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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **Quality Assurance of the National Greenhouse Gas Inventory Management System and National Greenhouse Gas Inventories of Papua New Guinea**

The Climate Change and Development Authority (CCDA) are hosting visiting International Experts from the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) of the United Nations in the country this week during a one week workshop at the Airways Hotel starting this week Monday 25<sup>th</sup> to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2019.

The workshop is attended by country technical experts from key stakeholders within five different sectors in Energy, Industrial Processes, Agriculture, Forestry (Agriculture, Forestry, and Land Use – AFOLU) and the Waste Sector including CCDA technical staff.

The one week programme started this morning with official speeches during the morning programme followed by presentations from the 5 different sectors.

The project is aimed to assist developing countries including PNG to develop and maintain sustainable and robust national Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Inventory systems by effectively applying the 2006 Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) guidelines to serve as a basis for effective implementation of the transparency framework under the Paris Agreement in reporting on our GHG emission levels.

Speaking on behalf of the CCDA Managing Director Mr. Ruel Yamuna, Acting General Manager Measurement, Reporting and Verification (MRV) and National Communication (NC) Mr. Alfred Rungol in his opening speech said the project will also;

- promote peer-to-peer learning and it will provide opportunity for tailored capacity building for our local experts on GHG inventory management systems, including institutional arrangements, for external expert assessment.
- support capacity-building and system enhancement processes, and this means to facilitate quality assurance of our GHG emission estimates.
- identify critical and immediate improvements to be addressed before the official submission of the country's next national report(s), such as National Communication, Biennial Update Report and National Inventory Report (NIR).

“For Papua New Guinea, the recommendations contained in this workshop (improvements plans) are expected to be implemented in the next cycle of the national reports preparation, which PNG plans to submit in 2019 for its 3rd National Communication Report and by 2020, PNG will submit its 2nd Biennial Update Report (BUR2)”, Mr. Rungol said

Mr. Rungol said with the importance of engaging with the UNFCCC experts today, PNG has seen this as an opportunity to work with local experts to build capacity and learn from these experts especially addressing the Quality Assurance of all its Inventory Data.

He added that in PNG, CCDA with the assistance in terms of funding and Technical support from; Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) and the key stakeholders have already prepared its 1st BUR and will be submitting this report to UNFCCC later this week together with the its 1st REDD+ Technical Annex.

“This workshop will provide us not only essential knowledge and background on Greenhouse Gas Inventories but will; Recognize PNG’s efforts and actions to reduce emission in relevant sectors and to prepare ourselves to address our National Determine Contribution, the workshop will also highlight some of our potential role of further actions to reduce emissions in the country and will further help us meet the ultimate objective of the Convention for the UNFCCC. Moreover, its also a great opportunity to share experiences and have technical discussion among all relevant stakeholders who are present today. The project also seeks to promote accurate estimation of GHG emissions by ensuring that the quality of the estimates prepared by developing countries are of the highest standards consistent with good practices” he said.

Meanwhile, UNFCCC National Focal Point and General Manager REDD+ and Mitigation Ms. Gwen Sissiou said that as a party to UNFCCC and as far as Greenhouse Gas Inventories are concerned there were rules and protocols to follow and it is important that CCDA and key national stakeholders learn from the international experts to ensure that the country’s GHG systems are transparent, accurate and credible guided by International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) standards.

“This is not only about our reporting processes, protocols but also as a country, whilst we develop our key sectors require to drive this at the sectoral level in managing our development aspirations in a sustainable manner”, Ms. Sissiou said.

During this workshop, CCDA’s MRV and National Communication Division, the key stakeholder and the international experts will closely analyze and provide guidance and recommendations to ensure a continuous improvement of the quality of data and information for the national GHG emission.

The international experts were officially requested by the National Focal Point – Climate Change and Development Authority to facilitate this work and provide the technical guidance to PNG.

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