

UN-REDD Programme – Civil Society Representative Nomination Form

Please limit response length to two pages. Nominations must be submitted to csoselection@un-redd.org by

Friday, 11th September 2009. Self-nominations are accepted.

1. Name of the candidate: [Effrey Dademo](#)
2. Name of organization or network: [PNG Eco-Forestry Forum](#)
3. Title (if applicable):
4. Address/Country: [Papua New Guinea \(PNG\)](#)
6. Language(s) spoken: [English](#)

7. Please describe the primary interests and functions of the organization and Community/constituency that the candidate represents and what countries the organization is active in

[The PNG Eco-Forestry Forum is national umbrella organization for environmental organizations in Papua New Guinea whose primary interests are in the promotion of sustainable forest management practices and good governance in the forestry sector.](#)

8. Describe briefly the organization's experience gathering and representing the diverse viewpoints of a range of communities or organizations, and disseminating and coordinating information and communications among a network of communities or organizations.

[The membership of the organization is made up of NGOs and CBOs that are located throughout the entire country. The candidate works for the secretariat whose job is to disseminate relevant information through various means to national NGOs who in turn disseminate this information to CBOs and where there are matters/issues of concern in the forestry sector, organize and gather input into policy of position that encompasses everybody's views and collate this for presentation.](#)

9. Describe briefly your organization's background and experience with multilateral agency programs, social and environmental issues related to forests, and the role of forests in response to climate change, including REDD.

[The PNG Eco-Forestry Forum was formed in 1999 by a dedicated group of foresters. It is a not for profit non government organization that exists to promote sustainable forest management in the country so that the resource owners, especially those people in the rural areas benefit and their rights protected. The Forum also lobbies and advocates for better forest management. The Forum is governed by an elected Board and managed by a Secretariat staff. Since 1999 the Forum has grown from a written concept to be an internationally recognized organization that strives to ensure Papua New Guinea's forest resources are sustainably managed for the long-term benefit of local people.](#)

Industrial logging has been a biggest driver of deforestation as demand for tropical timber increased. Logging not only destroys the forest, it also has a negative impact on riverine and coastal marine habitats, which are breeding grounds for many fish species. Industrial logging also impoverishes local people by destroying their local environment and bringing social problems such as alcohol abuse and prostitution into rural communities. Sexual harassment of local girls by foreign workers and the subsequent degradation of the cultural fabrics of these rural communities is an increasing concern. Industrial logging also brings conflict, between landowning tribes and clans over the lack of transparency and the unfair distribution of cash benefits and services from logging activities which sometimes ends in a number of deaths.

Generally poor governance and governance processes have added to the problem. The Forum has worked with a number of national and international organizations to address the above issues. These include the European Union's Forest Law Enforcement and Government (FLEG) program, which the Forum was engaged since 2004. It was also worked with the World Bank and the European Union in PNG to address Forest Governance issues. Consultations with the International Timber Organization also highlighted management issues and weaknesses and other areas to be addressed.

The Forum has also been working and consulting with the UNREDD program since its inception in the country by regularly consulting with them. The Forum now has a position paper on REDD. Our interest in REDD is because we see that REDD is going to affect the way forestry is managed in the country. It is indeed a tough task ahead. Forests play an important role in addressing the climate change issues therefore that needs to be addressed adequately.

10. Describe the financial, technical and/or advisory arrangements your organization has with the UN-REDD Programme, as well as the governments of the UN-REDD pilot countries, NGOs, or private sector organizations as they pertain to the UN-REDD process.

The Forum is coordinating climate change activities of the member organization. The intention was to come up with a collective position on REDD and other climate related issues. We have inputted in to the UNREDD Scoping mission. The Forum has been invited by the Office of Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability to be on the membership of the Climate Change Task Force. We will be pushing to be on the Board once it is finalized. We are also on the sub committee of the National Forest Board called the Policy and Technical Advisory Committee that deliberated on the Climate Change Framework of the National Forest Authority.

We have also raised our concerns for capacity strengthening of the Civil Society with the UN country office in PNG.

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