Meeting Report

First National Consultation Meeting for the Development of the Pathway to NDC 3.0 for Papua New Guinea

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Executive Summary

The Climate Change and Development Authority (CCDA) of Papua New Guinea (PNG) with support from the NDC Partnership and the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific organized the First National Consultation Meeting for the development of the Pathway to NDC 3.0. The Consultation was held on the 4th of March 2025 at the Hilton Hotel, Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea. The national consultation workshop was organized to inform key stakeholders of the government's intention to commence the process for the development of the NDC 3.0 of PNG, including the time schedule and main consultation activities.

The Consultation was attended by representatives of main government departments, members of the NDC Technical Advisory Committee, including state owned enterprises, state authorities, Community Based Organizations (CBOs), NGOs, and the United Nations Country Team members and international and bilateral development partners working in Papua New Guinea. A total of fifty-two (52) experts attended the workshop of which thirty (31) participants were male and twenty-one (21) were female.

The specific objectives of the meeting were:

- Launch the Development of the Pathway to NDC 3.0 for Papua New Guinea
- Review the Progress of the Implementation of NDC 2.0 and gaps and needs for support
- Operationalize the NDC Inter-ministerial Working Group to support the development of the pathway to NDC 3.0
- Introduce the NDC Partnership to country development partners and other key stakeholders, and progress of support facilitated and the role of NDC Partnership in the country (overview of requests for support received from Papua New Guinea, including requests that have been met and remaining)
- Increase understanding on the development partner landscape in relation to NDC implementation and strengthen dialogue and coordination among different agencies.
- Provide an overview of support by partners engaged in developing low carbon and low GHG emission development plans and strategies in various national sectors
- Discuss and agree on the milestones for the development of the pathway to NDC 3.0 and identify concrete next steps for improved coordination and collaboration

The Consultation meeting effectively achieved its goals, delivering valuable insights and fostering meaningful discussions. The government stakeholders who attended the Consultation Meeting were informed about the proposed timeframe for the development of NDC 3.0, the key consultation meetings ahead of time, and the role of the Sub-technical Working Committee in supporting the development of the pathway to NDC 3.0. The Consultation was productive, promoting collaboration and active engagement among all national government stakeholders, UN teams, and the development partners active in PNG. The key outcomes of the Consultation are outlined in the relevant sections of the report.

List of Acronyms

ADB	Asian Development Bank
BPNG	Bank of Papua New Guinea
BRCC	Building Resilience to Climate Change
BTR	Biennial Transparency Report
BUR	Biennial Update Report
CBIT-GSP	Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency - Global Support Programme of UNEP CCC
CCDA	Climate Change Development Authority
CEPA	Conservation and Environment Protection Agency
CSIRO	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation
CSO	Civil Society Organizations
DAL	Department of Agriculture and Livestock
DMPGM	Department of Mineral Policy and Geohazards Management
DNPM	Department of National Planning and Monitoring
DOT	Department of Transport
EU	European Union
EU-FCCB	European Union Forestry, Climate Change and Biodiversity Programme
DPLGA	Department of Provincial and Local Government Affairs
FAO	United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation
FREL	Forest Reference Emission Level
FRL	Forest Reference Level
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GEF	Global Environment Facility
GFC	Green Finance Centre
GGGI	Global Green Growth Institute
GHG	Greenhouse Gas
GHGi	Greenhouse Gas inventory
GIZ	German Agency for International Cooperation
JICA	Japan International Cooperation Agency
K	Kina, monetary unit of Papua New Guinea
KCA	Key Category Analysis
LULUCF	Land use, Land-Use Change and Forestry
MACBLUE	Management and Conservation of Blue Carbon Ecosystems
MP-NFI	Multi-Purpose National Forest Inventory
MRA	Mineral Resources Authority
MRV	Monitoring, Reporting and Verification
NC	National Communication
NCCDMP	National Climate Compatible Development Management Policy
NCDC	National Capital District Commission
NDA	National Designated Authority
NDC	Nationally Determined Contribution
NDC Partnership	Nationally Determined Contribution Partnership
NEA	National Energy Authority
NSO	National Statistical Office
OHCHR	Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
PNG	Papua New Guinea
PNGFA	Papua New Guinea Forest Authority

REDD+	Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and forest Degradation and the role of Conservation, Sustainable management of forest and enhancement of carbon stocks
SPCR	Strategic Program for Climate Resilience
UNDP	UNDP
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
UNESCAP	United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
UNFCCC/ RCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Regional Collaboration Centre
UNICEF	United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund
UPNG	University of Papua New Guinea

Setting the Scene Session

The highlights of the keynote speakers at the opening sessions are provided below.

