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PNG reviews programme for way forward for REDD+

Design, relevance, effectiveness, efficiency and sustainability were some of the measures used to assess the UN-REDD National Programme during a final evaluation presentation held recently in the presence of government, development partners and other relevant stakeholders in Port Moresby.

As the UN-REDD programme - (FAO component) in PNG came to an end, independent international consultant Nelson Gapare was hired to do an evaluation of the programme's performance and effectiveness.

Mr Gapare revealed concerns to help address moving forward and provided recommendations. He said overall, the project had done very well.

According to Mr Gapare's findings, successful outcomes of the UN-REDD programme included helping to put in place Management Arrangements for REDD+ Readiness; Development of a National Monitoring, Reporting and Verification System and support to establishing Forest Reference Emission Levels and Forest Reference Levels.

Since 2015, the United Nations Development Programme's Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF) project has been working with the PNG government to continue to build on the work done under the UN-REDD programme.

They have been focusing on accomplishing outcomes of effective and efficient management of REDD+ including full and effective participation of all relevant stakeholders; the development of the National REDD+ Strategy and Action Plan and supporting stakeholders in PNGs' REDD+ Readiness Process.

This work is part of PNG's contribution to the global effort to combat climate change in accordance with its international commitments under the Paris Agreement 2015 to reduce greenhouse gas emissions related to deforestation and forest degradation.

Mr. Gapare encouraged all to use lessons learnt from the past to move forward and recommended the development of a post program plan for government to ensure ownership and sustainability in terms of manpower and skills when the project ends.

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Climate Change Development Authority REDD+ and Mitigation General Manager Gwen Sissiou said the UN-REDD programme helped the Government to make a good start in clarifying the task ahead of maintaining PNG's unique forests and assisted with building the capacity of Government officers to be able to do various jobs.

On behalf of the PNG government, Ms. Sissiou thanked Mr. Gapare for highlighting areas that need to be progressed and acknowledged the support of the United Nations and all supporting partners.

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Representatives of Climate Change Development Authority (CCDA), PNG Forest Authority (PNGFA), the UNDP, European Union (EU) and Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) during the UN-REDD National Program Evaluation recently.

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Independent international consultant Nelson Gapare sharing his findings.



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