



Acting Secretary, Ms. Agelavu (4th from right) and DG Amena Yauvoli (3rd from right) with delegation from the MSG Secretariat & officials from the PNG Department of Foreign Affairs

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The Director General of the Melanesian Spearhead Group (MSG) Secretariat, Ambassador Amena Yauvoli is in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea from 17-19 January to meet with the Minister of Foreign Affairs Hon. Rimbink Pato, Acting Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs, Ms. Barbara Age, Commissioner of Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary (RPNGC) and other senior Government Officials.

The purpose of the visit is to begin finalizing preparations for the upcoming 21st MSG Leaders' Summit that will take place from 10-15 February 2018 in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea.

The Director General reaffirms the MSG Secretariat's full commitment to provide the necessary support to assist PNG host a successful Leaders Summit. He also emphasized the significance of the Leaders' Summit as Papua New Guinea will assume the chairmanship of the MSG and its Constituent Bodies. The Director General informed PNG that the Secretariat is working round the clock to ensure all meeting papers are ready.

The Acting Secretary Ms. Age also emphasized that the priority for PNG at this Leaders' Summit is focusing on Sustainable Development goals as outlined in the MSG 2038 Prosperity for all Plan. The theme for the Summit will therefore relate to peace and prosperity in the MSG. The PNG Government is undertaking necessary preparations to ensure the Leaders Summit is a success.

The Director General also met with the Acting Police Commissioner Jim Andrews to discuss the proposed Police Commissioners Conference (PCC) and Police Minister Meeting (PMM). The Police Ministers Meeting is convening to consider implementation of mandates relating to security issues, in particular the MSG security Assistance to PNG during the APEC Meeting. It is anticipated that detail discussions are going to take place with recommendations for Leaders endorsement.

Following the consultations, MSG members will be informed of the details of the organization of the 21st Leaders Summit so as to engender full and effective preparations.

Considering the time constraints ahead of the summit, both DG Yauvoli and Acting Secretary Age recognizes the pivotal importance of continuing our collaborations to ensure that all preparations are finalized before the summit and its constituent body meeting kick start.

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