Ms. Debra Sungi Acting Managing Director of the Climate Change and Development Authority (CCDA) welcomed all participants to the First National Consultation for the Development of the Pathway to Papua New Guinea's Third Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC 3.0) and Capacity-Building Workshop on Advancing Article 6 Implementation (full speech is available in Annex I to the report). Ms. Sungi highlighted that the NDC 3.0 process is far more than a simple update to our climate targets. It is a national development opportunity — a process to align our climate ambitions with our economic aspirations, social development priorities, and the needs of our people, from the highlands to the islands. It is an inclusive effort that demands the full participation of all sectors — government, private sector, development partners, academia, and our communities.

Ms. Sungi highlighted the progress made under NDC 2.0 and recognized that the road ahead requires enhanced ambition, greater innovation, and deeper partnerships. She further highlighted the important of the 1st National Consultation as a milestone to ensuring that the NDC 3.0 of PNG is robust, science-based, economy-wide and reflective of both our national circumstances and our global responsibilities.

Ms. Sungi also highlighted the importance of the Article 6 Capacity-Building Workshop, which will be organized right after the 1st National Consultation, which will provide better understanding of the unique avenues to mobilize valuable financing for national climate action, whether through cooperative approaches under Article 6.2, the international carbon market under Article 6.4, or non-market mechanisms under Article 6.8. PNG has valuable experience with developing 12 Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) projects to a Gold Standard and Verra-certified initiatives across key sectors. Article 6 of the Paris Agreement will provide opportunities for shaping a practical, forward-looking roadmap for both NDC 3.0 development and implementation in Papua New Guinea and building strong institutional frameworks, clear governance structures, and technical capacity to ensure environmental integrity while maximizing socio-economic benefits.

Ms. Sungi also highlighted the importance for all stakeholders attending the 1st National Consultation Meeting and the Article 6 Training Workshop, including senior policymakers, technical officers, development partners, and private sector stakeholders to engage actively. It was important that their expertise, insights, and experiences are taken in consideration in shaping a practical, forward-looking roadmap for both NDC 3.0 development and Article 6 operationalization in Papua New Guinea.

Ms Sungi underscored the support provided by the NDC Partnership, UNESCAP, the UNFCCC, and the UN Country Team, and other development partners to help set Papua New Guinea on a path to climate leadership among the Small Island Pacific States (SIDS). Pacific. **Ms Sungi** expressed the commitment of PNG government to demonstrate that ambition, innovation, and inclusivity can work together to build a more resilient, low-carbon future for our nation.

Mr. Richard Stephen Howard, United Nations Resident Coordinator to PNG commended Ms Debra Sungi and the CCDA's leadership and emphasized the commitment of the UN Country Team to supporting the development of the NDC 3.0 and the national consultation process. Mr. Howard recognized the potential of PNG as a leader in climate action among the

Small Island Developing States (SIDS) with its distinct efforts to preserve the country's rich biodiversity and forestry resources and highlighted the important interlinkages between climate change and climate action, peacebuilding, and sustainable development. He further outlined the contributions of various UN Country Team members, including the work of UNICEF on children's rights and climate change, and IOM's work on displacement, and expressed readiness of the UN Country Team to support in the implementation of both NDC 2.0 and NDC 3.0.

Mr. Sangmin Nam, Director, Environment and Development Division, UNESCAP Reaffirmed ESCAP's commitment to support the Government and the Climate Change and Development Agency of Papua New Guinea for the development of the NDC 3.0 through engagement of the other Divisional expertise including in transport, disaster risk management, social policies, statistics and climate and green finance and through the national consultation process. Mr Nam highlighted the importance of a well-structured and well-coordinated inter-ministerial working group and establishing an inclusive approach engaging all stakeholders, including local government in the development of the NDC 3.0, which needs to be economy-wide and transformational for the various sectors. Mr Nam also highlighted the importance of global and regional frameworks supporting climate adaptation and mitigation. Mr Nam stressed the need for policy integration and private sector engagement.

