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Keeping Papua pristine

Background:

The Indonesian provinces in Papua are the home of spectacular cultural and biological diversity. Now plans are being made by outside investors to develop roads, mines and plantations over huge areas that are at present covered in pristine forest. Can these developments happen in ways that will benefit the people whilst retaining the global values of their forests? How does one find a balance between these global values and the urgent development needs of the people?

Key Issues:

- *“Development is clearly urgently needed but how can we be sure that the benefits will not all go to outside investors and that Papua will not be flooded with migrants from other parts of Indonesia who will get all the benefits,”* says **Intu Boedhihartono**, **Anthropologist with IUCN’s Forest Conservation Programme.**

Where:

- Tuesday, October 7, 18:30-20:00 – Alliance Workshop.

Spokespersons:

- SE Governor Bas Suebu – Governor of Papua Province
- Intu Boedhihartono – Anthropologist, IUCN
- Papuan NGO and Civil Society representatives will be present

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