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## REDD+ Expert Training Event

Date: 17-21 October, 2016

Place: Conference Room, Gazelle International Hotel

### Concept Note

#### 1. Background

Papua New Guinea (PNG) has one of the most significant areas of largely-intact tropical forest in the world, although these forests appear to be facing acute and imminent threats. Forests are also a vital resource for the local population particularly in the remote rural areas of PNG, providing food, fibre, building materials, and support a variety of wildlife and ecosystem services. The Papua New Guinea Forest Authority (PNGFA) estimates that approximately 80% of the total area of the country is covered by natural forests, 60% of which are intact forests.

A mechanism for Reduced Emissions from Deforestation and Degradation (REDD+) being developed through the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) provides an opportunity to support PNG's efforts to reduce levels of deforestation and help to maintain and protect its natural forest.

PNG has been a leading proponent of REDD+ at the international level, and has made significant progress towards developing the capacity to engage in an international mechanism on REDD+. This progress has initially been supported by the UN-REDD Programme and is now being aided by the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF) REDD+ Readiness Project that will run until the end of 2018.

#### 2. Current Activities

The FCPF REDD+ Readiness Project was started in March 2015 and fits the overall objectives of REDD+ Readiness funding in PNG which is "to contribute to the development of PNG's capacity to design a sound national REDD+ strategy, develop and sustain national readiness management arrangements, elaborate REDD+ strategy options, develop the REDD+ implementation framework, assess social and environmental impacts so that, by 2018, PNG is ready to implement policies and measures to reduce emissions from its forests and to enhance removals under the UNFCCC REDD+ mechanism". This objective is being supported also by the UN-REDD and other bilateral partners. Since the UN-REDD Programme is mainly focused on NFMS and FREL/FRL, the FCPF REDD+ Readiness Project will focus on **establishing capacities for efficient management of REDD+ and the National REDD+ Strategy**. Consequently, the following two Outcomes will be pursued:

**Outcome 1:** Capacities exist for effective and efficient management of REDD+, including full and effective participation of all relevant stakeholders

**Outcome 2:** The National REDD+ strategy

The project is jointly implemented by Climate Change and Development Authority (CCDA) as the Government of PNG's (GoPNG) lead implementing agency with technical support from the PNG Forest Authority (PNGFA) as the responsible party. The UNDP PNG Country Office, as FCPF delivery partner,

provides overall support to the project in order to ensure effective delivery of project outcomes and outputs, including disbursement of funds in line with the signed project document.

The project is financially supported by the World Bank's FCPF with total budget amount of USD 3.8 million for three years. The official start date of the project is March 2015 and end date is December 2018.

### **3. Goal and objectives**

As mentioned above, one of the key outcomes of the FCPF project is to support the development of PNG's National REDD+ Strategy. For this process to be successful it is critical that key stakeholders have a strong understanding of what REDD+ is and the different elements that go into developing and implementing a national policy approach to REDD+.

As part of this the government is working to identify key stakeholders to receive training on REDD+ to deepen their capacity to engage in the process as well as inform others of what REDD+ is and why it is relevant in PNG.

This process has been initiated within the context of the FCPF REDD+ Readiness Project by running a series of multi-day **Expert Training Events** outside of Port Moresby to help key stakeholders not only increase their understanding of REDD+ but also strengthen linkages between their different organisations.

Specific objectives of the event are as follows:

- Increase the understanding of key stakeholders on how REDD+ Policies and Measures (PAMs) can / will be implemented and initiate discussions around potential PAMs and possible approaches;
- Strengthen links between key national stakeholders to facilitate future work on REDD+;
- Discuss the recently published paper on 'Issues and Options' for PNG's National REDD+ Strategy;
- Increase stakeholders' knowledge on REDD+ finance and the role of voluntary carbon market (VCM) projects and allow for the development of an 'in principle' approach that can then be taken back to senior decision makers

### **4. Participants and organizational matters**

The Event will be facilitated by CCDA and PNGFA with the support of FCPF REDD+ Project Management Unit in PNG and UNDP Regional Hub in Bangkok.

The participants consist of representatives from the following agencies:

- Department of Prime Minister/National Executive Office;
- Climate Change and Development Authority;
- PNG Forest Authority;
- Conservation of Environmental Protection Authority;
- Department of National Planning and Monitoring;
- Department of Local and Provincial Affairs;
- Department of Lands and Physical Planning;
- Constitutional Law Reform Commission
- Department of Agriculture and Livestock;
- Institute of National Affairs;
- Department of Finance;
- Department of Treasury;
- Department of Mineral Policy and Geohazards Management;

- National Agricultural Research Institute;
- National Research Institute;
- University of PNG;
- University of Technology;
- Provincial Forest Offices, NGOs and Development Partners as well as Private Sector.

