

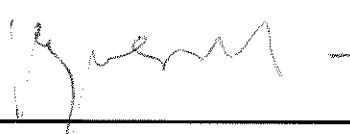
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Introduction

On request of the Government of Solomon Islands and the UN Peacebuilding Fund team, the Gender and Inclusivity expert on the UN Standby team of Mediation Advisors visited the Solomon Islands to observe the **provincial dialogues in Guadalcanal and Malaita** and advise on the planning of the next inclusive dialogues, scheduled over the first six months of 2017.

As the provincial dialogues were held concurrently, I could only observe the **Guadalcanal** dialogue that was convened in Honiara on 22 – 24 November for app 170 participants. In this note, I will share some key observations on request of the PBF team.

Overall impression

The Guadalcanal dialogue was very **positive and stimulating**. I was pleasantly surprised by the high-level inputs of introductory speakers, the active engagement and enthusiasm of virtually all participants in small working groups and in plenary sessions, the representativity of the participants and the clear sense of ownership that the local team of facilitators exuded. The atmosphere was open and constructive, with elected officials being called to account and dully responding or conceding to views from the communities. I do have a few questions on the **agenda setting and design** of the dialogue process and some recommendations for the upcoming dialogues.

On the agenda setting The main **dialogue theme** was formulated as “*Unlocking development challenges and investing in future development aspirations*”. The agenda dealt with the complex relationships between peace and deep seated socio-political, cultural and economic development issues. Some had their roots before Solomon Islands gained independence in 1978 such the effects of negligent colonial policy and planning. Others emerged during the post-independence period due to failure of successive post-independence SOI governments to address them. Unpacking and understanding the intricate relationships and linkages between these issues is an important first step to overcoming conflict and facilitating sustainable peace in Solomon Islands. Is therefore important that all these issues be addressed in a developmental and forward looking way, rather than focussing only problems about peace and governance issues. Only three working groups focussed on the inclusive governance and conflict agenda, e.g. conflict resolution, the Weather Coast issues and the role of elders and chiefs in rebuilding community cohesion. (see overview attached) The agenda was reviewed and vetted by a group of people who have extensive experiences and expertise in conflict resolution and peace building in Solomon Islands. The PBF manager explained that the Premier and his team including representatives from the Solomon Islands Government Ministry of National Unity Reconciliation and Peace (MNURP); Assistant Special Coordinator of the Regional Assistance Mission to Solomon Islands; senior citizens from Guadalcanal and Solomon Islands academics

took full **ownership** of the preparation and delivery of the dialogue. It clearly had a positive impact on the Provincial Council buy-in. The focus on the relationship between peace and deep seated socio-political, cultural and economic development issues resulted in a set of resolutions that is quite broad and the proposed actions will address a broad range of issues directly linked to the root causes of the conflict on Guadalcanal. By deliberately **focussing on the future**, the Prep team successfully managed to steer participants away from dwelling on the past, rehashing “justified demands”, requesting cash reparation etc.: all issues that undermine the national peacebuilding vision of “One people, one country, one nation; we are all peacebuilders”.

Several peacebuilding issues need further work and dialogue to get addressed effectively. This dialogue provided an initial basis to discuss and address other peace building and development issues in a targeted manner. The Government – UN Prep team had extensive discussions on the purpose of the dialogues, which was defined as *Mapping Alternative Futures for Guadalcanal Province – Vision 2040*. It formulated **three overarching objectives**: i) Building inclusive, stable & sustainable communities on Guadalcanal; ii) Governance, political reform and peacebuilding; and iii) Economics and infrastructure. The first two are spot on and provide ample room to continue the peacebuilding dialogues at provincial and national levels.

On the participants

The Prep team had made a good effort to bring together a **representative group** of officials from the national and provincial governments; ward leaders; local elders and chiefs; church, academic and CSO representatives. Women and youth reps were particularly targeted; e.g. the 19 ward leaders were requested to select at least one woman in their delegation.

Of the approx 100 participants, I estimate that twenty per cent were **women**, mostly from CSOs as women are barely represented in political life. The women were highly vocal in the working groups and plenaries. They tried repeatedly to have explicit gender sensitive wording included in the resolution texts in the closing session, to little avail. They did not have a common agenda or shared messages to systematically advocate with. The **youth** representatives seemed mostly overwhelmed and spoke little. They need much support to come to the fore in future dialogue meetings, as local culture and traditions stand in the way of youth demanding a more prominent role.

On the introductory sessions

While the agenda focussed perhaps a bit too much on economic topics, the three introductory sessions were well prepared, audacious and informative. The speakers did not shun from raising sensitive issues and invited the audience to consider alternative views with an open and forward-looking frame of mind. (e.g. perceiving Honiara as an asset, an economic motor for the development of Guadalcanal, not as a magnet of unwanted migrants from other islands, unemployed young men and land encroachers) This helped set an upbeat and **conducive atmosphere** and should be continued in future dialogues.

On the resolutions and action plan

Initially, I understand the Prep team had planned to restrict participation on the third day to the elected leaders only, to summarize and agree on the **outcome document**. On request of the participants, this was changed, showing the strong ownership the participants felt of the process and dialogue outcome.

