

DRAFT REDD Readiness Progress Fact Sheet

COUNTRY:PAPUA NEW GUINEA

June 2013

1. R-PP Preparation and FCPF Readiness grant

- PNG has requested the United Nations Development Programme to act as Delivery Partner.
- R-PP assessed by FCPF PC at PC14 (March 2013).
- A revised R-PP, addressing PC and TAP comments, is being prepared.
- UNDP undertook a mission in April 2013 to initiate its due diligence process.

2. National REDD Readiness Management Arrangements

- In April 2013 GoPNG officially assigned a new Executive Director to lead the Office of Climate Change and Development (OCCD)
- The UN-REDD Programme is overseen by a Programme Executive Board, and it is anticipated that the same body will oversee the FCPF. The Programme Executive Board approved the request for extension of the UN-REDD Programme up to 2015
- UN-REDD has recruited a Programme Manager (January 2013) and a Communications Officer (June 2013) to make progress on its outstanding activities.
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3. Stakeholder Consultations and Communication

- Four communities in three provinces have been consulted related to obtaining on-the-ground information to support the review of the current draft National FPIC Guidelines.
- The Office of Climate Change and Development (OCCD) is currently carrying out a provincial consultation process in which up to date 5 provinces have been visited
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4. REDD Strategy Preparation

- The UN-REDD Programme has prepared an updated approach outlining the close integration of the various REDD+ components leading to a National REDD+ Strategy.
- PNG has prepared a final draft Climate Change Policy Bill (April 2013) with direct implications on REDD+ initiatives in the country and is currently reviewed by all stakeholders.
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5. Implementation Framework

- Free, prior and informed consent has been applied at several demonstration project sites; a mission in May, 2013 was undertaken to derive lessons to be used in the development of national guidelines.

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- A study has been undertaken on the issue of carbon rights.
- Technical Working Groups are being established.

6. SESA

- UN-REDD is undertaking a study on social and environmental safeguards for REDD+ in PNG.
- The SESA will aim to identify and integrate the key environmental, social, legal and policy dimensions into the REDD + Strategy.

7. Development of a Reference Scenario

- Data available: satellite imagery and permanent plot data.
- Reference scenario would be a combination of historical data and future projections

8. MRV

- A MRV Roadmap has been prepared.
- The MRV system will be based on assessment of forest area change through the use of both satellite imagery to estimate forest cover and field research on carbon pools in different forest types as well as through ground truthing and surveys.
- FAO is supporting the development of a web-based National Forest Monitoring System
- FAO is also implementing an EU-funded programme to strengthen the NFI

9. Other

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