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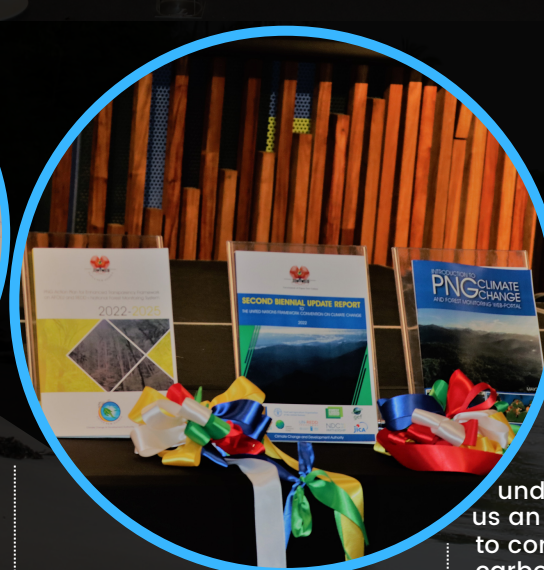


Participants from the government, private sector, academia, development partners and NGOs who have contributed to the development of the BUR2

## PNG'S SECOND BIENNIAL UPDATE REPORT LAUNCHED



The Climate Change and Development Authority (CCDA) launched Papua New Guinea's (PNG) Second Biennial Update Report (BUR2) in May this year. The launch marked another fulfillment of the country's reporting obligations under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) on its low-carbon development efforts.



The BUR embodies recent information on national circumstances, national greenhouse gas inventory, mitigation actions, domestic monitoring, reporting and verification arrangement, finance, technology and capacity building needs and support received.



"This occasion signifies the fulfilment of PNG's reporting obligations under the UNFCCC and gives us an opportunity as a country to communicate our low carbon development efforts in a transparent manner", said CCDA's Acting Managing Director, William Lakain. "The Second BUR is a national document that tracks linkages between sectoral implementation and climate change mitigation, yet it is also an international.. [turn to p3]"



# MANAGING DIRECTOR'S FOREWORD



Dear readers,  
Welcome to the second quarter edition of CCDA newsletter. The CCDA newsletter is an important communications product that informs our key stakeholders, partners and the general public about key activities delivered by CCDA and partners in the areas of climate change mitigation and adaptation.

In this edition, I am delighted to present to you highlights of progress made by CCDA and its partners in delivering set work programs covering the months of April, May and June. Having said that, one significant highlight to start with is the completion and launching of Papua New Guinea's (PNG) Second Biennial Update Report (BUR2) as featured in the cover-page of this edition.

The completion of the report marks another fulfillment of the country's reporting obligations under the United Nations framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) on its low-carbon development efforts, simply keeping track on whether or not PNG has achieved its set climate change mitigation goals.

PNG as a Party to the UNFCCC, it is required to periodically communicate this relevant information on the implementation of the Convention of which the BUR is a key reporting document.

Another significant highlight is the completion of the National Adaptation Plan (NAP) capacity building training. The NAP training was successfully delivered for the four regions of PNG to mainstream climate change adaptation within planning processes and structures in the provincial administration plans, and within relevant sectors. Our story on page six, presents the details.

At the international front, CCDA and other key line government agencies have represented PNG in participating in the annual United Nations Climate

Change Conference in Bonn at its 56th Session of the Subsidiary Bodies (SB56).

The SB56 session involves technical negotiations on draft decisions that will finalize the Paris rule book in order to be considered and unanimously adopted in COP27. Once adapted, the Paris rule book will be implemented by Parties to the Paris Agreement.

The Paris rule book governs how the world community of 192 countries must pledge emissions reduction targets under the Paris Agreement and report on their progress. Since PNG is a Party to the Paris Agreement among 192 countries, it is important that PNG's circumstances are reflected in the draft decisions. Our story on page four elaborates more.

In the provinces, the need to have in place a climate change coordinating committee remains essential for coordination of climate change related efforts in the provinces although, funding remains a challenge. But that does not deter CCDA from bridging that link with the provinces. Our story on the MoU signing on page five with three provinces signifies the beginning of process to setup Provincial Climate Change Committee (PCCC) in the provinces.

The MoU provides opportunities for capacity building and enable other support for the provincial administrations to implement and coordinate climate change efforts on the ground.

Furthermore, we bring to you the highlights of this year's World Environment Day commemoration (WED). CCDA has joined the Conservation Environment Protection Authority (CEPA) and other partners in the commemoration of WED. The event also coincided with the World Oceans Day which raised more public awareness on the importance of the environment, the oceans and their links to climate change. Details are featured in this edition.

We also feature some exciting work in some provinces supported by partner Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI) in the areas of climate resilient green growth. Our stories on page 7 and 14 are the highlights.

To conclude, I extend my acknowledgement on behalf of CCDA to all our development partners, state line agencies and key stakeholders for their continued support and looking forward to greater partnership in future.

With that, I hope you will find the contents in this edition of CCDA's newsletter interesting and informative. We'll bring you more updates in the next quarter edition.

Happy reading!

