



**Community-based Forest and Coastal Conservation and Resource Management in PNG
Project Board meeting # 001/2018**

Date: Monday 26 November 2018,

Start Time: 10:20 am End Time: 12:18pm

Venue: Lamana Hotel Conference, Port Moresby

MEETING MINUTES

Chairperson (s): Ms Kumaras Kalim and Mr. Edward Vrkic

Members present: UNDP- Ed Vrkic Chair, CEPA - Kumaras Kalim as co-chair, James Sabi, WNBPA - Michael Kiangua Provincial Planner, Desmond Vaghelo Environment Officer; ENBPA – Blaise Magaga, Provincial Agriculture and Livestock, Forestry & Environment Adviser

Secretariat: Emily Fajardo, Patricia Kila, Stephanie Tangole, Maureen Ewai

Apologies: Ian Orrell - NBPOL, Private Sector; Pamela Avusi - Forcert, Civil Society Organization; Levi Mano- ENB Provincial Administration

Introduction:

- Ms Kalim welcomed Provincial partners and Secretariat to the Project Board Meeting and stated that we have not had a meeting for some time.
- She further mentioned that she would taking her leave however, has allowed time to be available for project meetings before end of the year.
- Ms. Kalim noted that the meeting will be short and then followed by any AOB.
- Ed thanked Ms. Kalim for the introduction, he said it is an opportunity to raise issues and concerns and report the progress. He thanked the partners especially provincial governments for the contribution
- Following the introduction by the participants, Ms. Kalim noted apologies from CSO, Private sector, ENBPA Deputy PA Levi Mano.
- Points for AOB were noted for discussions after the main agenda items.

AGENDA 1 – Board members endorse previous meeting minutes to include discussion on matters arising

Emily presented the previous minutes including an update on matters arising. The Board endorsed the meeting minutes with slight edit.

Matters arising:

- For West New Britain, Desmond noted that Climate Change Officer is on Board, Jeremiah Sokaim
- Desmond noted that Provinces were to meet their own DSA to attend the Project Board meetings. Ms. Kalim however stated that she had reservations especially for CEPA, which is given last priority by the organization. For the Provinces, this should be formally documented by the Provincial Administrations as part of their contribution towards the Project.

- Mr. Magaga mentioned that Landuse Policy is an outstanding development which the province could benefit particularly with the land use change happening very fast in the East New Britain. Ms. Kalim asked the project to request the Lands Dept to provide update on the Landuse Policy. Ed noted that REDD+ is working closely with the Lands Dept as well as piloting in East and West New Britain including landuse planning.
- Mr. Sabi mentioned that all stakeholders are required to provide comments on the draft Land Use Policy. He further stated that for CEPA is required to provide its feedback, it would be good for the Policy wing to coordinate this. The Chief Physical Planner had an audience with James, and DLPP will organize regional workshops to review it.
- Emily noted that FPCF/REDD+ is working on landuse planning for East New Britain with support from GEF hence GEF4 on water catchment plan for Warongoi will no longer happen. Ed noted that landuse is cross cutting issue.
- Ms. Kalim asked about the Provincial contributions towards the project. She further noted that from the contributions from PA Policy work and a submission to the National Government with a request of K20m had K1m being approved.
- Desmond mentioned that contribution from West New Britain Provincial Administration is K23,000
- Blaise also stated that East New Britain Provincial Administration's commitment is K250,000 but the contribution is more with cocoa development support within the Protected Areas in Pomio.
- On behalf of CEPA, UNDP and the Project, Ms. Kalim expressed deep appreciation for the efforts put in by Desmond and Blaise for both East and West New Britain Provincial Administrations parallel cash contribution to this Project
- Emily provided the breakup of the parallel contribution from both provinces as reflected in the draft 2019 Annual Work Plan
- Stephanie noted that NBPOL has expressed its commitment to sign agreement with the project

AGENDA 2 - Presentation of Project's progress and way forward as how it relates to work programme for 2019

- Emily presented the project's progress based on indicators using the stop light sign (green color to indicate strong progress; yellow shows completion is in progress, black denote that it has been dropped based on MTR recommendation, and red suggest little progress has been made to date). See documented progress report which documented progress based on the indicators (attached).
- Discussions ensued:
 - On Indicator 11, James requested the project team include the figures provided to Owen Stanley range. Emily to obtain figures from James.
 - On Indicator 14, Mr. Sabi requested clarification on the number of hectare established in the clean version of the Protected Area registry
 - Desmond queried on requests for new areas for conservation. He noted that Project cannot take on new areas, and that provinces will deal directly with CEPA. Emily made reference to GEF Small Grants where the provinces can refer communities for support. As an example, SGP grant was recently approved for a mangrove conservation work in Gasmata.
 - Desmond further noted that Provincial Protected Area Roundtables will take on the discussions on new proposed areas.
 - Mr. Magaga queried how do we include Nakanai and Whiteman ranges as new areas. It was suggested that these areas can be included as PEC decisions in 2019.
 - It was noted that Desmond as the Environment Officer will take the lead in progressing the proposal for Lake Lamo Auru through the PEC for approval then onto CEPA for gazettal.

AGENDA 3 - Board members endorse the 2019 Annual Work Plan and Budget

- Emily presented the AWP and after deliberation, the Board endorsed the 2019 AWP.
- James suggested that progress on the commitments from 2018 be presented in the next meeting which was concurred by Ed.
- For noting of the Board, the biodiversity survey on Nakanai will be dropped.
- Ed suggested to meet and review some of the key issues early in 2019 to discuss issues early on before the project closes. It was agreed that a board meeting will be convene in April 2018 to address any issues. Emily also suggested that another meeting be convene straight after the Terminal Evaluation by July-August 2019.

AGENDA 4. AOB

- Desmond advised that West New Britain will be hosting Maritime Governor's Meeting and Desmond to share information through email.
- Desmond also raised that national agencies and partners are travelling to the province without provincial govt notice. He referred to an incident in Biella involving tourists at Lake Lamo Auru.
- Desmond and Mr. Kiangua also raised a concern over Oil Palm development is progressing in the Western Whitman range, where the project supports through Live and Learn.
- Desmond also mentioned that an Environment office is established within the Forestry and Environment and Climate Change Division; this new structure will be put in place in 2019.
- Blaise also provided update from East New Britain on the establishment of Provincial Health Authority and City Authority.
- Minutes to be finalised and circulated within 2 weeks with the 2019 workplan and budget.

Ed thanked everyone and closed the meeting at 12:18pm

ENDORSEMENT or CLEARANCE FOR THE MEETING MINUTES

Signature: 
Ms. Kumaras Kalim
Meeting Chairperson & Director, SEP, CEPA

Date: 30.11.18

Signature: 
Mr. Edward Vrkic
Head of Environment & Energy Portfolio UNDP Country Office

Date: 30.11.18