Mr. Ronald Meketa, Managing Director of the Papua New Guinea National Energy Authority (NEA) was established to harness sustainable and clean energy for all citizens. Mr. Meketa provided an overview of the current projects aiming to increase access to the main grid through the extension of the existing electricity grid through Grid Expansion as well as the connection of households already near the grid through Grid Densification. The Authority will be pursuing preliminary scoping and engineering design for three 66kV grid extension projects, in line with the Government's Connect PNG plan. Mr. Meketa also briefed the participants of efforts of NEA to create off-grid access to modern renewable energy. In the implementation of the NEROP, the Authority is working alongside stakeholders and development partners to expand electricity access in the country using multiple modalities which include mini-grid and stand-alone solar, mini hydro, wind and hybrid systems. Implementation sites for off-grid projects include those that have been identified in the National Rural Electric Corporative Association (NRECA) report as well as those to be identified in house. The Authority is also engaged in developing and piloting mini grid projects for rural electrification which will be driven from initiation through to project completion. Other major renewable energy projects being currently coordinated by the Authority include the Fortescue Future Industries Ltd.'s hydro power project in Gulf Province and geothermal energy project in West New Britain Province.

Mr. Deo Gabinete, the NDC Partnership Support Unit Regional Manager for Asia and the Pacific emphasized the country's significant potential and the importance of inclusive, whole-of-society engagement in shaping ambitious climate goals. Highlighting PNG's membership in the NDC Partnership since 2019, he underscored the coalition's role in connecting countries with technical expertise, financing, and coordination platforms to implement climate actions aligned with national priorities. Mr. Gabinete praised the collaborative spirit of the consultation and called for sustained commitment and partnership to develop a robust, implementable NDC 3.0 that supports climate resilience, green growth, and sustainable development across PNG.

1. Background

1.1. Introduction

The Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC) Partnership brings together more than 200 members, including 129 countries and over 80 institutions, to deliver on ambitious climate action that helps achieve the Paris Agreement and the Sustainable Development Goals. The Partnership's work is facilitated by a Support Unit and is governed by an active Steering Committee – currently Co-Chaired by Rwanda and Denmark.

Papua New Guinea (PNG) is a member of the NDC Partnership and submitted its Second NDC to UNFCCC in December 2020. Papua New Guinea, as a member of the NDC Partnership has submitted a request for assistance to develop the Pathway to PNG NDC 3.0 and ESCAP has been selected as the Partnership implementing partner to support the project through the NDC Partnership Action Fund (PAF). ESCAP in partnership with the UN Country Team and the UNDP-led Climate Promise, regional UN and development partners will provide technical and advisory services and capacity development support to review progress of current NDC implementation and achievements in GHG emissions reductions, to develop an enhanced national GHG emissions inventory for all sectors and ETF for the preparation of the BTR1, and well defined and more ambitious NDC 3.0 commitments with emission reduction scenarios and trajectories till 2035 through an inclusive consultation process engaging all stakeholders. The activities will create a solid basis for NDC implementation and will develop a robust baseline for the ETF of PNG.

The NDC Partnership Support Unit (SU) has conducted a mission to Port Moresby from 1st March to the 8th March 2025 to strengthen engagement with Papua New Guinea. As part of this mission, CCDA, UNEP and the Partnership hosted the First National Consultation Meeting in Port Moresby on Tuesday, 4th March 2025. The coordination meeting was chaired by Ms. Debra Sungi, Acting Managing Director of the Climate Change and Development Authority (CCDA) and co-chaired by Mr. Deo Gabinete, the Regional Manager for NDC Partnership Support Unit and Mr. Sangmin Nam, the Director, Environment and Development Division, UNESCAP.

1.2. Key Objectives

The consultation meeting was primarily aimed at communicating PNG's NDC priorities for climate support and technical cooperation in enhancing stakeholders' capacity and contribution to accelerating NDC implementation and seeking alignment between the development partners' programmes to support NDC implementation.

