

# OURMedia: Diverse Communities, Diverse Media

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**DIVERSE COMMUNITIES  
DIVERSE MEDIA** 21-25 JULY 2014  
International Conference  
University of Goroka  
Papua New Guinea

### Call for Proposals

Panel, Workshops, Presentations and Exhibitions

The Centre for Social and Creative Media at the University of Goroka is pleased to host the 2014 OURMedia conference from 21-25 July 2014. Founded in 2005, OURMedia's motto is to be a global network with the goal of facilitating a long-term dialogue between academics, artists, practitioners, artists, and policy experts around community media and media for social change. OURMedia seeks to provide a diversity in media recognizing that all communities need to communicate, to express themselves, to inform and be informed, to dialogue with others, and to network. The OURMedia conference provides a space for collaboration in which media and alternative uses to be identified in the areas of communication and information infrastructure, policy, and research. Ultimately, the goal of OURMedia is to design and develop initiatives that can strengthen citizens' media, community media, and alternative media in national and international areas.

OURMedia2014 in Papua New Guinea is a unique opportunity to bring the OURMedia network to the most diverse and largest country of the South Pacific Islands. It provides a platform for the South Pacific region to contribute to global discussions around community media and communication for social change while strengthening dialogue across regions. The recent influx of new media technologies in the region provides new opportunities and contexts to discuss the role media can play for individuals and communities.

**CONFERENCE THEMES**

We invite presentations, workshops, panels, roundtable discussions and panel proposals relating to changes of media practices, presenting case studies of media initiatives both from the region and internationally and providing analysis of recent developments, challenges and successes in the areas of communication and social change. We welcome proposals for exhibitions, film screenings or performances.

In part of the conference that aims to build community organizations and groups will be organized where participants will get an insight into local initiatives and projects.

**Suggested conference themes for OURMedia2014 include:**

- Communication research with a focus on indigenous approaches
- Transnational connections, distribution and audience networks
- Media technologies and innovation including mobile phones and social media
- Communication for Development (C4D) with a focus on social and environmental change and empowerment, health and gender
- Media policy, regulation and freedom of expression
- Media training and education
- Social movements, participation and social change

**Submission instructions:**

Please submit a 500-1000 word abstract and a 100 word bio of the author(s) contribution to [info@ourmedia-network.org](mailto:info@ourmedia-network.org) by the 15th of March 2014.

We will respond by the 23rd of March 2014.

**CONTACT:**

For further information, please send an email to [info@ourmedia-network.org](mailto:info@ourmedia-network.org)

Please also find further information on this and the conference venue at [www.ourmedia-network.org](http://www.ourmedia-network.org)

Registration will be available from March 2014.