UNDP Country Office in PNG will provide all necessary logistical and meeting arrangements such as venue, accommodation, meeting room, equipment, accommodation, catering, consultants, logistical arrangements, local transport, travel, DSA and other miscellaneous services.

### **Important Notes:**

- Participants are kindly requested to send confirmation to Ms. Doe Kwarara on phone **71239547** or **73345792** or email: [doe.kwarara@undp.org](mailto:doe.kwarara@undp.org) or Mr. Kenneth Nobi on **76589940** or email: [kennobi12@gmail.com](mailto:kennobi12@gmail.com) **by October 7, 2016.**
- In order to proceed with DSAs, confirmed participants are kindly requested to send necessary documents to Ms. Doe Kwarara, FCPF Admin/Finance Assistant via email: [doe.kwarara@undp.org](mailto:doe.kwarara@undp.org) before **10 October 2016.**
- Participants who will deliver presentations during the workshop are kindly requested to send e-copy of Power Point Presentations to Mr. Peter Katapa, FCPF REDD+ Readiness Project Manager via email: [peter.katapa@undp.org](mailto:peter.katapa@undp.org) or Mr. Mirzo Isoev, FCPF Technical Advisor via email: [mirzohaydar.isoev@undp.org](mailto:mirzohaydar.isoev@undp.org) by **05 October, 2016**

### **5. Venue and accommodations**

The meeting will take place at the Gazelle International Hotel (<http://gazelleinternationalhotel.com/>), in Kokopo, Rabaul on 17 – 21 October, 2016. Accommodation for the participants and resource persons will be organized at the venue.

The transportation from the airport will be arranged by the Hotel.

## 6. Agenda

Topic	Time	Facilitator/Presenter
<b>OCTOBER 16 – ARRIVAL IN KOKOPO</b>		
<b>DAY 1 – OCTOBER 17, 2016</b>		
Registration and Survey	08.30 - 09.00	Ms. Doe Kwarara, FCPF Admin/Finance Associate
Welcome, introductions, and event objectives	09:00 – 09.40	Representative of the Provincial Government  Mr. Ruel Yamuna, Acting Managing Director, CCDA  Dr Ruth Turia, Director, Policy and Planning Directorate, PNGFA
Overview of the event agenda	09.40 – 09.50	Mr. Mirzo Isoev, FCPF REDD+ Technical Advisor
Presentation on Paris Agreement Implementation in PNG: current status and planned activities	09.50 – 10.10	Ms. Rensie Panda, Senior Policy Analyst & Coordinator CCDA
Group Photo and Coffee – Break	10.10 – 10.30	
<b>Session 1. REDD+ under the UNFCCC and REDD+ under the Voluntary Market:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Differences between Voluntary Carbon Markets and UNFCCC</u></li> </ul>	10.30 – 12:00	Mr. Joel Scriven, UNDP REDD+ Regional Technical Advisor
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Questions and Answers</u></li> </ul>	12.00 – 12:30	The Q&A will be facilitated by Mirzo Isoev, FCPF REDD+ Technical Advisor
<b><u>Lunch</u></b>	12.30 – 13.30	
<b>Session 2: National REDD+ Strategies</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Introduction to National Strategies</u> Summary presentation on development of National Strategy and key lessons from around the world.</li> <li><u>Different approaches to REDD+</u></li> </ul>	13.30 – 14.20	Mr. Terence Barambi, REDD+ Acting Manager  Mr. Phil Cowling, International Consultant on Issues and Options
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Questions and Answers</u></li> </ul>	14.20 – 15.00	Mr. Phil Cowling, International Consultant on Issues and Options

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<b>Coffee - break</b>	15.15-15.30	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Presentation on PNG Planning and Monitoring Responsibility Act 2016.</u> This is part of StARs that indicates linkages to PAMs</li> </ul>	15.30 – 15.50	Mr. Floyd Lala, Department of National Planning
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Presentation on Sustainable Land Use Policy in PNG</u></li> </ul>	16.10 – 16.30	Department of Lands (TBC)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Presentation on District Development Authority set-up in PNG</u></li> </ul>	16.30 – 16.50	Department of Local and Provincial Affairs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Questions and Answers and wrap up of the Day 1</u></li> </ul>	16.50 – 17.10	Mr. Mirzo Isoev, FCPF REDD+ Technical Advisor
<b>DAY 2 – OCTOBER 18, 2016</b>		
<b>Recap of the Day 1</b>	08.30-09.00	One or two volunteers to recap of the Day 1
<p><b><u>Session 3: Issues and Options for the development of a National REDD+ Strategy</u></b> <u>Issues and Options Study in PNG</u> Presentation of key findings on Issues and Options to develop a National REDD+ Strategy</p>	09.00 – 09.30	Mr. Phil Cowling, International Consultant on I&O Paper  Mr. Gae Gowae, National Expert on I&O Paper
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Questions and Answers</u></li> </ul>	09.30 – 10.00	Mr. Gae Gowae, National Expert on I&O Paper
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Presentation of Protected Areas Policy in PNG</u></li> </ul>	10.00 – 10.20	Mr. James Sabi, Manager, Ecosystems and Terrestrial Management, Conservation and Environmental Protection Authority
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Presentation on Small Scale timber productions</u></li> </ul>	10.20 – 10.40	Ms Magdalene Maihu, Director, Project Allocations Directorate, PNGFA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Presentation on PNGFA Reforestation Strategy</u></li> </ul>	10.40 – 11.00	Mr Francis Vilamur, Manager, Plantation Development and Management
<u>Questions and Answers</u>	11.00 – 11.10	Mr. Phil Cowling, International Consultant on I&O Paper
<b><u>Coffee - Break</u></b>	11.10 – 11.30	
<b>Session 4: Policies and Measures</b>		

