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REDD+

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1. Practice area: Environment & Energy

2. Mission period (incl. of travel days): 20-29 March 2016 (Scriven); 20-27 March 2016 (Boyle)

3. Type of mission : Capacity building; coordination

4. Clients:

OCCD, PNGFA, UNDP-CO, FCPF PMU

5. Purpose of mission:

- Deliver training course on REDD+
- Support FCPF work planning and briefing of PMU staff
- Meet with newly appointed Acting MD of CCDA

6. Documents, materials, resources

Annex 1: Agenda of training course

7. Mission members:

Joel Scriven & Tim Boyle

8. Costs:

PNG FCPF project

9. Brief summary of the mission:

Papua New Guinea (PNG) has been a global leader in the REDD+ negotiations under the UNFCCC, and started its readiness process in 2011 as a UN-REDD Programme Pilot Country. To date, readiness efforts have largely focused on NFMS and safeguards components, with less attention given to the development of a REDD+ national strategy or action plan (NS/AP), or policies and measures for REDD+ implementation. Implementation of an FCPF readiness grant (\$3.8m) began in March 2015.

As part of activities under FCPF to build a core team of national REDD+ experts across sectors, and following an initial training course in June 2015, a training course was delivered, with a focus on distinguishing between REDD+ projects for the voluntary carbon market and REDD+ under the UNFCCC. This was followed by a 2016 FCPF annual work planning session with the government.

### 9.a Findings

REDD+ expert training event:

- The event had sessions covering REDD+ under the UNFCCC, drivers of deforestation and forest degradation, REDD+ policies and measures, and REDD+ implementation frameworks.
- Cross-sectoral participation in the event was achieved, with participants from the (newly formed) Climate Change and Development Authority (CCDA), PNG Forest Authority (PNGFA), Conservation and Environmental Protection Authority (CEPA), Department of Agriculture and Livestock (DAL), Department of Mining and Mineral Resources (DMPGM), Department of Lands and Physical Planning, among others, as well as from NGOs, the private sect and provincial government.
- A field trip was conducted to palm oil plantations managed by New Britain Palm Oil Ltd (NBPOL), an RSPO-certified producer, including their methane capture facility which powers one of their palm oil processing mills; as well as to FSC-certified logging and reforestation sites managed by Stettin Bay Lumber Company (SBLC). We are very grateful to these companies for facilitating access to their premises and taking the time to describe their activities and answer questions.
- The evaluation feedback from the event was very positive. Taking on board a lesson learned at the previous training course in November, the number of sessions was reduced and more time allowed for group work. The field trip proved particularly popular.
- A survey carried out before and after the event served to identify some remaining key gaps in understanding on REDD+, which include the differences between voluntary carbon market projects and policy approaches to REDD+ implementation under the UNFCCC, and issues around REDD+ safeguards. As PNG's National REDD+ Strategy is developed through 2016, including clear policy directions and other implementation measures, it is hoped that a clearer understanding will be achieved.

FCPF implementation:

- The PMU is in place aside from a driver.
- Project delivery is expected to reach 26% by the end of March 2016.
- A number of assignments are being executed by two-person consultant teams (one national, one international): safeguards/SIS, land use financing flows, sustainable agricultural commodities, gender and stakeholder participation, and national strategy issues and options. In addition, a national website developer has been hired to create a PNG REDD+ website.
- Upcoming consultancies in 2016 are: alternative livelihood options, forest policy and law enforcement, multi-media communications options, and delivery of provincial-level REDD+ training.
- A major milestone for 2016 is to support the development of a first draft of PNG's National REDD+ Strategy, estimated to be delivered by November.

*9.b Results achieved (key outputs)*

- Further advanced technical training delivered to key counterparts from across sectors, with a focus on highlighting the differences between project- and policy-based approaches to REDD+ implementation. Key lessons learned on further training needs and the (limitation of the) scope of future such events.
- New PMU staff (communications officer and stakeholder engagement officer) briefed on REDD+ and FCPF project.
- CCDA Acting MD (Mr. Joe Pokana) briefed on progress with FCPF implementation and initial discussion held on potential project ideas for the Green Climate Fund (GCF).

10. Key counterparts:

- OCCD, PNGFA, UNDP-CO, FCPF PMU

11. Follow up action matrix

Action to be taken:	By whom	Expected completion date
Plan next training course	PMU, Joel, Phil Cowling	August
Support ongoing consultancies (safeguards, agricultural commodities, forest financing flows, issues and options, website, etc.)	PMU, Joel	On-going
Ensure outputs from consultancies are incorporated in Issues and Options paper	PMU, Joel	June
Develop TORs for upcoming consultancies in 2016	PMU, Joel	On-going

12. Distribution list:

Tim Clairs, UNDP REDD+ Team, UNDP CO, FCPF PMU

## Annex 1: REDD+ Expert Training Workshop Agenda

Day 1: 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2016

Time	Activity	Lead Person/Agency
08.30	Registration & Survey	All
09.00	Welcome, introductions and training objectives	OCCD & PNGFA
09.30	<b>Session 1: REDD+ under the UNFCCC</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation</li> <li>• Quiz</li> </ul>	Sonia Baine (CCDA) Tim Boyle (UNDP)
11.00	Coffee break	
11.15	<b>Session 2: Drivers of deforestation and forest degradation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview presentation</li> <li>• Drivers of D&amp;D in PNG</li> <li>• Group exercise part 1</li> </ul>	Joel Scriven (UNDP) Bensolo Ken (WCS)
12.30	Lunch	
13.30	<b>Session 2 continued</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drivers of D&amp;D in PNG – Part 2</li> <li>• Group exercise part 2</li> </ul>	Phil Cowling

Day 2: 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2016: Field trip: NBPOL oil palm plantations and PNGFA logging sites

Day 3: 24<sup>th</sup> March 2016

Time	Activity	Lead Person/Agency
09.00	Recap of Day 1	Participants
09.30	<b>Session 3: Designing REDD+ policies and measures</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview presentation</li> <li>• Conceptual models</li> <li>• Group exercise</li> </ul>	Joel Scriven (UNDP) Tim Boyle (UNDP)
12.00	Lunch	
13.00	<b>Session 4: Implementation frameworks for REDD+</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview presentation</li> <li>• Planning for PNG's National REDD+ Strategy</li> </ul>	Tim Boyle (UNDP) Phil Cowling
15.30	Survey, evaluation and feedback forms	All
17.00	Close	