William Lakain  
Acting Managing Director  
Climate Change and Development Authority



The four launched documents; PNG's BUR2, PNG's ETF Action Plan for AFOLU and the upgraded REDD+ National Forest Monitoring System and the National Inventory Report

..[from front page] document that informs the global community on our country's efforts on global climate action", said Mr. Lakain.

The BUR has been prepared through a participatory process. It has undergone a rigorous process in terms of technical studies, consultation meetings and workshops during various stages of its preparation.

The process has met standards of scientific rigour of transparent and complete reporting.

"PNG's Second BUR provides an update of the most recently submitted national communication and to provide additional information in relation to mitigation actions taken or envisaged to be undertaken and their effects as

well as support needed and received", said CCDA's Acting General Manager Ms. Debra Sungi.

"It also contains the Technical Annex on REDD+ which shows the results achieved by PNG from reducing emissions from deforestation, forest degradation and increasing removals from enhancement of forest carbon stock from 2016-2018", said Ms. Sungi.

The Second BUR recorded a significant emissions reduction from deforestation and forest degradation in 2017 compared to the previous ten years (2007-2016); a key highlight of the report, which sets PNG on a pathway to net zero-emissions.

The launch coincided with the launching of PNG's Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF)

Action Plan for AFOLU and the upgraded REDD+ National Forest Monitoring System (NFMS) for Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and forest Degradation known as REDD+.

"In launching this milestone, I thank all our development partners, key stakeholders, our line government agencies and those who have continued to provide needed technical support, particularly, the FAO, Japan International Cooperation Agency, Green Climate Fund and other key development partners in this project led by CCDA.

"The country's Second BUR could not have been possible without your invaluable support. On that note, I thank you all on behalf of CCDA", said Mr. Lakain.

## REDD+ REGISTRY SYSTEM FOR PNG

An accessible repository of information on REDD+ actions is crucial for stakeholders to know, verify and make informed decisions. The Climate Change Development Authority (CCDA) with the assistance from the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), has been developing the country's REDD+ registry system.

The "REDD+ registry system" is a repository for information on REDD+ actions preserving knowledge of facts, events, documents, maps, details of

ownership and value, etc. in a verifiable format.

It is a tool that can help capture, process, store and report on all the relevant data and information related to REDD+ projects and programs in a way that is verifiable and accessible to various categories of stakeholders or end-users for decision making purposes.

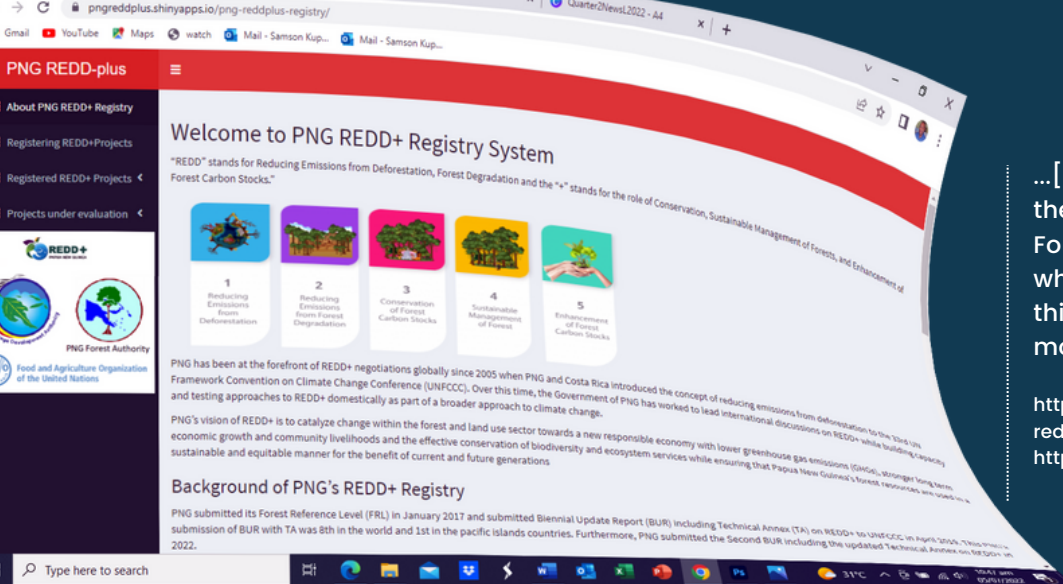
The registry system is user friendly and will continue to play a significant role in ensuring verifiable information

on REDD+ actions is uploaded and is accessible for end-users. This is also a key intervention in improving transparency and availability of data and information related to REDD+ projects and programs.

The REDD+ registry system will basically provide information on REDD+ projects, registered REDD+ projects, projects under evaluation among others.

The registry also complements another significant...[cont'd p4]





...[from p3] repository system; the PNG's Climate Change and Forest Monitoring Web Portal, which was launched in May this year. See links below for more info.

<https://pngreddplus.shinyapps.io/png-reddplus-registry/>  
<https://png-nfms.org/portal/>

# PNG PARTICIPATES AT ANNUAL UN CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE

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Papua New Guinea (PNG) was amongst other countries in the world that participated in the annual United Nations Climate Change Conference in Bonn at its 56th Session of the Subsidiary Bodies (SB56). The Session started on the 6th of June, 2022, and concluded on the 16th of June, 2022. The purpose of the 56th Session was to lay the groundwork for success for the next Climate Change Conference, (COP27) in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt.

