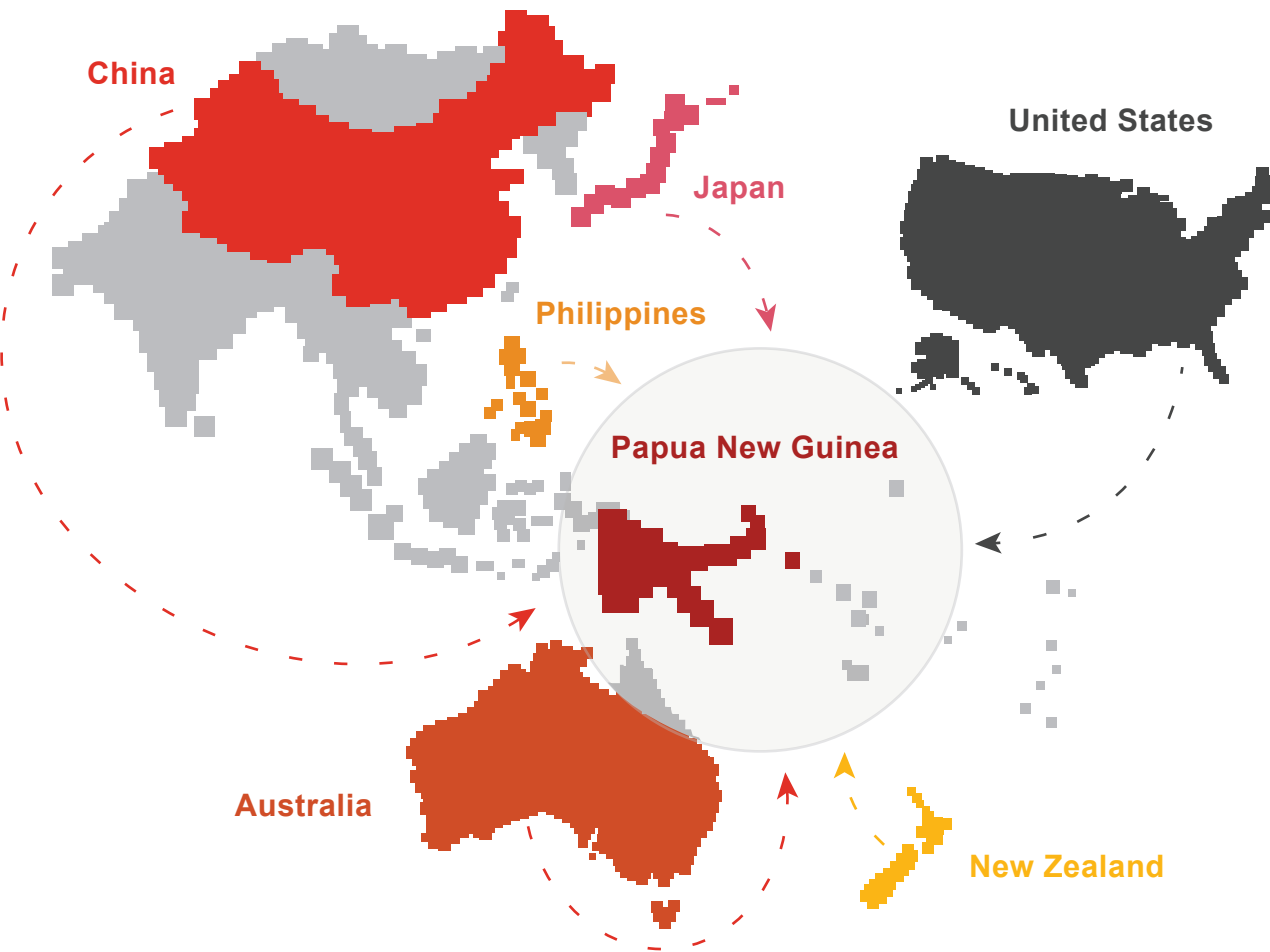


APEC 2018

Outcomes for PNG

Signed deals and projects for PNG worth at least PGK 9bn (USD 3bn+)

Who are investing in PNG?



Where are the investments going?



What does this mean for PNG?

1 Potential to accelerate inclusive growth

The commitments that have been made can help accelerate inclusive growth and create further benefits for PNG. In the short term, investing in hard infrastructure assets such as roads and electrification are essential enablers for economic growth and employment, and should see immediate benefits for PNG business. Over the longer term, investments in education and health will also be key in creating a more inclusive society, and accelerate participation in the formal economy.

2 Spike in projects over the next decade

As most of the commitments are aimed at infrastructure projects, we can expect to see the benefits extend over the next decade. With proper management and funding, these projects could help drive PNG's economic growth and reduce the boom and bust cycle we have traditionally seen in PNG.

3 Strong financial discipline and project economics is crucial

While these projects will be largely funded by multilateral agencies, strong financial discipline and project economics will be required to ensure that these projects are successfully delivered.

4 Balanced approach to public-private partnerships (PPPs)

As infrastructure projects often have a government aspect, we can expect to see PPPs as a modality for delivering these projects. However, striking a balance between PPPs and private investments is crucial in ensuring that private business are not crowded out and discouraged from making investments in PNG.

5 A conducive environment for investment is necessary

While these commitments can transform PNG, the benefits are unlikely to be realised without an environment that is conducive to local and foreign investment alike. Priorities should include improving digital infrastructure, building the skills of our future workforce, and creating investment-friendly regulations that support entrepreneurial spirit and competition.