Hence, on the third day, a small group worked all morning and lunch on drafting the concluding resolutions. From 15:00, a vivacious and participatory plenary session (still a full house!) discussed the resolutions, edited them on screen back and forth, and ultimately adopted in total **20 resolutions**. These resolutions will be presented in the form of a Provincial Action Plan to the National and Provincial governments in December. Subject to review and approval of the provincial government, a multi-year program will be developed and costed. It is envisaged that a dedicated unit will be established under the office of the Guadalcanal provincial premier with responsibility to implement the multi-year program action plan and provide regular updates and reports to the provincial and national government. Given the ownership of the process, eight Guadalcanal parliamentarians have pledged to provide funding support from their annual constituency development fund to implement the action plan. It is envisaged the additional funding will be sought from the national government and other donors and development partners to support implementation of the provincial dialogue action plan.

The result of the dialogue would first feed into a **next dialogue series** amongst people within the province and at cross-provincial or national level, which would be planned around a few common but key peacebuilding issues. This will still happen, but for the Guadalcanal officials, this dialogue also seemed to be an end in itself.

Next steps

1. Overall a great start and a timely initiative, as no dialogues had been convened in 11 years. It would be good to organise some quick follow-up sessions with the two provincial Prep teams and the PM's Office to shift the focus now to preparing for the **national peacebuilding dialogue**.
2. While the provincial **ownership** worked well and is much appreciated, in the dialogue prep the UN might like to influence the **agenda setting** a bit more at the start. Not only to secure the conflict and peacebuilding agenda, but also to strengthen the inclusivity focus.
3. Also, you may need to pay some more attention to the **framing of the issues**; e.g. the only session dealing with women was framed around women's contribution to income generation in the community. Hence, the group discussion did not dwell on issues pertaining to women's rights, security and effective participation, but looked at women in a more instrumental way.
4. After discussions with the PBF team and listening to the dialogue review session in the mediation and dialogue training I organised last week, it seems safe to assume that a national dialogue could best be framed around **three issue sets** for which thematic working groups could perhaps be established early next year:
 - a. Land/natural resources
 - b. Decentralised governance structures (incl. affirmative action)
 - c. Conflict prevention (security, TRC recommendations, inclusion, etc.)
5. Preparing a **women's caucus**, we knew, was much needed but time was too short to organise preparatory women's forums before the two November dialogues. The PBF has planned to convene four provincial women forums in February/March to start building a common women's agenda and caucus, well in time for the last provincial dialogue in Shortlands and the national dialogue in spring. This caucus could also be instrumental in **self-selecting women representatives** for future dialogues.

END

GUADALCANAL DIALOGUE AND LEADERS' SUMMIT 2016

Resolutions

WHEREAS the Guadalcanal Provincial Government, recalling the resolution of the Provincial Coordinating Committee at its meeting on 28 October 2016, in which it decided to organize the Guadalcanal Provincial Dialogue and Leaders' Summit.

WHEREAS the Guadalcanal Provincial Government expresses its gratitude and appreciation to the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the Office of the Prime Minister, Ministry of National Unity, Reconciliation and Peace, the Plenary Facilitators and all the Summit Stakeholders for facilitating and providing the necessary support to ensure the success of the dialogue.

WHEREAS the Guadalcanal Provincial Government acknowledges the contributions of the summit participants, especially those who represented the 21 Wards of Guadalcanal Province.

WHEREAS the people of Guadalcanal representing leaders, women, youths, Members of the Provincial Assembly, Members of Parliament and church leaders met on 22 – 24 November 2016 at the Heritage Park Hotel in Honiara, Solomon Islands.

WHEREAS we the people of Guadalcanal resolve the following:

1. Renew our commitment to inclusive development for our province and ensuring an economically, socially and environmentally sustainable future for our present and future generations.
2. Acknowledge that the basis for sustainable and inclusive development is peace and stability.
3. The adoption of a federal system of government that ensures inclusive governance that empowers Guadalcanal people and provides them with more authority to make informed decisions on their future.
4. The introduction of a new land legislation that would facilitate customary land reform, and the return of all alienated land on Guadalcanal.
5. We further resolve to negotiate with perpetual and fixed term estate titleholders and the Commissioner of Lands to halt the expansion of illegal settlements and new developments and the sale and transfer of alienated land on Guadalcanal without the approval of the Guadalcanal Town and Country Planning Board in consultation with the Guadalcanal Provincial Executive as of the date of this resolution.
6. That Honiara is an asset for the Guadalcanal Province, rather than a liability. Guadalcanal Province and its people should therefore maximize benefits and

opportunities from Honiara.

7. That Guadalcanal Province should identify and develop urban centers in different parts of the province. Such centers should be linked to the development of industries.
8. That Guadalcanal Province in partnership with the national government and development partners construct roads that connect Tasimate to Tasimauro and other parts of the island. Further commits to build new infrastructures such as airstrips, wharfs, and basic social service infrastructure.
9. Guadalcanal Province identifies and establishes senior secondary schools and technical colleges to train the human resource needs of the province.
10. To ensure that youths are trained, engaged and empowered to actively participate and contribute to the inclusive socio-economic development of Guadalcanal Province.
11. To extend the Solovisu programme that started in South Guadalcanal to all constituencies of Guadalcanal.
12. That there is a need to further mainstream sustainable development at all levels, integrating economic, social and environmental aspects and recognizing their interlinkages, so as to achieve sustainable development in all its dimensions.
13. That we are committed to work closely with the national government and other stakeholders as a matter of urgency to find ways and means to address law and order, security and unemployment in the province.
14. We promote sustainable and downstream utilization, production, protection and proper management of natural resources as basis for economic and social development.
15. We reaffirm the need to achieve sustainable and inclusive development by promoting equitable economic growth, creating greater opportunities for all, reducing inequalities, raising basic standards of living and fostering equitable social development.
16. That economic development and peace are interconnected. There is therefore a need to ensure development projects contribute to peaceful co-existence because peace is a public good.
17. That chiefs, church, women and youth leaders have important roles in the governance of local communities and acknowledge the need to strengthen their roles.
18. That Guadalcanal kastom/cultures are important in the development and sustenance of positive social behavior. These cultures/kastom should be

codified and included in the school curriculum.