The objectives of the Consultation Meeting were to:

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- Introduce the NDC Partnership to country development partners and other key stakeholders, and progress of support facilitated and the role of NDC Partnership in the

country (overview of requests for support received from Papua New Guinea, including requests that have been met and remaining)

- Better understand the development partner landscape in relation to NDC implementation and strengthen dialogue and coordination among different agencies.
- Overview of support provided by partners engaged in developing low carbon and low GHG emission development plans and strategies in various national sectors
- Discuss and agree on the milestones for the development of the pathway to NDC 3.0 and identify concrete next steps for improved coordination and collaboration

2. Overview Presentations

Mr. Ilaisa Naca, Country Engagement Specialist for Pacific of the NDC Partnership provided an overview of the NDC Partnership's global support framework (https://ndcpartnership.org/) . Mr Naca also briefed the participants about the NDC Partnership which was established by UNFCCC Parties and comprises of 133 member countries, of which 9 Pacific region members and 58 institutional partners. Mr. Naca also described the mechanisms for technical assistance, financial mobilization, and knowledge sharing, and the knowledge management platform of the NDC Partnership, which provides various online capacity building tools, including the NDC 3.0 navigator (https://ndcnavigator.org/). Furthermore, Mr Naca invited all participants to join the two-day Article 6 training workshop to be held on 5 and 6 March 2025. There will also be bilateral meetings conducted between NDC Partnership, Government agencies and development partners during the week.

Mr. Sangmin Nam, Director, Environment and Development Division provided an overview of the support ESCAP (https://www.unescap.org/) (provides in various relevant to climate action areas, including environment and development, sustainable urban development, energy and SDG 7 Roadmaps, macro-economic policy and climate finance, social protection and gender inclusive policy development, SDGs and Seoul Initiative on Green Growth, that support inclusive, sustainable and low-carbon development in Asia and the Pacific.

Mr. Jason Paniu, Monitoring and Measurement, Reporting, and Verification (MRV) Team Lead of the Climate Change and Development provided an update on progress made in PNG's climate action and policy development, including implementation of the NDC 2.0. He highlighted that the second NDC was developed to compliment and align with the Papua New Guinea's Vision 2050, as well as with the Climate Compatible Development Management Policy accords.

Further, Mr. Paniu also highlighted challenges in data collection and resource mobilization, and stressed the need for improved coordination and stakeholder engagement. Mr. Paniu further outlined the national structure established to support NDC development which will be utilized for the development of the NDC 3.0. The composition of the NDC Technical Advisory Committee according to the Article 7 of the NDC Regulation outlines consists of:

- Managing Director of CCDA;
- Managing Director of PNGFA (or a nominee);
- Managing Director of NEA (or a nominee);
- Departmental Head of Department responsible for Agriculture (or a nominee);

- Departmental Head of Department responsible for Lands and Physical Planning (or a nominee);
- Departmental Head of Department responsible for national planning and monitoring (or nominee);
- Departmental Head of Department responsible for provincial and local-level government affairs
- A representative of scientific community/academic representative

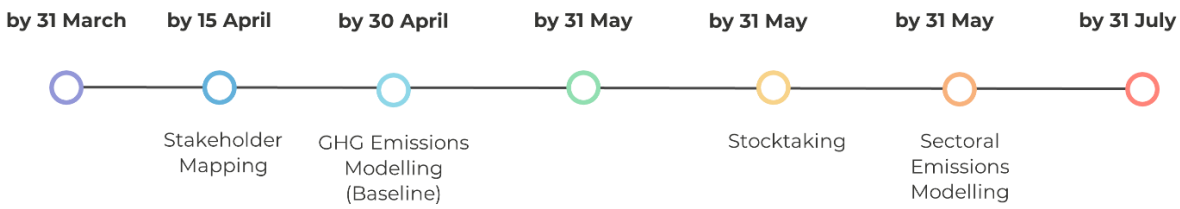
Furthermore, Mr Paniu outlined that the functions of the NDC Technical Advisory Committee, as outlined in Section 9 of the NDC Regulation include:

- To monitor the implementation of the targets under the NDC;
- To coordinate data collection
- To provide technical advice to the CCDA or the Board on matters pertaining to the implementation of the regulation
- To coordinate the activities of the sub-committee;
- To perform any other technical and advisory function as is necessary for the purpose of the regulation

Mr. Paniu also presented the key milestones for the development of the NDC 3.0 and outlined the proposed time schedule of meetings of the sub-technical Working Committee to the NDC Technical Advisory Committee and the national consultations to discuss draft of the NDC 3.0 and agree on the final document for submission to UNFCCC Secretariat by September 2025.

