

Preamble of the Papua New Guinea National Constitution

WE, THE PEOPLE OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA
united in one nation;
pay homage to the memory of our ancestors - the
source of our strength and origin of our combined
heritage; acknowledge the worthy customs and
traditional wisdoms of our people - which have
come down to us from generation to generation;
and pledge ourselves to guard and pass on to
those who come after us our noble traditions
and the Christian principles
that are ours now.



Celebrating 50 years of an
Independent Papua New Guinea

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The 5 National Goals & Directive Principles

That every Papua New Guinean must know



What are the National Goals and Directive Principles?

The Five National Goals and Directive Principles are the guiding vision of Papua New Guinea.

They were written into the Preamble of the National Constitution at Independence in 1975 to shape the kind of country we want to be.

These goals reflect our values, identity, and hopes as a people—covering areas like our economy, culture, environment, and how we live together in fairness and peace.

They remind leaders and citizens alike of our shared responsibilities.

Why should every Papua New Guinean know them?

Knowing these goals helps us understand our rights and duties. It helps us ask better questions, make better decisions, and hold our leaders accountable.

They are not just words in a document—they are a vision of the kind of future we are all responsible for building.

PNG's 5 National Goals & Directive Principles

1. Integral human development

We declare our first goal to be for every person to be dynamically involved in the process of freeing himself or herself from every form of domination or oppression so that each man or woman will have the opportunity to develop as a whole person in relationship with others.

2. Equality and participation

We declare our second goal to be for all citizens to have an equal opportunity to participate in, and benefit from, the development of our country.

3. National sovereignty and self-reliance

We declare our third goal to be for Papua New Guinea to be politically and economically independent, and our economy basically self-reliant.

4. Natural resources and environment

We declare our fourth goal to be for Papua New Guinea's natural resources and environment to be conserved and used for the collective benefit of us all, and be replenished for the benefit of future generations.

5. Papua New Guinean ways

We declare our fifth goal to be to achieve development primarily through the use of Papua New Guinean forms of social, political and economic organization.

