
15:00 – 15:15	MV3	Ideathon Induction	• Microsave Consulting - Anshul Pachouri & Akshat Pathak • DICT - Glen Bireo, Research & Statistics Officer	

	MV4	Hackathon Induction	• Oracle Cloud Infrastructure - Sailen Kotecha, Director, Strategic Initiatives, JAPAC Centre of Excellence • DICT - Pamela Ipai, System Analyst/Programmer	
15:45 – 16:30	Main Plenary	Demonstration of SevisPass, SevisDEx, SevisWallet	Facilitator: Jessy Sekere, Acting Deputy Secretary, DICT & Rahul Parthe, CTO & Co-founder, Tech5	Live demo of core DPI components for identity, data exchange, and payments.
18:00 – 20:00	MW Foyer	Official Networking Reception – By Invitation Only		



Tuesday, 25th November 2025

Day 2: Converging Academia, Industry, and Government for Co-Creation

THEME: Highlight collaboration, interoperability, and innovation across sectors.

TIME	ROOMS	PROGRAM	FACILITATORS/SPEAKERS
07:30 – 08:30	Ground	Check-in to Summit	
08:30 - 16:30	MV3	Ideathon	• Microsave Consulting - Anshul Pachouri & Akshat Pathak • DICT - Glen Bireo, Research & Statistics Officer
	MV4	Hackathon	• Oracle Cloud Infrastructure - Sailen Kotecha, Director, Strategic Initiatives, JAPAC Centre of Excellence • DICT - Pamela Ipai, System Analyst/Programmer
08:30 – 09:15	Main Plenary <i>(Open session)</i>	Session 1: Connectivity & Critical Digital Infrastructure <i>(Presentation & Q&A)</i>	• Google Pacific Cable Shirshendu Bhattacharya, Director of Partnerships at Google Singapore • Starlink Rebecca Slick Hunter, Director, Starlink Global Licensing & Market Activation • Astranis Space Technologies Donald Chew, Managing Director, APAC Moderator: Jack Tomon, Coordinator, Project Management Unit, DICT
09:15 – 10:30	Main Plenary <i>(Open session)</i>	Session 2: Cloud/Data Centre Hosting <i>(Presentation, Q&A)</i>	• Trevor Manokore, Software Partnerships, Aus/Pacific, Amazon Web Services • Edward Fuyufei, HUAWEI • Christopher G. Chelliah, SVP, Technology & Customer Strategy, Asia Pacific & Japan, Oracle Cloud Infrastructure - AI for Governance & Service Delivery. • Satyen Singh, CEO, Digitec ICT Ltd Moderator: Robertson Asari, Enterprise Architect & ICT Strategist

10:30 – 10:45	Foyers	Morning Tea Break	
Parallel Breakout Sessions			
10:45 – 12:00	MV1&2 <i>(Closed Session)</i>	Cyber War Game Duration: 2 hrs.	Facilitators: Hamilton Vagi, Acting Executive Manager – DS & CS, Digital Government & Information Delivery, DICT & Leah Pinto - Director Cyber Intelligence, CyberCX
10:45 – 12:00	MW 3&4 <i>(Closed Session)</i>	Roundtable Discussion: Development & International Partners “Connecting Every Village: Partnering for Inclusive and Community-Driven Digital Transformation” Target Audience: Senior Public Officers & heads of Public Bodies Duration: 1 hr.	Facilitators: Ambassador, Mr Paulias Korni, OBE & Hera John, Executive Manager, Investment Partnerships, DICT Multilateral: • Bertram Boie, Senior Digital Specialist, World Bank East Asia Pacific • Saira Shameem, UNFPA Country Rep • Wycliffe Ngwabe, Country Lead & Lead Technical Specialists, UNCDF • Dominic Meoli, Cyber Telecommunications Digital Infrastructure Australian High Commission, Port Moresby • Soon Chan Hong, Asian Development Bank (ADB) Country Operations Head, PNG • ITU (TBC) • UNDP (TBC)
10:45 – 12:00	Main Plenary <i>(Open Session)</i>	AI & Emerging Tech Use Cases, Ethical Adoption & Governance Challenges Duration: 1 hr.	Facilitator: Kila Gulo-Vui, Former CEO, NICTA Presentations by: • Dr. Eric Kwa, Secretary, Department of Justice & Attorney General • Daniel Sultana, Regional Manager, Queensland & South Pacific, TechnologyOne • Ross Thompson, CEO, PEOPLEIN • Hubert Sareke, Business Development Manager, Soft Logic, AI & Emerging Technologies • Uriel Aaroni, CEO, FASIO

