



SPEAKER PROFILE

Gibson Holemba

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Gibson Ali Holemba is the Secretary for the Department of Works and Highways, where he leads Papua New Guinea's land transport sector and oversees the transformative Connect PNG Economic Road Development Program. With over 16 years of industry experience, including a decade in executive leadership, Gibson is at the forefront of driving infrastructure innovation to unlock the nation's economic potential and enhance connectivity.

As the leader of the Connect PNG Program, a flagship initiative focused on developing a resilient and sustainable road network, Gibson plays a pivotal role in advancing national and regional transport integration. His expertise in multi-financing strategies, policy development, and institutional reforms has positioned Papua New Guinea as a regional leader in climate-resilient infrastructure and sustainable development.

Gibson has successfully negotiated and secured partnerships with international development agencies such as the World Bank, Asian Development Bank, AIIB, EIB, and JICA, fostering multi-year investments critical to achieving the program's long-term goals. His leadership has also seen the establishment of contemporary engineering standards and compliance frameworks, ensuring the delivery of world-class infrastructure across the nation.



