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PRESS RELEASE**The Voice Inc to host Inaugural Nation Builders Conference in Port Moresby**

Dynamic youth development organization The Voice Inc will host its Inaugural Nation Builders Conference in Port Moresby in January 2016 bringing together 45 young people from Papua New Guinea and Australia with keynote speakers to speak around the theme *Building a Sustainable Future*.

As part of its Leadership Development Program, The Voice Inc. will host its first ever ***Nation Builder Conference*** from the 15th – 22nd of January 2016 that will bring together students doing the third level of The Voice Inc.'s Leadership Development Program at the University of PNG and the PNG University Of Technology and as well as young people from its partner Oaktree in Australia. The patron of this conference is Dame Meg Taylor Secretary General of Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat.

Executive Director of The Voice Inc. Serena Sumanop said the aim of the conference is to strengthen the network of like-minded young people interested in impacting change in their respective campuses and communities.

“With the world transitioning from the Millennium Development Goals to the Sustainable Development Goals it is important to include young people in the discussion and ensure their voices are heard at the highest levels of decision making. The 45 participants are actively involved in various associations and volunteer in their Universities and communities and our aim is to further equip them with ideas, tools, knowledge and networks they need to strengthen their leadership roles,” she said.

The conference will conclude with a dialogue co-hosted by the Lowy Institute for Foreign Policy that has worked with The Voice Inc. annually to host the annual Emerging Leaders Dialogue in Sydney, Australia. The outcomes of this conference will then be presented to key stakeholders.

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