19. To strengthen the role of the churches and support church programs targeting youths, married couples, single parents, people with special needs and families.
20. That all rural development funds are managed and administered transparently to ensure they contribute to tangible positive and inclusive developments that improve the livelihood of rural people.
21. Engage and empower women, youths and people with special needs in all governance and development processes.
22. To establish an office with the Guadalcanal Provincial Headquarter to oversee the implementation of these resolutions.
23. That Guadalcanal leaders and people commit to support the implementation of these resolutions.

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Concept Note

Guadalcanal Provincial Dialogue & Leaders' Summit

Background

1. Following a meeting organised by the UNDP with the Guadalcanal provincial premier on 7 October 2016, it was agreed that a provincial dialogue event will be jointly organised in November 2016. A follow-up meeting was held at the Guadalcanal Provincial government office on Friday 14 October 2016. During that meeting it was agreed that the leaders' summit and provincial dialogue forum will be held from the 22-24 November 2016. During the meeting an organising committee comprising of the provincial secretary, members of Guadalcanal provincial Peace Office within the Ministry of National Unity and Reconciliation (MNURP) and UNDP was established. The role of the organising committee is to formulate provincial dialogue agenda and support the administrative and logistical tasks to ensure the provincial dialogue and leaders' summit are designed and implemented successfully.
2. In July 2016 the UNDP in collaboration with the Solomon Islands government launched UN peace building support funded project called Supporting Inclusive and Peaceful Transition in Solomon Islands. This project is designed to support the Government of Solomon Islands and national stakeholders during a transitional period, to create an inclusive space for dialogue and reconciliation and to strengthen national capacity for implementing the Solomon Islands national peace building policy including women's and youth engagement in peace and reconciliation. Present opportunities for citizens to engage in government or parliamentary process are largely driven by government-led consultations such as the ongoing constitutional reform process and the parliamentary process of public hearing on bills presented for parliamentary review and approval. But at present, submission to the parliamentary committees have been mainly from urban based organizations. Therefore, innovative methods and opportunities for enhancing participation of people at the provincial and community level needs to be explored. One of way of finding new and innovative solutions is through democratic dialogue.
3. Output 1.1.3 of the project focusses on strengthening SIG capacity to implement selected peacebuilding activities by providing supplemental resources to expedite implementation and/or height quality. The activities to be considered for implementation are dialogue platforms for PMO and MNURP to engage with and in marginalized communities on peacebuilding plans and future issues. One of the proposed activities to be implemented under this output is the provincial dialogues to be piloted in Guadalcanal and Malaita provinces. The theme for the provincial dialogue will be *"unlocking current development challenges and investing future development prospects"*. The design and implementation of the provincial dialogue will be made in partnership and close collaboration with all national, provincial, community stakeholders to ensure inclusivity and ownership. Issues and challenges to be discussed during the provincial dialogue process must focus on challenges that needs to be unpacked and discussed so as to lay the foundation for sustaining long term peace in the country.

Challenges/issues to be discussed

- Informal local governance arrangements such as Ward Development Committees, Ward Council of Chiefs, Village Committees, and Village Councils exist in different forms across the country, but they are not institutionalized and have no connection to provincial or central authorities¹. Consequently, there is lack of consistent mechanisms for meaningful citizen participation and inclusiveness in decision making processes such as planning, budgeting and policy.
- The ability of citizens to effectively obtain information from government and to monitor the activities of their local and national governments is also limited. with low levels of budgetary and operational transparency, compounded by weak levels of civil society engagement with government (at all levels) on transparency, accountability and responsiveness, partly because there are few CSOs in Solomon Islands to create a critical mass for greater participation and government initiatives to seek greater interaction with CSOs, the private sector and citizens have been limited.
- At present there is ongoing discussions about possible constitutional reforms to change the country's government system from the current unitary to a federal system of government. This work is being led by the Constitutional Reform Unit (CRU), which is a separate unit hosted by the Office of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. Guadalcanal province is one of the few provinces that is strongly advocating for federal system of government. But at the same time, the provincial and national parliamentary leaders including are aware of the challenges of federal system of government.
- There is an absence of safe space for leaders and people from Guadalcanal to discuss issues and find common solutions to challenges facing the province.

Provincial Dialogue Objectives

To provide opportunities and space for the Guadalcanal Provincial Government; its leaders and elders including chief; village elders; church leaders; youth leaders and women leaders; and people of the province to:

- Discuss and unpack issue/challenges to be addressed to in order to build and sustain peace in the province which in turn provides a conducive environment for socio-economic development
- Discuss potential for institutionalising dialogue as a mechanisms for raising and addressing issues to authorities and track progress of issues both at the provincial and national level.
- Discuss future development aspiration and prospects for peace building and development on Guadalcanal
- Provide an inclusive space for dialogue geared towards locally found and owned solutions.

Workshop Outcomes

The workshop will achieve the following outcomes:

- List of issues and challenges and recommendations for addressing these challenges with clear identification of responsible parties and possible timeframes
- Proposal on how to implement the dialogue outcomes and resolutions of leaders' summit by the Guadalcanal provincial governments and national parliamentarians.

