



**Minutes of the Local Programme Advisory Committee (LPAC) for the
Project "Establishing systems for sustainable integrated land-use planning across New-Britain
Island in Papua New Guinea"**

21 March 2022

Participants:

Chair: Mrs. Kay Kalim, Director, Sustainable Environment Programs, Conservation and Environment Protection Authority

Co-chair: Mr. Edward Vrkic, Deputy Resident Representative, UNDP Papua New Guinea

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Secretary: Mr. Mirzohaydar Isoev, Short-term Consultant, UNDP Papua New Guinea

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Members: Mrs. Gwen Sissiou, General Manager, REDD+ and Mitigation, Climate Change and Development Authority
Mr. Ian Orrell, Head, Sustainability and Quality Management, NBPOL
Mr. Gibson Pitz, Manager, Physical Planning, Department of Lands and Physical Planning

Observers: Ms. Patricia Kila, National Project Manager, UNDP Papua New Guinea

Mr. Phil Summers, Consultant
UNDP Papua New Guinea

Agenda

1. Presentation of the 'Establishing systems for sustainable integrated land-use planning across New-Britain Island in Papua New Guinea,' Project.
2. Discussions, questions and answers arising.
3. Outcomes of decisions made by the LPAC

Minutes

1. Welcoming Remarks:

- 1.1 The meeting chairperson, Ms. Kay Kalim thanked and welcomed the members of the Local Programme Advisory Committee (LPAC) for the 'Establishing systems for sustainable integrated land-use planning across New-Britain Island in Papua New Guinea,' Project.
- 1.2 Mr. Edward Vrkic, representing UNDP and co-chairing the meeting congratulated the Government of Papua New Guinea, particularly the Conservation and Environment Protection Authority (CEPA) for official endorsement of the project by the Global Environment Facility (GEF). Mr. Vrkic also acknowledged the government agencies, particularly Climate Change and Development Authority (CCDA), Department of Lands and Physical Planning (DLPP), PNG Forest Authority (PNGFA), Department of Agriculture and Livestock (DAL), Provincial Administrations of East and West New Britain for their invaluable support and contributions during the design of the Project Document. Special thanks went to private sector representatives such as NBPOL, Agmark, Cocoa and Hargy for their readiness to partner within the framework of this project all who have been extensively consulted on the project along with the Government, during its design and development.

2. Presentation and discussions:

- 2.1 The project document for the 'Establishing systems for sustainable integrated land-use planning across New-Britain Island in Papua New Guinea,' Project was submitted to LPAC members for review, comments and approval. No major comments were provided by the members and no major amendments were proposed.
- 2.2 Mr. Isoev presented the 'Establishing systems for sustainable integrated land-use planning across New-Britain Island in Papua New Guinea,' Project and its linkages with the regional and global initiatives on Food, Land Use and Restoration (FOLUR). He also explained the GEF funding cycle, impact programming and how to achieve Global Environmental Benefits through the effective implementation of the sustainable integrated landscape approach.
- 2.3 Mr. Phil Summers presented a detailed explanation of the project's components and its intended outcomes.
- 2.4 After delivering these presentations, a question-and-answer session was initiated. Ms. Kalim thanked the presenter and mentioned that the project was a timely development intervention in New Britain Island and would add value to work previously undertaken in support of conservation initiatives. She endorsed the project on behalf of CEPA and the OFP for Papua New Guinea. She noted that during the inception phase, the project context may be revisited, and any possible recommended changes incorporated in the Inception Report. This is also to ensure that all relevant parties have the same baseline information, the same understanding and are committed to the implementation of the project.
- 3 Mr. Pitz from the DLPP has also supported the project and noted that the National Sustainable Land Use Policy (NSLUP) has gone through expansive consultations and is currently before PNG's National Executive Council (cabinet). The policy will guide the project to support provincial and district land-use planning processes.
- 3.1 Mr. Ian Orrell from the NBPOL noted that this project will play a crucial role in transforming agricultural sector supply chains and access to sustainable and deforestation-free commodity markets. He noted,

the key challenge, however, in the country is still the absence of a single policy on Sustainable Palm Oil and a multi-stakeholder platform.

- 3.2 Mr. Isoev highlighted that under the second component, the project will review the legislation framework of palm oil and cocoa and support coordination mechanisms. It will also work through the two commodity platforms to develop two-sector scenario analysis for the development of the cocoa and palm oil sectors in PNG. This set of scenarios will help inform key stakeholders of the potential benefits and challenges of different development pathways and the key enabling factors needed to ensure sustainable development outcomes.
- 3.3 Mrs. Sissiou from the CCDA thanked chair and co-chair for invitation and noted that CCDA endorses this project as it will be the first on-ground initiative to implement PNG's National REDD+ Strategy and enhanced Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs). CCDA will provide an important source of information with relation to potential future climate impacts at provincial levels that will feed into planning and will also be a key stakeholder with regard to assessing potential financing mechanisms for sustainable land use through REDD+. In partnership with PNG Forest Authority, they will also be fully engaged with the development of the remote deforestation monitoring tools.

3. Summary of decisions and meeting outcomes

The LPAC made the following recommendations:

- Agree that the process of proposal development was transparent and conducted with the involvement of the main stakeholders representing Government, civil society and the private sector.
- Approve the project document UNDP/GEF project 'Establishing systems for sustainable integrated land-use planning across New-Britain Island in Papua New Guinea.'
- The Conservation and Environment Protection Authority (CEPA) is recommended as an implementing partner for this project.
- Once the LPAC minutes are approved, the Project Document will be signed between the Conservation and Environment Protection Authority (CEPA) and UNDP Resident Representative (or designate) in Papua New Guinea.