The SB56 session involves technical negotiations on the draft decisions that will finalize the Paris rule book in order to be considered and unanimously adopted in COP27. Once adapted, the Paris rule book will be implemented by Parties to the Paris Agreement. The Paris rule book governs how the world community of 192 countries must pledge emissions reduction targets under the Paris Agreement and report on their progress. Since PNG is a Party to the Paris Agreement among 192 countries, it is important that PNG's circumstances are reflected in the draft decisions. The PNG Delegation consisted of a team of technical negotiators from the Climate Change and Development Authority (CCDA), PNG Forest Authority, National Energy Authority, and the Department

of Works and Highways. "The PNG Delegation made sure that PNG's circumstances are reflected in the key thematic areas in the draft decisions which includes adaptation, loss and damage, climate finance, response measures (mitigation), carbon markets and transparency in reporting", said Ms. Sungi, Acting General Manager at the Climate Change and Development Authority. In addition to the technical discussion sessions, the PNG Delegation had separate Bilateral meetings with the Delegations from Japan and Singapore. Both countries wanted to discuss the possibilities of participating with PNG through a cooperative approach under Article 6 of the Paris Agreement which is on carbon markets that will be used to achieve their Nationally Determined Contributions. There was positive feedback from both countries in which they wanted to have a Memorandum of Understanding with PNG. The PNG Delegation also had a meeting with officials from the NDC Partnership to discuss the opportunities for PNG to discuss the opportunities for PNG to access support from the international community to implement projects and activities identified in PNG's enhanced NDC Implementation

Plan. The NDC Partnership officials revealed that PNG will be benefiting from the adaptation pipeline accelerator. The adaptation accelerator is a fund that PNG will access and specifically focuses on: (i) preparing the necessary investments to meet PNG's climate and sustainable development objectives; (ii) mobilizing and providing resources to cover additional costs associated with planning, identifying, preparing, and managing sustainable projects; and (iii) accelerating these sustainable projects through their project cycle. In the closing plenary of the 56th Subsidiary Bodies on the 16th of June, 2022, Ms. Sungi, Acting General Manager MRV & NC, delivered the closing statement for Papua New Guinea on behalf of the Coalition for Rainforest Nations. Ms. Sungi outlined the important role that forest will play to stay on a pathway toward 1.5 degrees warming. "The IPCC AR6 Working Group 2 report says agriculture, forestry, and other land use can provide large-scale emissions reductions and also remove and store carbon dioxide at scale. However, land cannot compensate for delayed emissions reductions in other sectors. All sectors should contribute to fight climate change, that is a reality" said Ms Sungi.





From L-R: Country Representative of Global Green Growth Institute, Mr. Sakiusa Tuisolia, Eastern Highlands Provincial Administrator, Mr. John Gimiseve, CCDA Acting Managing Director, Mr. William Lakain and Milne Bay Provincial Administrator Mr. Ashan Numa at the MoU signing in Port Moresby



## THREE PROVINCES SIGN MOU WITH CCDA

Three provinces have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Climate Change and Development Authority (CCDA) in June this year to establish their Provincial Climate Change Committee (PCCC). The three provinces include, Eastern Highlands, Milne Bay and New Ireland Province.

The signing will now see climate change efforts mainstreamed into the respective provincial development plan and budget. The MoU was signed between CCDA, represented by Acting Managing Director Mr. William Lakain and respective provincial administrators.

Mr. Lakain said Climate Change is rapidly evident around the globe, in the Pacific and Papua New Guinea, and it is necessary for people and responsible government agencies to take necessary actions to mitigate and adapt to the adverse impacts of climate change taking place.

He said it is important to build a rapport with the provinces hence the signing of the MoU will provide a framework for CCDA and the provinces going

forward. Mr. Lakain acknowledged the commitment and support provided by the three provinces and commended the leadership of their respective governors and administrators.

Mr. Lakain said the PCCC is an important committee for CCDA to work with in decentralizing and driving the climate change agenda forward.

Respective provincial administrators during the signing, expressed that they were pleased to sign the MoU on behalf of their provincial government given that climate change remains a growing challenge.

"The people of New Ireland have faced challenges regarding climate change and are ready to see this partnership through in working to manage the environment," said Lamillar Pawut, Provincial Administrator of New Ireland Province.

"The signing of the MoU is an important step for CCDA and the Milne Bay Province to work with in driving the climate change efforts forward", said Ashan Numa, Milne Bay

Provincial Administrator.

"Milne Bay Province has already endorsed its climate resilient green growth strategy this year. With an establishment of the PCCC, we can expect to see some progress. It's up to both the national and provincial governments to support", said Mr. Numa.

"I am delighted that Eastern Highlands Province has been given the opportunity to sign the MoU", said John Gimiseve, Eastern Highlands Provincial Administrator.

"Climate Change is undeniably a growing concern and I must say no province is immune to it hence establishing PCCCs for all provinces in the country is a way forward for proper coordination of climate change efforts", said Mr. Gimiseve.

