The Economic and Public Sector Program conducts a monthly Q&A seminar called Tanim Graun. Tanim Graun in Tok Pisin colloquially means ‘turn the ground’ or make a change. As a Q&A medium it essentially acts as a conduit for a collective citizens’ voice to help shape local, regional and national policy in a unique forum.

The setting also provides an opportunity for key decision makers, observers and experts within their field to discuss and debate in front of a live audience the development opportunities and challenges facing PNG with a topical subject that resonates with the general populace each month.

Tanim Graun will be broadcast on EMTV and as PNG’s only regular televised Q&A series on the development opportunities and challenges facing the nation is gaining positive feedback from key decision makers e.g. Minister Abel and Minister Isikiel have praised its format and the opportunity to discuss issues publicly.

The forum is held on the last Thursday of every month although there may be occasional changes to accommodate speaker availability and public holidays.

Senior GoPNG officials and ministers, private sector executives, NGO executives, donors or researchers are sourced as speakers.

The seminar series aims to:

- promote discussion and awareness on national and regional issues which impact on GoPNG governance
- improve awareness of the roles of government agencies and aid programs in service delivery and economic development
- build understanding of GoPNG long term strategies and implications for policy, budgets, annual plans and aid development programs
- establish networks, links, relationships across GoPNG agencies, Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, managing contractors and other development partners
- raise awareness of major private sector/NGO initiatives that will impact on government policy and programs.

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