¹ A variety of such arrangements are documented in Allen et al. *Justice Delivered Locally* (2013 World Bank)

Participants

The target participants for this workshop will be 156 persons to include:

- 105 people from 21 wards on Guadalcanal province (5 from each ward)
- 21 Members of Provincial Assembly
- 8 Members of National Parliament
- 5 Chair persons
- 5 Facilitators
- 5 Resource persons
- 5 Rapporteurs
- 2 UNDP staff

Budget: US\$60,000

Dear Meva and Linda,

Please proceed with procurement arrangements for the upcoming Guadalcanal Provincial dialogue meeting planned for 22-24 November 2016.

Please start the following:

1. Request for quotes for conference room from Honiara Hotel and Pacific Casino and. We need a meeting room that can accommodate 130 people plus 4 small meeting rooms that could accommodate 20 people for small group/dialogue and discussions.
2. We will also need to transport people from around the province to Honiara. May be quotation from shipping company will need to be made and quotation for vehicle transport to get people from North west, Central, North and Northeast Guadalcanal.

3. We will need quotation for catering for 150 people for 2 days and 40 people for 3rd day.

4. We will need to arrange accommodation for people who come from East, South and West Guadalcanal. I will confirm the actual number after my meeting with organising committee tomorrow. Perhaps you could join when we discuss the logistical arrangements.

Please work on RFQs and we can review them. I will send another one for Malaita tomorrow. Let me know if you have any query.

Thanks
Brian

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Brian

Guadalcanal Provincial Dialogue and Leaders' Summit
22 – 24 November 2016
 Heritage Park, Hotel, Honiara.

Action Plan Matrix

Issues/Problem/Challenges/Opportunities	Actions	Agencies	Timeframe	Comments
<p>LAND Land is a major issue of concern. Participants expressed the need to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Enact a new land law to replace the current Lands & Titles Act. - Enact a law or provincial ordinance to stop the sale of land on Guadalcanal. - Return alienated land - Halt developments on alienated land - Stop the sale of alienated land - Register customary land - Establish a land restitution program to compensate – not necessarily monetary compensation – original landowners for land acquired by the state during the colonial days. - Identify the original landowners of Honiara Land - Repeal Mamara Tasivarongo Act 	<p>1. Organise a Land Summit to discuss all land issues on Guadalcanal</p>	<p>Lead: Guadalcanal Provincial government; Guadalcanal parliamentarians;</p> <p>Partners: development partners/donors/SIG</p>	<p>June/July 2017</p>	<p>To review all previous resolutions on land and use it as the basis for the land summit</p> <p>The need to factor cost of implementing these outcomes statement in the provincial budget</p>
<p>CHIEFS There is recognition of the important role that chiefs perform in the governance of communities and an acknowledgement of the need to strengthen their roles. There are concerns that:</p>	<p>1. To undertake a baseline study on community governance and dispute resolution</p> <p>2. Initiate movements towards design of community governance structure taking</p>	<p>Lead: Guadalcanal Provincial government; Guadalcanal parliamentarians;</p>	<p>June/July 2017</p>	<p>Proper study and consultation need to be done to suggest alternative options</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chiefs' authority and the roles they perform in the community have become less significant. - There is a general decline in respect for chiefs and other community leaders. - House of Chiefs have not been properly developed. - Chiefs are not adequately prepared to deal with contemporary social issues. <p>It was proposed that Chiefs Leadership Code should be developed to define and regulate the roles and behaviour of chiefs. There is a need for the standardisation and codification of traditional dispute resolution mechanisms.</p>	<p>into account the provisions of the draft federal constitutions</p>	<p>Partners: Academics; Development partners/donors/SIG</p>		
<p>CULTURE & KASTOMS It was proposed that traditions, kastoms and cultural/traditional values should be recorded, codified and included in school curriculums.</p> <p>CHURCH There is concern about the decline in moral values and rise of anti-social behaviour in Guadalcanal communities. Consequently, there is a need to strengthen church programs and provide support to youth, married couples, and the rest of the communities. Good values and positive social behaviour should be taught in schools. Furthermore, churches should provide proactive leadership in communities.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To formulate and implement a program to identify kastom, traditions, values, good values and positive social behaviour around the island. 2. To include identify kastom, traditions, values, good values and positive social behaviour in relevant formal and non-formal curriculum; and that his be taught on all Guadalcanal based learning institution; community based organisations including churches. 	<p>Lead: Guadalcanal Provincial Government; 8 MPs;</p> <p>Partners: Ministry of Education; Development partners; donors; chiefs; village elders.</p>	<p>June 2018</p>	<p>Proper consultation and inclusive engagement with chiefs and those with wealth of kastoms and traditional values at the village level required.</p>