Other provinces will be provided similar opportunity to sign their MoU in future. The MoU further provides opportunities for capacity building and enable other support for the Provincial Administration to implement set climate targets.





Staff from CCDA with facilitators and participants from Highlands and Southern Regions who have attended the first NAP training in Port Moresby

## NATIONAL ADAPTATION PLAN TRAINING A SUCCESS

A National Adaptation Plan (NAP) is an important step in integrating climate risk and priority adaptation actions into provincial and sectoral development plans and budgets and to direct investments into resilient solutions.

For Papua New Guinea (PNG), a NAP capacity building training covering the four regions; Southern, Momase, Highlands and the New Guinea Islands was successfully delivered, paving the way for integration of climate change adaptation efforts in sectoral and provincial plans.

Hosted by CCDA with the support of UNDP and the University of PNG, the series of training targeted managerial and technical staff in national, provincial and sectoral institutions such as agriculture, transport, infrastructure and health.

"The NAP training is to mainstream climate change adaptation within the planning processes in the provincial administration plans, and within the sectors", said Jonah Auka, Projects and Adaptation Manager of CCDA.

The training was administered using a climate change module on Climate Change and Adaptation (CCA), developed by UPNG Centre for Climate Change and Sustainable Development with support of

CCDA and with technical and funding support from UNDP.

The CCA module was designed to support knowledge on the integration of adaptation planning for PNG. It will also contribute to teaching, learning and understanding of climate change impacts, climate change adaptation planning strategies for PNG.

The NAP training took a week each to be delivered for the four regions with southern and highlands region combined. The training kicked started in Port Moresby covering the Southern and Highlands Regions, then in Madang for the Momase region and finally in Kokopo for the New Guinea Islands region where it concluded.

Over fifty participants from key government agencies, stakeholders and development partners, and provincial representatives participated in the training in the respective regions.

UNDP Chief Technical Advisor Dr. Andrew Rylance highlighted the training as a significant step for PNG to adapt to impacts of climate change.

"UNDP is pleased to support this great initiative led by CCDA and I would also like to thank UPNG for developing the training module and delivering the training.

UNDP has a long history of supporting climate action in

PNG and this training is another example of how mainstreaming climate change into national, provincial and sectoral planning can help the country effectively adapt to the long-term impacts of climate change, said Dr. Rylance.

Training in the respective regions concluded with awarding of certificates to the participants who have successfully participated. CCDA's General Manager for Adaptation and Projects Mr. Jacob Ekinye thanked all participants on behalf of CCDA and encouraged them for their collaborative efforts in the implementation of the NAP. "We are in this business of addressing climate change together. From the training, I know, each participant will bring it up to their respective organizations and factor climate change in their planning and development budget.

"In this way, we can all work together going forward", said Mr. Ekinye.

On behalf of the CCDA's Acting Managing Director Mr. William Lakain, he thanked all participants for their participation. Mr. Ekinye also acknowledged the support of UNDP and UPNG Centre for Climate Change and Sustainable Development for the partnership in delivering training on behalf of CCDA.





The launch coincided with a tree-planting exercise back in the province

## NEW IRELAND LAUNCHED CLIMATE RESILIENT PLAN

The New Ireland Province launched its first-ever Climate-Resilient Plan and Climate Assessment Report on the 21st of April, 2022. The event coincided with a swearing in of seven members into the Provincial Climate Change Committee (PCCC).

The program was jointly delivered by New Ireland Provincial Administration, Climate Change and Development Authority (CCDA) and delivery partner the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI). Present at the occasion were Deputy Governor for New Ireland Province, the Provincial Administrator, representatives from CCDA, GGGI and key stakeholders.

Provincial Administrator Mr. Lamiller Pawut, in his opening remarks, acknowledged all stakeholders for their contribution in the development of New Ireland Province's Climate-Resilient Plan.

"It gives me great confidence to say that the launching of New Ireland's Climate-Resilient Plan and assessment report, and the swearing-in of PCCC members, is New Ireland's response and contribution to PNG's National Determined Contributions or NDCs.

"This is ultimately our response as well to the Paris Agreement

under Article 4 which calls for parties to prepare, communicate and maintain successive NDCs that the country intends to achieve to fight climate change", said Mr. Pawut.

Mr. Pawut added that New Ireland's Integrated Provincial Development Plan currently under development is informed by the Climate-Resilient Plan, and will be aligned to the PNG Medium-Term Development Plan 2023-2027.

New Ireland's Climate Resilient Plan follows three years of consultations with local stakeholders, which started in late 2019. The plan includes priority actions for the province to adapt and mitigate climate change in the economic and social services sector with immediate to long-term goals. The plan will prioritize building of climate resilience in the fisheries, agriculture, transport and energy sub-sectors.