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Overview of PAMs and international experience</u></li> </ul> Presentation of what PAMs are and specific examples of how they have been used in different countries.	11.30 -11.45	Mr. Phil Cowling, International Consultant on I&O Paper
<b>Lunch</b>	12.30-13.30	
<b>Session 4: Policies and Measures (cont.)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Group Work - Bringing PAMs together</u></li> </ul>	13.30 - 15.30	Mr. Phil Cowling, International Consultant on I&O Paper
<b>Coffee - break</b>	15.30 - 16.00	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Group Work - A PNG approach for REDD+</u></li> </ul> Possible approaches to advance REDD+ in PNG	16.00 - 17.00	Mr. Phil Cowling, International Consultant on I&O Paper  Mr. Gae Gowae, National Expert on I&O Paper
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Questions and Answers and wrap up of the Day 2</u></li> </ul>	17.00 - 17.20	Mr. Gae Gowae, National Expert on I&O Paper
<b>DAY 3 - OCTOBER 19, 2016 - FIELD TRIP</b>		
<b>Sites visits:</b>  Field visit to the Balsa Plantation and Woodlots by PNGFA  Cocoa and coconut industry managed by CCI	10.00 - 14.00	Mr Ludwick Gunau, Area Manager, New Guinea Islands, PNGFA.  CCI staff (TBC)
<b>Group presentations/feedback from the field trip</b>	14.00-16.00	Mr. Mirzo Isoev, FCPF REDD+ Technical Advisor
<b>DAY 4 - OCTOBER 20, 2016</b>		
<b>Recap of the Day 3 - Field Trip</b>	08.30 - 09.00	One or two volunteers to recap of the Day 2 and 3.
<b>Session 5: National Forest Monitoring System, FREL and Modelling scenario</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>PNG's national forest monitoring system (structure, management arrangements, data sources, data sharing arrangements, reporting to the UNFCCC)</u></li> </ul>	09.00 - 10.30	Mr. Gewa Gamoga, REDD+ Manager, PNGFA

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<b>Coffee - break</b>	10.30 - 11.00	
Presentation on FREL development by CCDA and PNGFA		Mr. Alfred Rungol, Manager, MRV, CCDA
<b>Presentation of Agricultural Mapping Assessment in PNG</b> - modelling and identification of future scenario of risk areas of deforestation in the country	11.00 - 11.20	Mr. Gewa Gamoga, REDD+ Manager, PNGFA
	11.20 - 12.00	Mr. Freddie Alei, National Expert on modelling
• <u>Questions and Answers</u>	12.00 - 12.30	Mr. Alfred Rungol, Manager, MRV, CCDA
<b>Lunch</b>	12.30 - 13.30	
<b>Session 6: PNG's Safeguards Framework and SIS</b>		
• <u>Safeguards and SIS assessment in PNG</u> Key findings and recommendations towards PAMs	13.30 - 14.30	Ms. Sarah Stocks, UN-REDD/FAO Project Coordinator
• <u>Questions and Answers</u>	14.30 - 15.00	Ms. Sarah Stocks, UN-REDD/FAO Project Coordinator
<b>Coffee - break</b>	15.00 - 15.30	
<b>Session 7: Actions towards National REDD+ Strategy Outlines and FREL (Group discussions)</b>	15.30 - 16.00	Mr. Phil Cowling, International Consultant on Issues and Options Mr. Gae Gowae, National Expert on Issues and Options
<b>Summary of Day, evaluation and awarding of certificates</b>	16.00 - 17.30	Mr. Mirzo Isoev, FCPF REDD+ Technical Advisor
<b>DAY 5 - OCTOBER 21, 2016</b>		
<b><u>DEPARTURE IN THE MORNING</u></b>		

## **7. Event documents**

The event documents including the updates of the concept note, agenda, list of participants and presentations will be made available from the **FCPF Shared Link**:

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