

# MELANESIAN SPEARHEAD GROUP SECRETARIAT (MSG)

## 2016 CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES & EVENTS (EXTERNAL)

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## Important Note

The dates and venues of meetings may change.  
We will ensure our Calendar of Events is kept updated

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| Dates            | Activity/Event   | Location                             |
|------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| <b>January</b>   |  |                                      |
| 1                | <b>New Year's day</b>  | <b>Public Holiday</b>                |
| 4                | Secretariat Office opens after Festive Season                        | Port Vila, Vanuatu                   |
| 17-29            | Vanuatu Snap Elections Observer Mission                              | Port Vila, Efate & Luganville, Santo |
| <b>February</b>  |  |                                      |
| 3                | [Shipping Study follow-up with PNG by Secretariat]                   |                                      |
| 8-12             | MSG Private Sector Development Strategy Awareness Programs – Vanuatu | Vanuatu                              |
| 9-10             | 6 <sup>th</sup> MSG Sport Committee Meeting                          | Port Vila, Vanuatu                   |
| 15-19            | MSG Private Sector Development Strategy Awareness Programs –         | Solomon Islands                      |
| <b>21</b>        | <b>Lini Memorial Day</b>   | <b>Vanuatu (Public Holiday)</b>      |
| 25-26            | Aviation & Tourism Sectoral Dialogue                                 | Port Vila, Vanuatu                   |
| 28               | Council of Arts & Culture  | Honiara, Solomon Islands             |
| 29 – 05<br>March | MSG Private Sector Development Strategy Awareness Programs – PNG     | PNG                                  |
| <b>March</b>     |  |                                      |
| 1 March          | In-country Consultations on the Mining and Forestry Study begins     |                                      |
| <b>5</b>         | <b>Chiefs Day</b>  | <b>Public Holiday (Vanuatu)</b>      |
| 7-8              | Subcommittee on Economic & Finance Officials Meeting                 | <i>Port Vila, Vanuatu</i>            |
| 10-11            | Finance Ministers Meeting  | <i>Port Vila, Vanuatu</i>            |
| 14-18            | MSG Private Sector Development Strategy Awareness Programs – Fiji    | Fiji                                 |
|                  | Chairs Capital Visit   |                                      |

| <b>Dates</b> | <b>Activity/Event</b>  | <b>Location</b>                 |
|--------------|--|---------------------------------|
| 17-18        | Sub-Committee on Legal and Institutional Issues (SCLII)  | Port Vila, Vanuatu              |
| 23           | Police Commissioners' Conference (PCC)   | Suva, Fiji                      |
| <b>25</b>    | <b>Good Friday</b>   | <b>Public Holiday (Vanuatu)</b> |
| <b>28</b>    | <b>Easter Monday</b>   | <b>Public Holiday (Vanuatu)</b> |
| <b>April</b> |  |                                 |
| 1            | In-country Consultations on the Implementation of the MSG Stabilization Fund and Investment Development Fund begins                      |                                 |
| 4-5          | Technical Working Group Negotiations   | Port Vila, Vanuatu              |
| 4            | Senior Officials Meeting (SOM)   | Port Vila, Vanuatu              |
| 6            | Foreign Ministers Meeting (FMM)  | Port Vila, Vanuatu              |
| 7            | Special Leaders' Summit  | Port Vila, Vanuatu              |
| 8            | Donors Round Table Meeting   | Port Vila, Vanuatu              |
| 30 April     | In-country consultations on the Mining and Forestry Study ends   |                                 |
| <b>May</b>   |  |                                 |
| <b>1</b>     | <b>Labour Day</b>  | <b>Vanuatu (Public Holiday)</b> |
| 3            | Trade & Economic Officials Meeting (TEOM)  | Port Vila                       |
| 4            | Trade Ministers Meeting (TMM)  | Port Vila                       |
| 5-6          | MSGTA3 Legal Scrubbing Meeting (Trade & State Law Officials)   | Port Vila, Vanuatu              |
| <b>9</b>     | <b>Ascension Day</b>   | <b>Public Holiday (Vanuatu)</b> |
| 10           | MSG Fisheries Technical Committee Meeting  | Port Vila, Vanuatu              |
| 17-19        | Inaugural MSG Police Games   | Suva, Fiji                      |
| <b>June</b>  |  |                                 |
| 1-2          | Environment & Climate Change Technical Advisory Committee (ECCTAC) meeting<br><br>Environment & Climate Change Ministers Meeting (ECCMM) | Port Moresby, PNG               |