10:45 – 12:00	MW2 <i>(Open session)</i>	Showcase of Major Research Projects by Post-Graduates Duration: 1 hr. 30 min	Facilitator: Dr Martin Daniel, PhD Academic Dean & Associate Professor, Faculty of Business & Informatics, Divine Word University Presentations by: • PNG University of Technology (PNG UoT) Paul Pinjik – School of Business Studies. Professor Raj Kumar – School of Electrical and Communication Engineering. Mr. Elias Mandawali – School of Electrical and Communication Engineering. Dr. Arun Singh – School of Mathematics and Computer Science Dr. Benson Miro – School of Mathematics and Computer Science. • Divine Word University (DWU) Cronicle Nambahin - Senior Tutor, Department of Information Systems. Jonathan Zureo - Information Systems Lecturer. Maryanne Bagore - Lecturer, Information Systems Department Picky Airi – Director, Center for Learning and Teaching. • University of PNG (UPNG) Miss Henrietta Simon - Lecturer Samuel Kiap – Lecturer Sambao Abol – Lecturer Mathew Kumbuk - Postgraduate research Student Silas Tokwakwasi - Postgraduate Research student • Western Pacific University (WPU)
12:00 – 13:00	Foyers	Lunch Break	
13:00 - 14:00	MV1&2 <i>(Closed Session)</i>	National Cyber Security Roadmap	Facilitator: David Hwenpla Tekwie, CEO, Ark Cyber Security Consultants Pty Ltd Speakers:

			Leah Pinto - Director Cyber Intelligence, CyberCX • Chris McLaughlin, Cyber Security Advisor, Cisco • Jessy Sekere, Acting Deputy Secretary, DICT National Cybersecurity Strategy and Roadmap • Norbert Wanit, Senior Cyber Analyst, DICT National Threat NSOC Services & Onboarding
13:00 – 14:00	Main Plenary <i>(Closed Session)</i>	Digital ID & Interoperability - Demonstration & Consultation Target Audience: <i>CTOs and CIOs of banks & telcos, DTOs</i> Duration: <i>1 hr.</i>	Facilitator: Jessy Sekere, Acting Deputy Secretary, DICT Presentations by: • Rahul Parthe, Co-founder & CTO Tech5 SevisPass & Use Case on Financial & Telecommunication • John Burke, CEO, Kyudo Ltd Improving Ease of Business in Banking Sector through SevisPass • Abdalla Nassar, CTO, Digicel PNG Ltd. • Wilson Onea, Director, Financial Analysis & Supervision Unit (FASU), BPNG Regulatory Framework • Ivan Vidovich CEO, Kina Bank
13:00 – 14:00	MW3&4 <i>(Closed Session)</i>	Digital Signature for Whole-of-Government. Target Audience: <i>DTOs, DICT, Senior Officials & Heads of Public bodies</i> Duration: <i>1 hr.</i>	Facilitator: David Mba, General Manager, ICT & Cloud Enterprise Solutions, PNG DataCo Ltd. Presentation by: • DataCo & SigniFlow Pilot Deployment
13:00 – 14:00	MW2 <i>(Closed Session)</i>	Vice Chancellor Roundtable Discussion. Target Audience: <i>DTOs, DICT, Senior Officials & Heads of Public</i>	Facilitator: Dr Rehan Syed, Queensland University of Technology (QUT) Vice Chancellors of Higher Institutions • Prof. Ora Renagi, VC, University of Technology • Dr. Emmanuel Aquino & Havea Daure, Lecturer in the IT