<p>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</p> <p>It is recognised that Guadalcanal Province hosts a number of national economic development projects. It also had the potential for more economic development industries. These include industries in sectors such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tourism - Agriculture <p>It is recognised that in order for development and economic growth to occur, there is a need for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Peace - Infrastructure Development - Access to land <p>It is also recognised that development and economic growth will provide employment opportunities. Employment Opportunities. Development plans and implementations as well as the benefits must be inclusive: it should include women, men, youths, children, the elderly, etc. Inclusive development is an important aspect of the future of Guadalcanal.</p>	<p>1. To review existing Ward and Constituency profiles and determine their economic development strengths and opportunities on Guadalcanal</p> <p>Prioritise the construction of either the Moga – Avuavu Road or Betivatu – Babanakira road.</p>	<p>Lead: Guadalcanal Provincial Planning Department</p> <p>Lead: MPs & MPAs</p> <p>Partners: MID; Engineers; Ministry of Lands; Customary Land Owners</p>	<p>April 2017/2018</p>	<p>To support development this relevant to specific region.</p> <p>Parliamentarians to ensure this is featured in SIG Development budget in 2018</p>
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<p>URBAN DEVELOPMENT The meeting recognises the need to develop urban centres in different parts of province. These urban centres should be linked to the development of economic development industries. These industries will become the “core” of urban centres.</p> <p>HONIARA It was accepted that Honiara is an asset for Guadalcanal Province, rather than a liability. It should therefore be kept. The question, however, is: How can Guadalcanal Province maximise its benefit from Honiara. It is proposed that Guadalcanal province should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Request to receive withholding tax for properties in Honiara. - Create business opportunities in Honiara. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To undertake a study to identify potential areas around the province to host urban development centre, linked to an industry. 2. Develop an urban strategic development plan to map out urban centres around the province and to outline how the province will maximise its benefit from Honiara. 	<p>Lead: Guadalcanal Province; all MPs;</p> <p>Partners: Guadalcanal people; potential investors; SIG- Ministry of Lands; Ministry of Commerce; MRD.</p>	<p>November 2018</p>	<p>ToR needs to be drafted to clearly outline the aims, objective and expected outcomes of the study. The findings of this study will inform the design of the Urban Strategic Development Plan</p>
<p>EDUCATION Guadalcanal Province should establish a (i) senior secondary school and a (ii) technical college. This will train Guadalcanal people to meet the manpower needs of industries established on Guadalcanal.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Guadalcanal provincial government to undertake a feasibility study to determine whether or not it is possible to do this. 2. Community based and in-schools civic education and awareness, targeting attitudinal and behavioural changes 	<p>Lead: Minister of Education, GP; Minister of Youth, GP</p> <p>Partners: Churches; youth groups; Ministry of Education.</p>	<p>September 2017 – December 2018</p>	<p>ToR needs to be drafted to clearly outline the aims, objective and expected outcomes of the study.</p>
<p>GOVERNANCE & POLITICAL REFORM Guadalcanal Province & peoples continue to support the proposal for the establishment of a Federal System of Government. It was stated that Members of Parliament (MP) and Members of the Provincial</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. MPs to start building political support in Parliament with the purpose of getting the new constitution through. 	<p>Lead: MPs, MPAs, Constitution Reform Unit, SIG;</p>	<p>December 2016 – September 2017.</p>	<p>Gaining political support from other MPs and provinces is</p>

<p>Assembly (MPA) need to work together to ensure that the proposed Federal Constitutions is passed by parliament. There is also a need to propose a Plan B if the federal constitution is not passed by parliament.</p>	<p>2. Information and awareness the proposed federal system must be communicated in simple terms to Guadalupe communities and people.</p>	<p>Partners: community leaders, church leaders, youth leaders, women leaders</p>	<p>January 2017 – December 2018</p>	<p>very critical at this stage. Proper information to our people will result in an informed community/province</p>
<p>YOUTH There is a need to ensure that youths receive adequate and appropriate education for youths and identify and support youth activities. This is an important aspect of inclusive development.</p>	<p>1. Provincial Government need to continue CITREC and SINU scholarships/training opportunities for youth employment 2. Identify and compile a list of church and community programs that encourage youth participation Disaggregate existing data on youth and design specific programs to address specific youth needs</p>	<p>Lead: Minister of Education, GP; Minister of Youth, GP Partners: Churches; youth groups; SIG-Bureau of Statistics; Ministry of Education;</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Statistics on Guadalupe and target specific projects for specific groups.</p>
<p>RURAL CONSTITUENCY DEVELOPMENT FUNDS (RCDF) Government needs share RCDF equitably based on population size and other appropriate criteria. There is also a need for: - Transparency in the administration of the RCDF. - The establishment of Constituency Development Committees that are represented. - The establishment of a delivery model that empowers people. - Information sharing about support for youths from provincial and national government funds. - Workshops to be held in communities and villages to inform people about RCDF.</p>	<p>1. Information RCDF, PCDF, Ward Grants and other rural development funds ought to be compiled and made available to Guadalupe people 2. Awareness on procedures, processes and volumes of funds available to develop Wards and Constituencies (and the entire province) must be undertaken at regular intervals; 3. In line with the need to develop (or strengthen) community governance (see</p>	<p>Lead: Constituency Offices; Ward offices; MPs, MPAs; SIG- Ministry of Rural Development Partners: Guadalupe provincial government; community leaders; church leaders;</p>	<p>July 2017; ongoing</p>	<p>Awareness and genuine communication borders on respect and care for all Guadalupe people. Information dissemination if done properly is an effective peace mechanism.</p>