"Working alongside New Ireland to assess its green growth potential, its climate vulnerability, and importantly, its plan to do something about it, has been a great learning curve for all stakeholders, and an experience like no other, for international inter-governmental organizations like GGGI," said Sakiusa Tuisolia,

Country Representative of GGGI. CCDA's Senior National Communications Officer Erick Sarut conducted the swearing-in ceremony (affirming) of seven members of the New Ireland PCCC. The packed launching ceremony followed a Provincial Executive Council endorsement for the establishment of the PCCC in a decision made on 19 September 2021 by the Council (11/2021). The key role of the committee is to coordinate efforts to combat climate change at the provincial level, communicate with the national Government on climate action, and provide climate-related advice for the benefit of communities of New Ireland. The New Ireland Climate-Resilient Plan, assessment report, and PCCC swearing-in ceremony is supported under the four-years Climate Resilient Green Growth (CRGG) Project, from 2019-2022.

The project is funded by the Government of Australia and implemented by CCDA in partnership with GGGI. The project aims to enhance the planning capacity of PNG to be climate resilient and increase green growth in multiple sectors in three pilot provinces which includes New Ireland, Enga and Milne Bay.





CCDA and UNDP staff meeting with representative from Lae University of Technology

## FREAGER ACTIVITIES REVIEWED

FREAGER stands for Facilitating Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Applications for Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction. FREAGER is a project jointly implemented by the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) in partnership with the Climate Change and Development Authority (CCDA). The project aims to enable application of feasible renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies for achieving greenhouse gas emission reduction in Papua New Guinea (PNG). Four provinces in PNG covered under FREAGER are Eastern Highlands, Milne Bay, Morobe and East Sepik Provinces. Between May and June this year, CCDA and UNDP have commenced consultations with the four provinces to review various activities for FREAGER for the respective provinces and to document status. The collection of information was to enable

completion of Global Environment Facility (GEF) core indicators which will inform improvement for the FREAGER. To achieve this, the consultation mission involved, meetings with provincial administrations and key stakeholders, presentations explaining the FREAGER Project to relevant stakeholders and beneficiaries of the project among others. The FREAGER project consists of four components: (1) energy policy, planning, and institutional development; (2) renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies applications; (3) financing of renewable energy and energy efficiency projects; and (4) energy development and awareness enhancement. Component one envisages development, enforcement and implementation of national and provincial energy policies, plans, and standards to promote

application of renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies. Component two will involve the work directed towards technical-commercial viability and capacity in the application of energy efficiency technologies and development feasible renewable energy-based energy systems in the country. Component three will improve an availability of, and access to, financing for renewable energy and energy efficiency initiatives in the energy generation and end-use sectors. The energy efficiency initiatives will primarily target industrial energy users, and social buildings. Component four will involve work to improve awareness of information about renewable energy and energy efficiency applications in the energy generation and end-use sectors.



CCDA and UNDP staff meeting with provincial stakeholders. Pictures supplied by Minando Baro of CCDA REDD+ and Mitigation Division



# World Environment Day

*marked with solemn reminder*



This planet remains our one and only home. We must do everything in our power to protect the earth's finite resources.

Hon. Pogio Ghate, MP  
Minister for Environment, Conservation and Climate Change



The core necessities of life come from mother nature. World environment day encourages everyone to be more conscious of our impacts on the environment.

Gunther Joku-A/Managing Director  
Conservation & Env. Protection Authority



We must advance our actions; big or small that contribute to safeguarding our natural environment as government, corporates or individuals.

William Lakain-A/Managing Director  
Climate Change & Development Authority



World Environment Day (WED) is celebrated on the 5th of June every year. First celebrated in 1974, the day is used to encourage actions to protect the environment. It has become a flagship campaign for raising awareness on emerging environmental issues around the world. The Climate Change and Development Authority (CCDA) commemorated the day with the Conservation Environment and Protection Authority (CEPA), Development Partners, Non-Government Organizations, Corporate Partners and schools at Nature Park in Port

Moresby. WED was commemorated with a number of activities taking place, raising awareness on the importance of protecting the environment prior to and during the main WED commemoration at Nature Park. These activities included environment walk, exhibitions, speeches, beach cleanup and tree planting. Theme for this year's WED was "Only-One-Earth", which calls for transformative changes to policies and choices for cleaner, greener, and sustainable living in harmony

