OPTIMIZING REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION FOR PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT

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Key Regional & International Tourism Cooperation Programmes for Peace & Development

- Pacific Asia Travel Association

- APEC Tourism Charter
Tourism Initiatives in Papua New Guinea to Promote Peace & Development

1. Community Based Tourism (CBT)

2. Collaborative Partnership
Success Stories and Key Outcome/Benefits of Tourism for Peace and Development

1. **Community Based Tourism: Benefits Sharing**
   - Tigak Sea Kayaking
   - Dive Association Fees to Locals

2. **Collaborative Partnership**
   - Mt. Wilhelm Tourism Police
   - Cruise Tourism in Milne Bay and East New Britain
   - Rabaul - Kokopo Destination
Lessons Learned
1. Communities need to embrace any community initiative and work together to develop programs which are sustainable and beneficial to all surrounding communities to see longevity of such projects.
2. All stakeholders and government support is required for training and awareness.
3. Development policies and strategies for local communities to fully see the direct impact of the tourism industry

Recommendations:
1) More training required for existing projects
2) Capacity issues need to be address at both provincial and national level.
3) Offer incentives for community based tourism to encourage locals to venture more into tourism based activities.
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