The proposed timelines for the development of the NDC 3.0 and consultation meetings are provided below.

Proposed timeline 2025 – NDC 3.0



Consultations Timeline 2025



Capacity Building Timeline 2024-2025



3. Summary of Roundtable Discussion

During the roundtable discussion session, representative of the NDC Technical Advisory Committee and other government officials and development partners discussed current and future planned initiatives supporting NDC 2.0 implementation and the development of NDC 3.0. All participants expressed commitments towards data transparency, capacity building, and alignment with international climate goals.

Development partners shared their roles in providing technical assistance and funding.

The government officials identified key challenges, including policy gaps and resource constraints.

3.1 Action Points

- CCDA to coordinate with stakeholders to identify support received and needed for implementing NDC 2.0 and developing NDC 3.0.
- Development partners to provide detailed reports on climate-related activities and support provided to CCDA.
- CCDA to enhance technical working groups for NDC 3.0 development, focusing on key sectors.

- UNDP to support CCDA in strengthening UN system coordination for NDC implementation and for adaptation activities, including under the Building Resilience to Climate Change (BRCC) project and the implementing the Strategic Program for Climate Resilience (SPCR) with the goal of addressing climate-related threats
- UNESCAP to share information on regional climate action initiatives and upcoming events with CCDA. Furthermore, UNESCAP will develop an agreement to support immediate needs for communications and training events supporting the drafting of the NDC 3.0.
- UNEP Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency - Global Support Programme (CBIT-GSP) would continue providing capacity development support and technical advice for the development of the GHG emission inventory framework.
- GIZ to continue supporting policy development in six provinces.
- GGGI to continue coordinating with CCDA on the initiatives related to the NDC 2.0 implementation, including support for renewable energy, sustainable and EV transport
- OHCHR to provide technical assistance on ensuring participation of vulnerable groups in NDC 3.0 development.
- World Bank to support institutional strengthening and knowledge management for climate action.
- NDCP SU and UNFCCC-RCC, Dubai to conduct Article 6 training sessions over the next two days.
- CSIRO to develop climate scenarios and policy scenarios for PNG's NDC 3.0.
- CCDA to follow up with partners on specific support offers made during the meeting.

4. Challenges and Recommendations

Papua New Guinea (PNG) has demonstrated a strong commitment to global climate action, being among the first countries to submit its Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDC) in 2015 and its Second NDC in 2020. As PNG progresses towards the development of the country's Third NDC (NDC 3.0), following were the challenges identified during discussions at the first National Consultation meeting.

1. *Governance and Institutional Capacity*

Effective climate action requires robust governance structures. PNG faces challenges in this area, including limited capacity for coordinated action and a tendency towards short-term public initiatives. Strengthening the Climate Change and Development Authority's (CCDA) capacity to coordinate across sectors is crucial. Additionally, the decentralized management in sectors like Land Use, Land-Use Change, and Forestry (LULUCF), which relies on provincial capacities, needs to be addressed. Coordination with other sectors, including the National Energy Authority (NEA), the Conservation and Environment Protection Authority (CEPA), and the Forest Authority (PNGFA), also requires strengthening. Engagement of the Govern

2. *Stakeholder Engagement and Coordination*

The importance of meaningful stakeholder consultation has been highlighted in previous NDC enhancement processes. Ensuring timely and ambitious NDC revisions that have full national ownership necessitates robust and meaningful stakeholder consultations. In the past, over 200 stakeholders, representing various government agencies, civil society, and the private sector, were thoroughly consulted in the revision of the NDC and setting targets.