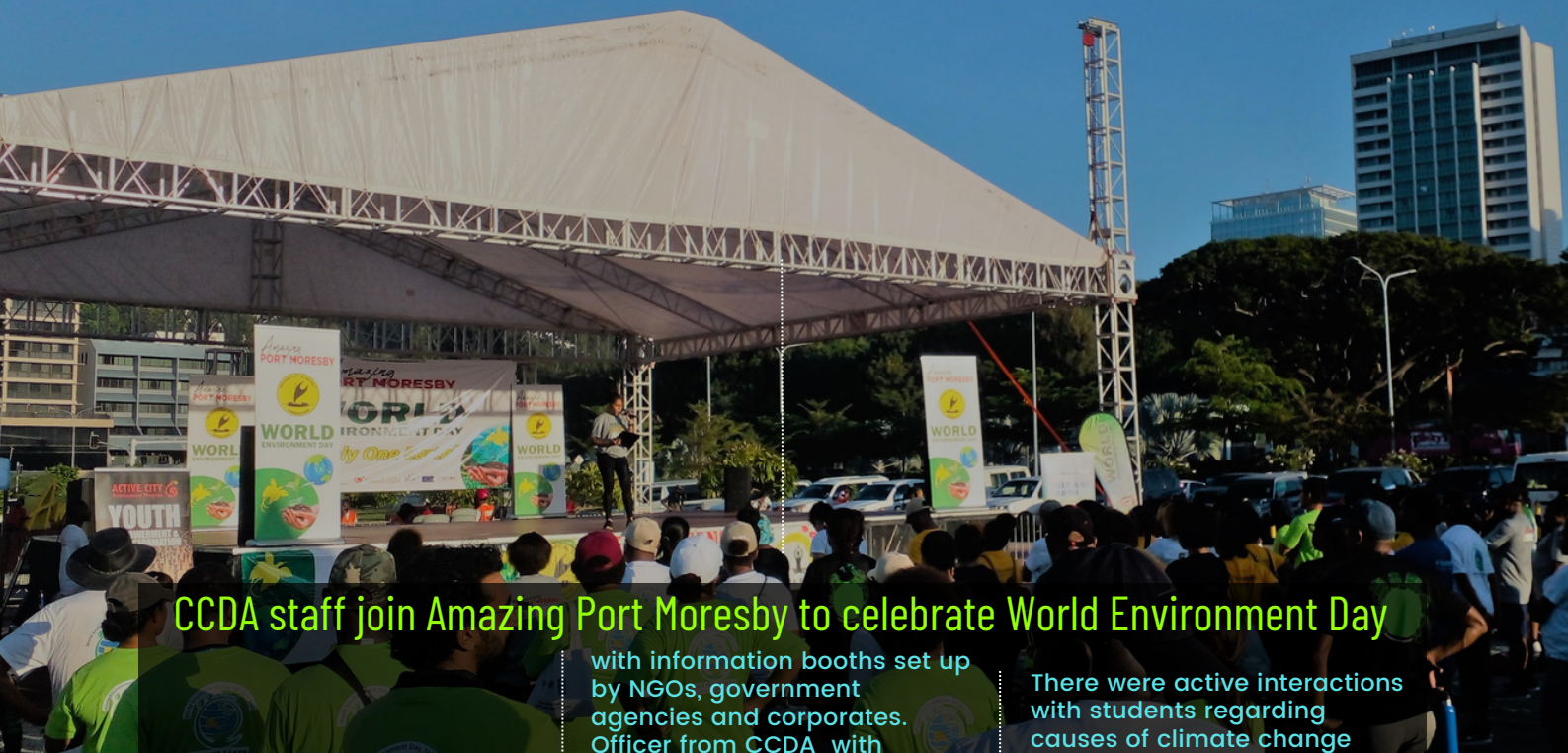


with nature. CCDA's Acting Managing Director Mr. Lakain in his WED statement, highlighted the need for conserving the environment and its connections to climate change.

"World Environment Day is an important day for us to reflect on our shared responsibility to safeguard our precious environment and for generations to come. "Environmental challenges with climate change being the epicenter, affect all of us in Papua New Guinea. To win this battle, we must work together to preserve our environment and protect our climate.

"This year's WED theme is "Only-One-Earth", which reminds us that we have one planet to live in. It also reminds us of the need to live sustainably in harmony with the earth's ...[cont'd p10]





## CCDA staff join Amazing Port Moresby to celebrate World Environment Day

The 2022 Amazing Port Moresby World Environment Day was held on the 3rd of June 2022 at APEC Haus, Port Moresby. The event aimed to raise public awareness of the need to protect the environment. The event involved a school projects exhibition,

with information booths set up by NGOs, government agencies and corporates. Officer from CCDA with officers from Conservation Environment and Protection Authority set up their information booth and did awareness during the event.

There were active interactions with students regarding causes of climate change affecting PNG and how it can be minimized. Students took home vital knowledge and information about, climate change and the Environment and how to be responsible citizens. There were also art displays, performances, videos to commemorate the Day.



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"In commemorating WED today, we must take pride of the environment around us that keep us alive and keep us going. Our actions in preserving our environment; whether big or small like planting trees, matters", said Mr. Lakain.

Similar key messages were echoed to students, employees and the public by representatives from partners and NGOs such as the UNDP, FAO, USIAD, WWF, NCDC and CEPA.

The WED commemoration came to a close with CEPA thanking all partners, schools and the public for participating.



# WORLD OCEANS AND CORAL TRIANGLE DAY COMMEMORATED

The World Oceans Day and the Coral Triangle Day are commemorated on 8th and 9th of June respectively every year.

The World Oceans Day provides an opportunity to celebrate the importance of the ocean and to better understand how to interact with it in a caring and sustainable manner.

The Coral Triangle Day is an international ecological observance held annually on the 9th of June. The day aims to celebrate the marine biodiversity in the South Pacific region known as the

Coral Triangle Region and to raise awareness of its conservation and protection. Both days were commemorated at APEC Haus, Port Moresby in June this year. Staff from Climate Change and Development Authority (CCDA) took part in the event by setting up an information booth and interacted with students and the public on what these two days mean and climate change in general.