<p>- Community and local governance structure to be in place to link community, ward, constituency and national government structure</p>	<p>below), a system that links communities to various government levels is critical.</p>		<p>April/May – December 2017</p>	
<p>COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE It is acknowledged that the proposed Federal Constitution provides for the establishment of community governments. In the meantime the Guadalcana Provincial Government should start working on models for community governance and a Community Government ordinance</p>	<p>1. Ward, constituency and provincial wide discussions must be now be initiated (in anticipation of the new constitution and for our own purposes)</p>	<p>Lead: MPs, MPAs (in collaboration with church leaders, community leaders, women leaders and youth leaders).</p>	<p>April/May – December 2017</p>	<p>Whether or not the new constitution gets through parliament, strengthening community governance structures to accommodate current changes is important.</p>
<p>INCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT The Guadalcana Province's development approach should aim to leave no one behind. It should be inclusive. This means that all sectors and stakeholders should be included. It must include resource owners, women, men, children, men, the elderly, disable, etc. It must also be evenly distributed to all the regions of Guadalcana. Inclusive development is different from divisive development, which divide communities and causes conflicts. This must be stopped. An example of divisive development is logging. If developments such as logging are to happen, it must be in resource owners' terms. In pushing for economic</p>	<p>1. Inclusivity, participatory and transparent planning, negotiations, implementation and evaluation (acquittals) of development projects, funds and constituency, ward and community levels; 2. All communities, churches and levels of governments on Guadalcana must contribute towards effecting positive change in the way Guadalcana people understand development.</p>	<p>Lead: community leaders, church leaders, youth leaders, MPs and MPAs; Guadalcana people. Partners: RSIP; GP Police; MEHRD; Development partners.</p>	<p>December 2017; ongoing. December 2017; ongoing.</p>	<p>A cultural shift is needed through socialisation in various aspects of the Guadalcana society.</p>

<p>development, there is a need to address cultural and attitudes factors that impede development.</p> <p>There is a positive correlation between peace and economic development.</p>	<p>3. Peace and maintaining peace (law and order) in Guadalcanal is everyone's business.</p>		
<p>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PEACE</p> <p>There is a need to change the mindset of Guadalcanal people. There is a need to encourage the establishment of peace industries; these are industries that encourage and sustain peace. Peace is a public good that must be invested in.</p> <p>There is a need for Guadalcanal people to allow land for economic development projects. Furthermore, the Guadalcanal Provincial Government should assist Guadalcanal farmers to become exporters, rather than supply middlemen who are the exporters. Furthermore, there is a need to establish a saving scheme for farmers as well as voluntary contributions to NPF.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Socialisation of the Guadalcanal encouraged through education, community awareness and church programmes. 2. Support the call (see above) to have a separate summit on land and sustainable development. 3. Consider reactivating the Guadalcanal Development Authority to be the exporter of Guadalcanal produced products. 	<p>Lead: Education Division, GP; Community leaders; SICA church leaders</p> <p>GDA Board;</p>	<p>Cultural change will not happen overnight but it must start now.</p> <p>A frank and serious summit on Guadalcanal land issues is needed.</p> <p>GDA as a business entity can be an important body to support GP farmers.</p>

GUADALCANAL DIALOGUE AND LEADERS' SUMMIT 2016

Resolutions

WHEREAS the Guadalcanal Provincial Government, recalling the resolution of the Provincial Coordinating Committee at its meeting on 28 October 2016, in which it decided to organize the Guadalcanal Provincial Dialogue and Leaders' Summit.

WHEREAS the Guadalcanal Provincial Government expresses its gratitude and appreciation to the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the Office of the Prime Minister, Ministry of National Unity, Reconciliation and Peace, the Plenary Facilitators and all the Summit Stakeholders for facilitating and providing the necessary support to ensure the success of the dialogue.

WHEREAS the Guadalcanal Provincial Government acknowledges the contributions of the summit participants, especially those who represented the 21 Wards of Guadalcanal Province.

WHEREAS the people of Guadalcanal representing leaders, women, youths, Members of the Provincial Assembly, Members of Parliament and church leaders met on 22 – 24 November 2016 at the Heritage Park Hotel in Honiara, Solomon Islands.

WHEREAS we the people of Guadalcanal resolve the following:

1. Renew our commitment to inclusive development for our province and ensuring an economically, socially and environmentally sustainable future for our present and future generations.
2. Acknowledge that the basis for sustainable and inclusive development is peace and stability.
3. The adoption of a federal system of government that ensures inclusive governance that empowers Guadalcanal people and provides them with more authority to make informed decisions on their future.
4. The introduction of a new land legislation that would facilitate customary land reform, and the return of all alienated land on Guadalcanal.
5. We further resolve to negotiate with perpetual and fixed term estate titleholders and the Commissioner of Lands to halt the expansion of illegal settlements and new developments and the sale and transfer of alienated land on Guadalcanal without the approval of the Guadalcanal Town and Country Planning Board in consultation with the Guadalcanal Provincial Executive as of the date of this resolution.
6. That Honiara is an asset for the Guadalcanal Province, rather than a liability. Guadalcanal Province and its people should therefore maximize benefits and

opportunities from Honiara.

7. That Guadalcanal Province should identify and develop urban centers in different parts of the province. Such centers should be linked to the development of industries.
8. That Guadalcanal Province in partnership with the national government and development partners construct roads that connect Tasimate to Tasimauro and other parts of the island. Further commits to build new infrastructures such as airstrips, wharfs, and basic social service infrastructure.
9. Guadalcanal Province identifies and establishes senior secondary schools and technical colleges to train the human resource needs of the province.
10. To ensure that youths are trained, engaged and empowered to actively participate and contribute to the inclusive socio-economic development of Guadalcanal Province.
11. To extend the Solovisu programme that started in South Guadalcanal to all constituencies of Guadalcanal.
12. That there is a need to further mainstream sustainable development at all levels, integrating economic, social and environmental aspects and recognizing their interlinkages, so as to achieve sustainable development in all its dimensions.
13. That we are committed to work closely with the national government and other stakeholders as a matter of urgency to find ways and means to address law and order, security and unemployment in the province.
14. We promote sustainable and downstream utilization, production, protection and proper management of natural resources as basis for economic and social development.
15. We reaffirm the need to achieve sustainable and inclusive development by promoting equitable economic growth, creating greater opportunities for all, reducing inequalities, raising basic standards of living and fostering equitable social development.
16. That economic development and peace are interconnected. There is therefore a need to ensure development projects contribute to peaceful co-existence because peace is a public good.
17. That chiefs, church, women and youth leaders have important roles in the governance of local communities and acknowledge the need to strengthen their roles.
18. That Guadalcanal kastom/cultures are important in the development and sustenance of positive social behavior. These cultures/kastom should be

codified and included in the school curriculum.

