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Speaker biographical note



[Dr. Kilala Devette-Chee](#) works as a Senior Research Fellow and Program Leader of the Universal Basic Education Research Program at the Papua New Guinea National Research Institute (PNG NRI). She has conducted [extensive research](#) into the education system of Papua New Guinea, from early childhood to higher education policies and outcomes. Given that she is a trained linguist, holding a PhD and Master's degree from the University of Canberra in Australia, she has especially explored the challenges of language learning and literacy development throughout the island nation. Her work advocates for the improvement of quality education throughout Papua New Guinea, with critical junctures between rural-urban, gender, and other societal divides. She is also the Vice Chair of the PNG Education Advocacy Network and represents the nation within the Asia South Pacific Association for Basic and Adult Education's (ASPBAE) Executive Council. Dr. Devette-Chee and the PNG NRI hope that research and advocacy can bring a more sustainable future to Papua New Guinea. .