Hosted by Conservation, Environment and Protection Authority (CEPA) and

partners, the event brought to light the importance of oceans in people's lives and the need to protect them.

It also highlighted conservation efforts undertaken by partners in the Coral Triangle region and the need to promote such initiatives.

With this year's theme; "Sustaining the Coral Triangle Ecosystem through Blue Economy", the event raised public awareness, targeting younger generations to appreciate and take ownership of the ocean environment.

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# 2022 NATIONAL CLIMATE SUMMIT SET FOR SEPTEMBER

The Second National Climate Summit will be hosted in Port Moresby in September this year. Hosted by Climate Change and Development authority (CCDA), the summit will bring together actors in the climate change space to share experiences and challenges of addressing climate change in Papua New Guinea (PNG).

"This will be the second National Climate Summit following the first in 2021", said Erick Sarut, Chairman of the National Climate Summit Working Committee (NCC).

"The last National Climate Summit was an eventful one although it was the first. We had significant interest and participation from development partners and key stakeholders, leading to its success", said Mr. Sarut.

"CCDA deeply appreciates the support provided by United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade Australia (DFAT), National Capital District Commission (NCDC), the European Union (EU) and other development partners in the last summit", said Mr. Sarut. In the last summit, key delegations represented by former Minister for Environment and Climate Change, the Honorable Wera Mori, who also represented Prime Minister, Honorable James Marape at the summit.

Also attended were former Minister for Forestry, the Honorable Walter Schnaubelt, Oro Governor, the Honorable Gary Juffa, NCD Governor, the Honorable Governor Powes Parkop and Heads of Missions in PNG attending the event.

"We are looking forward to a similar participation this year and we have already received the indication from partners to support and fund the National Summit with discussions ongoing", said Mr. Sarut.

This year's summit theme is; "Strengthening PNG's Climate Actions for a better tomorrow". The theme affirms PNG's commitment under international and national climate change related agreements and to strengthen partnerships for climate action.

Mr. Sarut said, if climate change isn't address properly, it will undo investments in Education, Health, Agriculture, Infrastructure and in the economic sector, therefore climate change needs to be mainstreamed into sectoral and provincial plans.

"CCDA as a coordinating agency, requires implementing agencies and Provincial Administrations to lead in mainstreaming climate change into their plans to drive climate actions going forward. CCDA will only solicit funding

or technical support from sources outside to help the sectors", said Mr. Sarut.

"Some government departments like Department of Works and Highway have recognized the importance of climate change by developing climate change policy and this is what CCDA wants see for sectors and Provincial Administrations to lead," he said. This year's summit will bring together provincial representatives, academia, development partners, NGOs and churches to discuss issues and challenges and to find common solutions.

It is anticipated that more than 100 participants will attend this year's national climate summit and will be represented by National Government Agencies, Private Sectors, Development Partners and Non-Government Organizations. The Summit is expected to be opened by Prime Minister and Minister for Environment and Climate Change of the next government. The CCDA has already established an internal National Climate Working Group to coordinate the delivery of the National Climate Summit.

For further information, participation and supporting of this event, the group can be reached at: [ccdacommunications@gmail.com](mailto:ccdacommunications@gmail.com)



## MORATORIUM ON PNG REDD+ AND VOLUNTARY CARBON MARKET PROJECTS

- The initial Moratorium is still in force and will be until a regulatory framework is finalized in the final quarter of 2022. The Moratorium stops any new projects but exempts projects already registered on the VERRA platform.
- This means no new and intending REDD+ Projects of interest will be entertained for REDD+ activities to date until and when the Moratorium is lifted through an NEC Decision.
- The moratorium also covers NO expansion for projects already registered on the VERRA platform, but to continue work on existing areas until the moratorium is lifted.
- CCDA however, encourages all affected players to halt activities until the regulatory framework is approved.

## PNG'S REDD+ SAFEGUARDS GUIDELINES

- CCDA is working on the finalized versions which will be circulated to all concerned stakeholders. CCDA will NOT publish these safeguards without approval from its stakeholders.
- The recent NEC submission was to seek overall blanket approval or endorsement from CACC or NEC to proceed with the safeguards towards publications.
- The documents went through a lengthy and wide consultation process before they were validated. All comments and feedbacks have been acknowledged to improve the documents.
- The guidelines are evolving policy documents and as per the ongoing negotiations on REDD+ and carbon trading mechanisms, these documents are bound to change through time thus they are working documents.



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CCDA's Acting Managing Director William Lakain and DoWH's Secretary David Wereh cutting the ribbon to signify the launch in the presence of key dignitaries.

## DoWH launched Climate Change Policy and Action Plan

The Department of Works and Highways (DoWH) officially launched its Climate Change Policy and Action Plan on the 23rd of June 2022, in Port Moresby.

The policy covers climate change mitigation and adaptation components under its mandated functions, particularly in relation to roads, buildings and infrastructure development.

The policy is also aligned with the National Transport Strategy and is also aligned with the National Climate Change (Amended) Act 2021 and in accordance with the

Papua New Guinea's (PNG) Vision 2050.