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|------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| 9-10             | Validation Workshop on Stabilization Fund Study   | Port Vila, Vanuatu              |
| 23-24            | Validation Workshop on Investment & Development Fund Study  | Port Vila, Vanuatu              |
| 28 - 30          | Special Subcommittee on Legal & Institutional Issues  | Port Vila, Vanuatu              |
| 30               | In-country Consultations on the Implementation of the MSG Stabilization Fund and Investment Development Fund ends |                                 |
| <b>July</b>      |   |                                 |
| 4-5              | Validation Workshop on the Mining Study   | Port Vila, Vanuatu              |
| <b>7</b>         | <b>Independence Day (38<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)</b>   | <b>Honiara, Solomon Islands</b> |
| 14-15            | Validation Workshop on the Forestry Study   | Port Vila, Vanuatu              |
| 14               | MSG Special Leaders Summit  | Honiara, Solomon Islands        |
| 18-22            | Inaugural MSG Youth Games   | Noumea, New Caledonia           |
| <b>24</b>        | <b>Children's Day</b>   | <b>Public Holiday (Vanuatu)</b> |
| <b>30</b>        | <b>Independence Day (36<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)</b>   | <b>Public Holiday (Vanuatu)</b> |
|                  | Senior Finance Official Meeting   |                                 |
| <b>August</b>    |   |                                 |
| 8-9              | Workshop on Implementation of MSG Stock Exchange  |                                 |
| 10 – 11          | Workshop on Implementation of MSG Common Currency   |                                 |
| 24-26            | Governing Body Meeting  |                                 |
| <b>September</b> |   |                                 |
| 19               | PSD Strategy Meeting for the Heads of MSG Co-operatives   | Honiara, Solomon Islands        |
| 20               | Heads of Investment & Promotion Agencies and Industries Officials Meeting (HIPA+IOM)                              | Honiara, Solomon Islands        |
| 21               | Inaugural Trade Technical Advisory Group Meeting – Trade Facilitation Meeting                                     | Honiara, Solomon Islands        |
| 22               | Trade Law Workshop MSG/UNCITRAL   | Honiara, Solomon Islands        |
| <b>16</b>        | <b>Independence Day (41<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)</b>   | <b>Papua New Guinea</b>         |

| <b>Dates</b>    | <b>Activity/Event</b>                                 | <b>Location</b>                        |
|-----------------|---|--|
| <b>24</b>       | <b>Citizenship Day</b>                                | <b>Noumea, New Caledonia</b>           |
| <b>October</b>  |   |  |
| 3 - 7           | 7 <sup>th</sup> Police Commissioners Conference       | Fiji                                   |
| 4-5             | Validation workshop for MSG-PITAP funded studies      | Port Vila, Vanuatu                     |
| <b>5</b>        | <b>Constitution Day</b>                               | <b>Vanuatu (<i>Public Holiday</i>)</b> |
|                 | Subcommittee on Security (SCS)                        | Fiji                                   |
| <b>10</b>       | <b>Independence Day (46<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)</b> | <b>Fiji (<i>Public Holiday</i>)</b>    |
|                 |   |  |
| <b>November</b> |   |  |
| <b>29</b>       | <b>Unity Day</b>                                      | <b>Public Holiday (Vanuatu)</b>        |
| <b>December</b> |   |  |
| <b>25</b>       | <b><i>Christmas Day</i></b>                           | <b><i>Public Holiday</i></b>           |
| <b>26</b>       | <b><i>Boxing Day</i></b>                              | <b><i>Public Holiday</i></b>           |
| Others          |   |  |
|                 |   |  |
|                 |   |  |