3. *Capacity Building*

There is a need for shared capacity building and development among stakeholders. Enhancing technical understanding of key issues, as well as addressing contextual or cultural challenges across institutions and sectors, is vital. This includes strengthening relationships between participants and ensuring that decision-makers are well-informed about the nature and objectives of the NDCs.

4. *Integration into National Planning*

Mainstreaming climate change into planning and policy frameworks remains a challenge. The project aims to strengthen existing frameworks and systems, enhance the capacities of key stakeholders to effectively contribute to the adaptation planning process, and establish mechanisms to sustain the process beyond the project's life.

5. *Access to Climate Finance*

Engaging with financial mechanisms like the Green Climate Fund (GCF) requires building capacity to implement national climate change programs. Ensuring that the CCDA has the necessary capacity to perform its functions as the National Designated Authority (NDA) is crucial for effective engagement with the GCF.

Addressing these challenges is essential for PNG to effectively implement its climate commitments and achieve its environmental goals.

5. Recommendations and the Way Forward

To address the challenges identified in Papua New Guinea's (PNG) NDC 3.0 process, here are some key recommendations for moving forward:

1. Strengthening Governance and Institutional Capacity

- Enhance the Climate Change and Development Authority (CCDA)'s coordination role by establishing a National Climate Steering Committee with sectoral representation.
- Build institutional capacity through targeted training for government officials, particularly in key sectors like energy, forestry, and agriculture.
- Develop a clear implementation roadmap for NDC 3.0, outlining responsibilities, timelines, and funding sources, building on the NDC Implementation Plan, and NDC Implementation Roadmaps for AFOLU and Electricity.

2. Enhancing Stakeholder Engagement and Coordination

- Improve multi-stakeholder consultation mechanisms by integrating traditional knowledge and ensuring community participation, especially from local governments, civil society, and the private sector.
- Establish a dedicated NDC platform for transparent tracking of commitments and engagement with different stakeholders.

3. Strengthening Capacity Building Initiatives

- Conduct capacity-building workshops tailored to different stakeholders, including government officials, private sector actors, and local communities, building on similar approach such as the "Capacity Building Training Program for Article 6 Implementation" to be organized following the 1st National Consultation Meeting on 5 and 6 March 2025.
- Develop training programs on carbon markets, climate finance access, and greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory reporting.
- Encourage partnerships with academic institutions to enhance research and knowledge-sharing on climate change adaptation and mitigation.
- Development or enhancement of existing data repository that can be updated by a nominated department and accessed by everyone.

4. Mainstreaming Climate Change into National Development Planning

- Ensure NDC 3.0 targets are aligned with PNG's Medium-Term Development Plan and other sectoral policies.
- Develop a climate change budgeting framework to integrate climate considerations into national and provincial budget allocations.

- Strengthen climate-resilient infrastructure and land-use planning to support long-term sustainability.

5. Improving Access to Climate Finance

- Support the CCDA in strengthening its role as the National Designated Authority (NDA) to facilitate direct access to funds like the Green Climate Fund (GCF).
- Develop bankable climate project proposals to attract investment from international donors, the private sector, and carbon markets.
- Establish a National Climate Finance Mechanism to channel funds efficiently and transparently.

6. Acknowledgments

The Climate Change and Development Authority (CCDA), along with ESCAP and the NDC Partnership, sincerely acknowledge and appreciate the active participation of all stakeholders in the First National Consultation Meeting for the Development of the Pathway to NDC 3.0. We extend our gratitude to government agencies, development partners, civil society organizations, and NGOs for your valuable insights and contributions. Your engagement is instrumental in shaping a clear and inclusive pathway for enhancing Papua New Guinea's climate commitments.

As we move forward, your continued collaboration will be essential in ensuring that the NDC 3.0 is based on all-inclusive, economy -wide, forward-looking targets and is practical, and aligned with national priorities. We look forward to working together in this important process to strengthen climate action and build a more sustainable and resilient future for Papua New Guinea.