		<i>bodies & Higher Institution Students.</i> Duration: 1 hr. 30 min	Department, Western Pacific University • Prof. Fr. Philip Gibbs, SVD, BE, Divine Word University • Prof. Lohi Matainaho, Pacific Adventist University • Dr. Miok Komolong, Lutheran University • Prof. Ian Findlay, University of PNG • Deepan, Head of Digital Learning & Asela, Manager, Information and Communication Technology, IBSU • Prof. Aisak G. Pue (PhD), UNRE DICT Presentations of Cheques
14:00 - 15:00	Main Plenary <i>(Closed Session)</i>	Digital Government Standards & Compliance Target Audience: <i>DTOs, Senior officials & Heads of Public Bodies</i>	Facilitator: Counsel Ian Kwaimani Speakers: • Benedict Sike, Manager, Digital Government Standards, DICT Standards, Compliance & CoC process • DTO (National, Provincial, District Representatives) Perspective on Digital Government Standards & Enforcement
15:00 – 15:15	Foyers	Afternoon Tea Break	
	Main Plenary	GovCloud Target Audience: <i>DTOs, closed session for DTOs, heads of public bodies and senior public officials</i>	Presentation by Lizarhmarie Warike, Acting Executive Manager, Digital Government Coordination and GovCloud, DICT • GovCloud Overview • Architecture & Security • Onboarding & Management
15:15 – 16:15	MW2 <i>(Open session)</i>	Digital Health in Rural and Remote Communities	Presentation by Dr. Ramesha Saligrama Krishnamurthy, ITU AI Expert
16:15 – 16:45	Main Plenary <i>(Closed Meeting)</i>	DTO Meeting Facilitator: DICT & DTOs	

Wednesday, 26th November 2025

Day 3: FutureGen Inclusion and Immersion

THEME: Dedicated to youth, gaming, coding, and digital inclusion activities.

TIME	ROOM	PROGRAM	FACILITATORS/SPEAKERS
07:30 – 08:30	Ground	Check in to Summit	
08:00 – 16:30	MV3	Ideathon	• Microsave Consulting - Anshul Pachouri & Akshat Pathak • DICT - Glen Bireo, Research & Statistics Officer
08:00 – 16:30	MV4	Hackathon	• Oracle Cloud Infrastructure - Sailen Kotecha, Director, Strategic Initiatives, JAPAC Centre of Excellence • DICT - Pamela Ipai, System Analyst/Programmer
Parallel Breakout Sessions			
09:00 – 12:00	Main Plenary <i>(Open Session)</i>	MW Gaming – CODM Competition Target Audience: <i>Interactive</i> Duration: <i>3 hrs.</i>	Facilitator: MW Gaming PNG
09:00 – 11:00	MV1&2 <i>(Open Session – limited seating)</i>	Coding Sessions (x2) Target Audience: <i>Interactive</i> Duration: <i>2 hrs.</i>	Facilitators: Sailen Kotecha, Director, Strategic Initiatives, JAPAC Centre of Excellence, Oracle Cloud Infrastructure & Priscilla Kevin, Co-founder, PNG Digital ICT Cluster Inc.
09:00 – 10:00	MW2 <i>(Open session)</i>	Cyber Safety Session: Online Challenges - Frauds, Scams, Youth Safety Duration: <i>1 hr.</i>	Facilitator: Henrietta Koha, IT Technical Officer, Office of Censorship • Jon Capal, CEO, Saver Global Pty LTD. • Cheryl Seeto - Meta <i>(online presentation)</i>

