



25 March 2011

Dear Dr. Katerere,

Subject: Submission of Papua New Guinea's revised UN-REDD National Programme Document

On behalf of the Government of Papua New Guinea (GoPNG) through the Office of Climate Change and Development (OCCD) and the participating United Nations Agencies (FAO, UNDP and UNEP), I am pleased to re-submit PNG's National Programme Document (NPD) to your office for review. As you are aware, PNG's NPD was approved *in principle* with sixteen conditions set by the UN-REDD Policy Board at its meeting at Washington in November, 2010.

An important requirement of the conditional approval was that the OCCD, in consultation with UN agencies, undertake a comprehensive stakeholder validation exercise. In this context, I am pleased to report that stakeholders from government agencies, academic and research institutions, the private sector and civil society organizations participated in a national Validation Workshop held on 22 February 2011 at Port Moresby.

The Workshop was a successful consultative exercise that managed to integrate stakeholders' comments and views on implementation and management of the future programme. A general consensus was reached that these inputs have now been fully reflected and incorporated into the NPD.

We are of the view that the various consultative processes demonstrate the commitment of the national government and UN agencies to ensure that all concerns related to maximising the national and community benefits through forest protection under an arrangement such as REDD are given paramount importance.

I now attach the revised NPD with a cover letter from the OCCD Director and the Validation Workshop Minutes for your kind perusal. Should you require further information or clarification of the documentation, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Meanwhile, may I thank you for your continued support and we look forward to receiving your comments at your earliest convenience.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David McLachlan-Karr', written over a horizontal line.

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