7. Annexes

Annex I: Participants List

No.	Name	Gender	Organization	Designation
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5	Althea Kalau	F	CCDA	National Communications Officer
6	Nembo Oro	M	CCDA	National Communications Officer
7	Tedius Owiti	M	IOM	Head of the Programmes Support Unit
8	Josephine So-ongaku	F	CCDA	Adaptation Officer
9	David Arnold	M	IOM	Chief of Mission
10	Lynn Mesibere	F	NDAL	Policy Officer
11	Deo Gabinete	M	NDC Partnership	Regional Manager, Asia Pacific
12	Minando Baro	M	CCDA	Mitigation Officer
13	Noim Uddin	M	CBIT-GSP	Pacific Coordinator
14	Josephine Baig	F	UNICEF	National Project Coordinator
15	Priscilla Pep	F	CCDA	NC Officer
16	Lynette Noipo	F	National Energy Authority (NEA)	External Affairs
17	Aivy Wong	F	National Energy Authority (NEA)	EACOD
18	Jenny Noanes	F	National Energy Authority (NEA)	Executive Assistant
19	William Lakain	M	CCDA	GM – MRV/NC
20	Debra Sungi	F	CCDA	Acting MD
21	Emily M Pomoh	F	CCDA	Mitigation Officer
22	Nathan Sapala	M	ESCAP	National Climate Action Consultation Specialist, Environment and Development Division

23	Victoria Bopi	F	UNDP	Building Resilience to Climate Change (BRCC) -Project Manager
24	Elsie Simeon	F	UNDP	GSGB-Project Manager
25	Edda Hetra	F	CCDA	NC Officer
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31	Richard Howard	M	UN	Residence Coordinator
32	Jason Paniu	M	CCDA	MRV Manager
33	Michael Klewaki	M	Expertise France	ICT Expert
34	Paul Karenge	M	CCDA	CS
35	Kevin Laura	M	Department of Transport	DS
36	Lilian Andale	F	National Energy Authority (NEA)	EO
37	Martha Rutang	F	National Energy Authority (NEA)	Community Outreach Officer
38	Phelameya Haiveta	F	MACBLUE	Advisor
39	Vikas Singh	M	UNICEF	Deputy Representative for Programs
40	Sue Fave	F	CCDA	EA
41	Garau Podi	F	CCDA	EO
42	Ruben Robin	M	CCDA	Adaptation Officer
43	Ronald Meketa	M	National Energy Authority (NEA)	Managing Director
44	Rose Alphonse	F	Conservation and Environment Protection Authority (CEPA)	Acting Director – SP
45	Carolyn Kumul	F	Conservation and environment Protection Authority (CEPA)	Senior Technical Officer
46	George Verikios	M	CSIRO	Senior Science Leader

47	Jeremiah Tirang	M	UN Human Rights	Human Rights Officer
48	Mr. William Lakain	M	CCDA	MRV Team Lead
49	Mr. Ronald Meketa, Managing	M	National Energy Authority (NEA)	Director, NEA
50	Richard Stephen Howard	M	UN Resident Coordinator	United Nations Resident Coordinator to PNG
51	Ms. Kemo Pepena-Guise	F	Advisor – Planning	National Capital District Commission (NCDC),
52	Ms. Immaculate Javia	F	First Secretary	National Capital District (NCD) Governor's Office
53	Sangmin Nam	M	ESCAP	Director, Environment and Development Division
54	Aneta Nikolova	F	ESCAP	Climate Policy Lead, Environment and Development Division

Annex II: Welcoming address of Ms Debra Sungi, Acting Managing Director, Climate Change and Development Authority, PNG

Good morning, distinguished guests, representatives of the Government of Papua New Guinea, Our esteemed development partners, Colleagues from the private sector, civil society, and academia, Ladies and gentlemen,

On behalf of the **Climate Change and Development Authority (CCDA)**, it is my distinct honour to welcome you all to this critical **First National Consultation for the Development of the Pathway to Papua New Guinea's Third Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC 3.0)** and **Capacity-Building Workshop on Advancing Article 6 Implementation**.

This joint event marks a pivotal moment in Papua New Guinea's climate journey. It is an opportunity to shape the next phase of our national climate commitments and strengthen our technical capacity to fully leverage the global carbon market mechanisms available under **Article 6 of the Paris Agreement**.

The NDC 3.0 process is far more than a simple update to our climate targets. It is a national development opportunity — a process to align our climate ambitions with our economic aspirations, social development priorities, and the needs of our people, from the highlands to the islands. It is an inclusive effort that demands the full participation of all sectors — government, private sector, development partners, academia, and our communities.