09:00 – 10:00	MW3&4 <i>(Open session)</i>	Digital Solutions for Public Sector Transformation Duration: <i>1 hr.</i>	Facilitator: Jack Tomon, Coordinator, Project Management Unit, DICT Presentations by: - Seth Butcher, Head of IM, APCS - Russell Tato, Acting CEO, Datec PNG Ltd - Rajul Shah, CEO, Kumulsoft Limited
12:00 – 13:00	Foyers	Lunch Break	
13:00 – 14:00	Main Plenary <i>(Open session)</i>	Inspire Talk by Content Creators & e-Safety Ambassador Announcement Duration: <i>1 hr.</i>	Facilitator: Joys Eggins, Project Manager, Government Information, DICT Speakers: - Julius Sailas, Tulimahn, PNG Content Creator - Danny Paon, Darkchild, PNG Content Creator
13:00 – 14:00	MV1&2 <i>(Open session)</i>	Roundtable Discussion on Strategic Collaboration and Partnerships towards combating Cybercrime Duration: <i>1 hr.</i>	Facilitator: Oala Moi, Chief Legal Officer, NICTA
13:00 – 14:00	MW3&4 <i>(Closed Session)</i>	Public Sector Branding and Communications for Development Target Audience: <i>Government PR Officers</i> Duration: <i>1 hr.</i>	Facilitator: Ian Hetri, Founder, Exepreneur Magazine & The Pacific CEO Playbook
14:00 – 14:15	Foyers	Afternoon Tea Break	
14:15 – 15:15	Main Plenary <i>(Open session)</i>	ICT Act Review, Spectrum Management Plan, 5G Deployment Roadmap to support Reset@50 & Digital Transformation. Duration: <i>1 hr.</i>	Facilitator: Charles Punaha, former CEO, NICTA - Noel Mobiha - Team Leader, Reset@50, Principal 2, Big Bet 4 (TBC) - Oala Moi, Chief Legal Officer, NICTA - Hans Adeg, Director, NICTA

14:15 – 15:15	MW3&4 (Open session)	A case presentation on Innovation and Acceleration Hub by Queensland University of Technology Duration: 1 hr.	Presentation by Dr Rehan Syed & Dr Darshika Koggalahewa, Queensland University of Technology (QUT)
14:15 – 15:15	MV1&2 (Open Session)	Roundtable Discussion on developing and enhancing Digital Literacy and Digital Skills to thrive in a Digital Society Target Audience: <i>DTOs, Learning Institutions, NGOs, Students (secondary schools) & International Partners</i> Duration: 1 hr.	Facilitator: Jimmy Son, Chairman, PNG Computer Society (PNGCS) Presentation by: Jon Capal, CEO, Saver Global Pty LTD.

Thursday, 27th November 2025

Day 4: Next Steps: Partnering to Deliver

THEME: Focus on partnerships, MoUs/MoAs, feedback, and collective delivery outcomes.

TIME	ROOM	PROGRAM	SPEAKERS	DESCRIPTION
07:30 – 08:30	Ground	Check-in to Summit		
08:30 – 09:00	Foyers	Morning Tea		
09:00 – 09:15	Main Plenary	Opening Remarks & Keynote Address: PNG's Next 50 Years of Digital Transformation	Steven Matainaho, Secretary, Department of Information & Communication Technology (DICT)	Reflections and forward vision.
09:15 – 09:45	Main Plenary	MoU/MoA Signing	- MoA - Autonomous Bougainville Government (ABG) & DICT. Signing by: Kearneth Nanei, Chief Secretary, ABG - MoU - Western Pacific University (WPU) & DICT	Formalizing partnerships with academia, industry, and international entities.
09:45 – 10:00	Main Plenary	Hackathon & Ideathon Winners Showcase	Awards presented by: Hon. Peter Tsiamalili Jr., MP - Acting ICT Minister	Recognition of innovation winners
10:00 – 10:15	Main Plenary	CODM Awards Presentation	Awards presented by: Hon. Peter Tsiamalili Jr., MP - Acting ICT Minister	Recognition of gaming competition winners.
10:15 – 10:30	Main Plenary	Concluding Remarks	Steven Matainaho, Secretary, Department of Information & Communication Technology (DICT)	Summit wrap-up and call to action.

10:30 – 10:45	Main Plenary	Closing Address	Hon. Peter Tsiamalili Jr., MP - Acting Minister for ICT	
10:45 – 12:00	Foyers	Lunch & Expo Pavilion Final Close		
12:00		Event Officially Closed		
18:00 – 20:00	Main Plenary	Final gala dinner Evening celebration with live entertainment		



As Papua New Guinea marks its 50th year of independence, the Digital Transformation Summit 2025 is both a celebration and a call to action. By empowering Digital Transformation Officers, engaging citizens, and fostering innovation, PNG reaffirms its commitment to a digitally empowered, inclusive, and well-governed nation—driving the next 50 years of transformation through innovation, inclusion, and good governance.



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