19. To strengthen the role of the churches and support church programs targeting youths, married couples, single parents, people with special needs and families.
20. That all rural development funds are managed and administered transparently to ensure they contribute to tangible positive and inclusive developments that improve the livelihood of rural people.
21. Engage and empower women, youths and people with special needs in all governance and development processes.
22. To establish an office with the Guadalcanal Provincial Headquarter to oversee the implementation of these resolutions.
23. That Guadalcanal leaders and people commit to support the implementation of these resolutions.

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Guadalcanal and Malaita convene dialogue on peace and development

WITH support from the UN Peacebuilding Programme (UNPP), Guadalcanal and Malaita province leaders, women and youth are coming together this week for provincial dialogues in Honiara and Auki.

The Guadalcanal dialogue starts today in Honiara, and tomorrow in Malaita, in Auki.

The two dialogues shall provide a space that encourages a constructive, solution-oriented discussion on matters that are important for the people of Guadalcanal, Malaita and beyond in Solomon Islands.

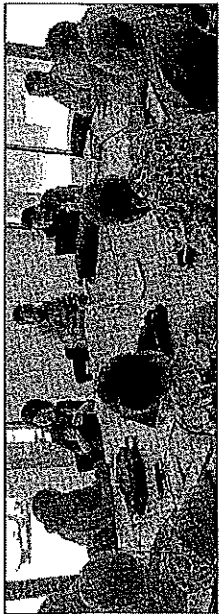
This dialogue will provide an opportunity and space for leaders and people to examine the relationship between economic development and sustainable peace.

Representatives of women, youth, church leaders, village chiefs, tribal chiefs, all provincial members and parliamentarians will come together to discuss and find solutions to developmental, socio-cultural, economic and governance issues facing the two provinces.

The preparation for this dialogue was led by the Provincial Government in partnership with the Ministry of National Unity, Reconciliation and Peace.

Issues to be discussed include land reform, community governance and accelerating rural development.

There will also be an



A consultation held by the United Nations Peace Building Fund on provincial dialogues - joined by eminent project members, government and civil society actors. Photo by Jane Rutledge

opportunity for dialogue on a range of issues, including RAMSI and peacebuilding itself.

The dialogue will bring youth and women representative to engage with leaders in the two provinces.

Azusa Kubota, Head of UN Joint Presence Solomon Islands stated dialogue is important and effective in peace processes because they bridge gaps in understanding, foster opportunities for consensus building and mutually learn to live in peace.

The preparation dialogue highlighted the importance of tackling the underlying factors that have contributed to the rise of conflicts in family, communities and country.

These factors are often rooted in development issues such as unequal access to basic services, land, and opportunities for prosperity.

The outcomes of this dialogue will be presented to the people of the province and the Provincial and National Governments so as to secure broad based

partnerships and commitments across the province and with relevant government authorities for their implementation.

A report will be produced, outlining issues and challenges, what needs to be done to address them, and identify the responsible agencies including youth, women, chiefs and elders and the implementation with indicative timeframes.

While peace building efforts must be owned and led by the national stakeholders, the UN through the Peace Building Project look forward to supporting follow up efforts and working closely with leaders, women and young people of Solomon Islands.

The UN's Peacebuilding Programme is supporting national stakeholders to sustain peace by creating an inclusive space for dialogues, supporting implementation of Solomon Islands' national peace policies, and engaging women and youth in peace activities, implemented jointly by UNDP and UN Women Solomon Islands.

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ANOLPHA ENTERPRISES LTD MV AWKA EXTENDED TRIP TO NAMUGA PORT, MAKIRA ULAWA PROVINCE



SCHEDULE TRIP FOR ULAWA - UGI - KIRAKIRA - NAMUGA - KIRAKIRA - COSTAL THROUGH MAROU BAY - HONIARA

DAYS	DESTINATIONS		DEPARTURE TIME	ARRIVAL TIME
	FROM	TO		
WEDNESDAY	HONIARA	SU'UMOLI PORT	3PM AFTERNOON	4:30 AM THURSDAY
THURSDAY	SU'UMOLI PORT	SU'ENA PORT UGI ISLAND	6:30AM MORNING	9:30AM MORNING
	PAWA	KIRAKIRA	1PM AFTERNOON	3:30PM AFTERNOON
	KIRAKIRA	NAMUGA PORT	6:30PM EVENING	10:30PM NIGHT
FRIDAY	NAMUGA PORT	KIRAKIRA	12MIDNIGHT	4AM FRIDAY MORNING
	KIRAKIRA	HONIARA	2PM	SATURDAY MORNING

NOTE:

MV AWKA FIRST EXTENDED TRIP WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY 30TH NOVEMBER, 2016. AGAIN, SHIP WILL DEPART 3PM AFTERNOON. FOR ENQUIRIES, CALL 22719 OR COME SEE US AT OUR OFFICE - SIPA DOMESTIC WAREHOUSE, POINT CRUZ.

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Guadalcanal dialogue, summit ends

GUADALCANAL province successfully completed their provincial leader's dialogue and summit last week at Heritage Park Hotel, Honiara.

The 3 day event runs from 22nd to 24th November with leaders from all works of life; political, church, women and youth leaders, village elders, chiefs, academics, and ordinary citizens attending.