During the launch, Secretary for the Department of Works and Highways, David Wereh commended CCDA and development partners such as USAID Climate Ready team for supporting the DoWH to improve its capacity in building climate resilient and robust infrastructure for Papua New Guinea.

"We pledge ourselves to contribute to country's climate change adaptation targets and looking forward to work collaboratively to address impacts

of climate change", said Mr. Wereh.

CCDA's Acting Managing Director William Lakain, highlighted climate change as a cross-cutting issue that affects every sectors. He said having such a policy driven by sectors is key to address climate change collectively.

He acknowledged the DOWH Climate Change Policy as a way forward for PNG in terms of building climate resilient infrastructures. He said the launch of the DoWH Climate Change Policy and Action Plan is a great start, going forward.





Stakeholders in Enga Province with staff from CCDA, GGGI posing for a photo session at Malyam Hotel in Wabag, Enga Province



## ENGA PROVINCE ENDORSED CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

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The Enga Province has successfully validated and endorsed its Climate Resilient Green Growth (CRGG) Action Plan in a two-days' workshop which concluded on the 08th of April this year.

The Action Plan captures priority climate-resilient and green growth initiatives to be mainstreamed into the Province's "Enga Step-up" Strategic Development Plan 2022-2030.

"Climate change poses risks and challenges both at the national and international fronts," said Acting Managing Director for Climate Change and Development Authority (CCDA) Mr. William Lakain.

"The Government of PNG is committed to ensure that there are appropriate plans and policies in place to support PNG adapt to growing challenges induced by climate change and global warming.

"This means practical local actions are needed. The CRGG Action Plan for Enga is one crucial step that paves way for mainstreaming CRGG at the provincial level", said Mr. Lakain. The Enga CRGG Action Plan was developed based on a provincial assessment conducted from 2019-2022.

The assessment identified entry points for CRGG priorities in Enga Province with recommendation from the Provincial Climate Change Committee (PCCC) to have climate change mainstreamed in the provincial development plan.

Strategic initiatives under the Action Plan includes sustainable forests (REDD+) and sustainable landscapes; climate-smart agriculture; water conservation and access; green industries and jobs; green infrastructure, transport, energy, buildings, and cross-cutting green growth interventions.

Country representative for Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI) Mr. Sakiusa Tuisolia commended the Enga provincial government and participants for their local knowledge and inputs in the formulation of the Action Plan and stressed on the importance of implementing the plan. He reiterated that the action plan is world class action plan which aims at achieving climate resilience and green growth in the province.

"What's important to note is that plans are just ideas on paper, until we take action and mobilize

resources to implement it, and only then the intended objectives will be met for the benefit for the people and the country.

"GGGI is happy to support the PNG Government and the Enga Provincial Government and its people in the CRGG interventions", said Tuisolia.

Deputy Provincial Administrator of Enga, Mr. Raphael Tamean, highlighted the Action Plan validation as a way forward for the province to identify, commence and upscale its climate adaptation and mitigation efforts.

On behalf of the Enga Provincial Government, Mr. Tamean acknowledged the support of GGGI, CCDA, the Government of Australia and key stakeholders for the partnership in the development and validation of Enga's CRGG Action Plan.

The Enga Province is one of three pilot provinces to mainstream CRGG into its strategic development plan. The other two provinces are New Ireland and Milne Bay.

The CRGG Project is being implemented by GGGI in partnership with CCDA and funded by the Australian Government's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT).





The new staff, after receiving their certificates, posed for a photo session with the Management staff of CCDA

## ELEVEN CCDA STAFF INDUCTED

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The Pacific Institute of Governance and Leadership (PILAG) certified eleven new staff from Climate Change and Development Authority (CCDA) following a four-day public service induction workshop in May this year.

The induction was sponsored by CCDA, facilitated by PILAG in Port Moresby. The eleven staff took the oath before CCDA's Legal Counsel before receiving their certificates.

"The public service induction is an important process for bringing staff into an organization", said CCDA's Acting Managing Director William Lakain.

"It provides an introduction to the working environment and the set-up of the employee within the organization; in this case is the public service sector", said Mr. Lakain.

The four-day induction saw the inductees learn and understand the legislations and policies that guide public servants especially the Public Service General Orders, Public Service (Management) Act as well as their roles and conduct as public servants.

"An organization is as good as its staff therefore induction as such is important for CCDA going forward", said CCDA's General Manager for Adaptation and Projects, Jacob Ekinye.

In congratulating the staff, Mr. Ekinye encouraged staff to serve CCDA with passion and dedication.

CCDA's General Manager, REDD+ and Mitigation Division, Gwen Sissiou, congratulated the staff and highlighted the importance of the rules and regulations governing public servants. Ms. Sissiou informed staff to be mindful in the way they conduct themselves.

She also encouraged them to deliver to their best what is expected of them to be deliver.

Similar remarks were made by CCDA's MRV and National Communications Acting General Manager Ms. Debra Sungi.

The new staff were welcomed by Mr. Lakain on behalf of the Staff and Management of CCDA and encouraged them to adapt well to the organization and contribute meaningfully in driving CCDA's mandate going forward.

Mr. Lakain also commended the CCDA's Corporate Services Division and PILAG for ensuring this induction a success.







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