We are proud of the progress made under NDC 2.0, but we recognize that the road ahead requires enhanced ambition, greater innovation, and deeper partnerships. Today's consultation is the first step towards ensuring that our NDC 3.0 is robust, science-based, and reflective of both our national circumstances and our global responsibilities.

Complementing this consultation is the Article 6 Capacity-Building Workshop, which is a timely and strategic investment in Papua New Guinea's future climate finance potential. Article 6 offers us unique avenues to mobilize international support for our climate actions, whether through cooperative approaches under Article 6.2, the international carbon market under Article 6.4, or non-market mechanisms under Article 6.8.

We already have valuable experience — from our 12 Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) projects to our Gold Standard and Verra-certified initiatives across key sectors. However, to fully tap into Article 6 opportunities, we need strong institutional frameworks, clear governance structures, and technical capacity to ensure environmental integrity while maximizing socio-economic benefits.

Over the next three days, I encourage you all — senior policymakers, technical officers, development partners, and private sector stakeholders — to engage actively. Your expertise, insights, and experiences will be invaluable in shaping a practical, forward-looking roadmap for both NDC 3.0 development and Article 6 operationalization in Papua New Guinea.

With the support of the NDC Partnership, UNESCAP, the UNFCCC, and all of you, I am confident that together, we will set Papua New Guinea on a path to climate leadership in the Pacific. We will demonstrate that ambition, innovation, and inclusivity can work together to build a more resilient, low-carbon future for our nation.

Once again, welcome, and I look forward to productive discussions and fruitful outcomes over the coming days.

Thank you.

Annex III: Agenda

Time	Agenda Item
08:30 – 09:00	**Arrival, coffee and registration**
09:00 – 09:10	**Housekeeping and agenda** Facilitator/MC – *Junior Solomon*
09:10 – 09:40	**Welcome and Opening Remarks** ● Ms Debra Sungi, Acting Managing Director, Climate Change and Development Authority (CCDA). ● Mr Richard Stephen Howard, United Nations Resident Coordinator ● Mr Sangmin Nam, Director, Environment and Development Division, UNESCAP ● Mr. Ronald Meketa, Managing Director, National Energy Authority (NEA) ● Mr. Deo Gabinete, NDC Partnership Support Unit Regional Manager
09:40 – 09:50	**Traditional Protocol Photo Session followed by Coffee Break**
09:50 – 10:20	**Introduction to the NDC Partnership** **Presenter:** NDC Partnership – *Ilaisa Naca* ● Purpose, governance, and membership ● Ways of working ● NDC Partnership support offerings ● On-going support facilitated and outstanding
10:20 – 10:50	**NDC 2.0 implementation stock-take and roadmap to NDC 3.0** **Presenter:** CCDA – *Jason Paniu* ● Progress on NDC implementation ● Roadmap for the development of the Pathway to NDC 3.0 ● BTR Report Submission
10:50 – 11:50	**Operationalizing the NDC Technical Advisory Committee** **Co-chairs:** CCDA and ESCAP – *Jason Paniu* ● Introduction of Ministerial Focal Points to support the NDC 3.0 development ● Short presentation of the ministerial priorities for low carbon and GHG emission development measures Establishment of a Steering Committee to oversee the NDCPAF project in PNG
11:50 – 12:30	***Questions & Answers***
12:30 – 13:30	***Lunch and Networking***
13:30 – 14:30	**UN and Development Partner Roundtable** **Moderator:** ESCAP ● Overview of support provided by partners engaged in developing low carbon and low GHG emission development plans and strategies in various national sectors ● Updates, questions, reflections UNDP and UNCT

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14:30 – 15:30	**Sub-technical Working Committee to support the development of the pathway to NDC 3.0:** **Moderator:** CCDA ● Election of Chair of the STWC ● Discuss on the roadmap for the development of the NDC 3.0 – roles and responsibilities of the STWG
15:30-15:45	***Way forward and closing remarks*** CCDA NDC Partnership ESCAP
15:45-16:00	***Networking/coffee break***

Annex IV: Photos of the Consultation Meeting and Partners Roundtable




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