The objectives of this dialogue are to; provide a safe space for inclusive dialogue aimed at finding local solutions and commitments that are owned by leaders and people of Guadalcanal. Identify, examine and discuss the development challenges and opportunities that the Guadalcanal Province faces and identify alternative futures that Guadalcanal and Solomon Islands citizen can aspire for and discuss how to achieve them through specifically targeted programmes.

The dialogue summit led by the Guadalcanal provincial government was supported by United Nations through the United Nations Peace-Building Fund (UN-PBF) with expert advice and support from Guadalcanal Peace Desk officials at the Ministry National Unity, Reconciliation and Peace.

It was an opportunity for Guadalcanal people to come together to discuss issues and challenges that affect them individually and collectively every day. In delivering his welcome address, Guadalcanal Premier Hon. Anthony Veke welcomed all Guadalcanal leaders who attended the program with the theme:



Guests and officials who attended the summit lastweek.

Understanding the challenges and opportunities that should direct our actions and resources to achieve sustainable future for Guadalcanal and Solomon Islands" Hon. Veke said.

United Nations Development Program (UNDP) Country Manager Mrs Azusa Kubota in addressing the event highlighted that UN-PBF delivers fast, flexible and relevant peace programmes to deepen and sustain peace and prevent relapse into conflict. "We the United Nations in Solomon Islands are proud to support the dialogue. [...] In Solomon Islands, the focus of UN's

powering them to be peace advocates" Mrs Azusa said.

Prime Minister Hon. Manasseh D. Sogavare in delivering his keynote address expressed that he is excited about the fact that more and more provinces are embarking on internal conversations/discussions about their own developments, welfare and future prospects.

"Your gathering once again showed your seriousness, commitment and responsibility to openly discuss matters of provincial and national importance. I must confess the theme for the dialogue is a challenging one and the ob-

He argued that in revisiting the previous Guadalcanal Bona Fide demands, which are full of demands, we should now stop demanding others and or the government; instead we should be talking about Bona Fide opportunities. Demanding is so disempowering, it drives home the notion that our situations we want to change is in the hands of others, that we are not in charge of our aspirations, future and destination. Hence we should be talking about bona fide demands rather bona fide opportunities. Alternate future for Guadalcanal starts with altering our way of thinking; alternate

3-day event. The participation of Guadalcanal Academics, young graduates and experienced people adds rich dynamism to the program. Further having ensured equal representation and participation, everybody emerged from the dialogue summit happy and contented having contributed to the event.

The summit ends on high note with new sets of resolutions resolved to. The basis of the resolutions has been approved and endorsed by the participants and shall be released to the

Way forward for GP discussed



Anthony Veke

By EDDIE OSIEFELLO
GUADALCANAL Province (GP) is looking at ways to progress its development aspirations from now until 2040.

About 170 Guadalcanal people including their members of parliament, provincial government

and resources persons discussed their dreams in a three day summit held at Heritage Park Hotel which started on Tuesday.

Guadalcanal Province premier Anthony Veke said leaders discussed different issues that hinder progress of Guadalcanal to develop lives of their people.

Mr Veke said it's an opportunity to look back to the past and find solutions now and into future.

He said in the past people of Guadalcanal demanded that the national government address their pressing issues which related to developments.

However, Mr Veke said they look at this and see whether to keep demanding the government or rise up and develop the people of Guadalcanal first.

Furthermore, Mr Veke said there needs to be peace and law and order on Guadalcanal before they start talking about development.

opments in future.

United Nations Development Programme is funding the summit.

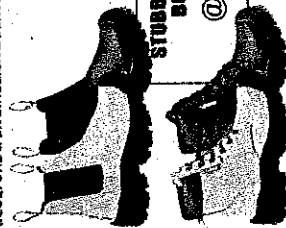
In the meantime, Malaita Province is also holding its summit, funded by UNDP in Auki.

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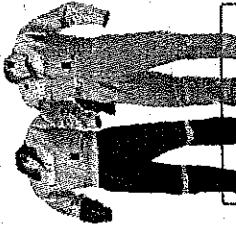
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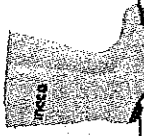
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Malaita leaders summit in Auki

in Malaita in general and how would the stake holders work together to solve the associate problems.

Mr Kairi said the type of approach they are now taking to address some of the issues in Malaita are different from the traditional one man decision usually used in Malaita.

He said this time they encouraged a more participatory democracy approach which includes women and youths as well in the decision making sphere.

Present at the summit are; the Solomon Islands Police Commissioner Frank Prendergast, members of the RSIPF Auki, members of the Malaita Provincial Assembly, Malaita Premier Peter Chanel Ramohia, Malaita provincial secretary Jackson Gege, Malaita chiefs, women group leaders, UNDP representatives from the Ministry of National Unity, Reconciliation and Peace and other stakeholders.

By BIRA'AU WILSON SAENI in Auki

A three days leaders' summit to discuss peace, reconciliation, land and other general issues affecting Malaita will end today.

The summit which was officially opened on Wednesday in Auki was organized by the Malaita Peace and Reconciliation Office in Auki funded under the United Nation Development Program (UNDP).

Malaita provincial peace and reconciliation deputy director Francis Kairi said, the dialogue was requested by the Malaita provincial government because the province is ready to venture into some of its program so it requested the dialogue to allow leaders to come and share ideas.

Some of the main agenda discussed during the summit includes; peace building, how to address land problems in Malaita, what causes the problems

