



Expression of Interest: *Attendance at the Pacific Asia Indigenous Tourism Conference Darwin.*

The Australian Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities (DSEWPaC) is calling for expressions of interest for attendance at the Pacific Asia Indigenous Tourism Conference to be held in Darwin, Australia from 28 March to 1 April 2012.

The proposed program aims to bring together outstanding business entrepreneurs engaged in cultural heritage tourism at community level and government employees who work with supporting local, community-based tourism. This program also aims to strengthen networks between tourism and heritage professionals in the Western Pacific. The program will consist of:

- Attendance of the *Pacific Asia Indigenous Tourism Conference* (2.5 days)
- Forum to discuss common challenges and opportunities for cultural heritage tourism in the Pacific (0.5 day)
- Field trip to experience local indigenous tourism initiatives in the Northern Territory (1 day).

This program aims to expose participants to excellent examples of indigenous tourism practices in Australia and an understanding of how some of these ideas may be implemented in their own countries.

The support of the Australian government will include the costs of flights, accommodation, conference registration, specified field trip and a daily allowance for meals and incidentals.

Requirements

1. Experience in tourism management either in community businesses or within government agencies responsible for tourism
2. An ongoing involvement and interest in development of cultural tourism within the Kokoda Track region.
3. Experience with cultural sites or World Heritage properties.
4. Fluency in English
5. A valid passport or ability to obtain one promptly if selected
6. Eligibility to obtain a visa for travel to Australia
7. Availability to travel to and remain in Australia for the period 28 March to 1 April 2012.

Nomination for attendance

DSEWPaC will support up to two representatives from your country, preferably one government representative and one community representative.

DSEWPaC is particularly keen to support women involved in community based projects, and strongly encourages community representative bodies to nominate a women to participate, or for women to nominate themselves. .

Please send your expression of interest by **24th February 2012** to: Alison.Fleming@environment.gov.au

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