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## Dear Reader,

It is our pleasure to present **At A Glance: The EU-FCCB Programme | National Component**, a compilation of stories and articles highlighting key milestones and lessons learned, which were published on social media for the period of March 2024 to March 2025.

Over the past year, we, at Expertise France, worked diligently to enhance the visibility of the national component of the EU-FCCB Programme.

We begin with a significant achievement—the signing of Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) with six key government partners—followed by other notable milestones, including our contributions to national and international events.

Our goal is to support a development model that integrates forestry, climate change, and biodiversity with sustainable, inclusive, and gender-responsive economic growth. Through this publication, we invite you to explore our efforts in environmental preservation and sustainable livelihoods, made possible through strong collaboration with our partners.

Thank you for your interest and support.



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“The EU-FCCB Programme is the European Union’s largest environmental initiative in the Pacific Islands Region. It aims to intergrate forestry, climate change and biodiversity with sustainable development and green growth objectives in Papua New Guinea.”

H.E. Jacques Fradin  
Ambassador of the European  
Union to Papua New Guinea



“As the head of the department responsible for coordinating and facilitating foreign aid cooperation, I expect the EU-FCCB Programme to play a crucial role in advancing the Strategic Priority Areas (SPA) of the MTDP IV, particularly SPA 10 on environmental protection and climate action, SPA 1 on economic investments, and SPA 12 on partnership.”

Mr. Koney Samuel  
Secretary of the Department of  
National Planning and Monitoring  
Co-Chair of the EU-FCCB  
Programme for PNG

# The EU-FCCB Family Tree



Enhance collaboration, partnership, and communication among all the stakeholders and partners  
 Land use planning guidelines  
 Financial capabilities  
 Land use planning governance and framework  
 Best practice and experience  
 Resource mobilisation through partnership  
 Networking  
 Teamwork  
 Strong knowledge of Expertise France rules and procedures  
 10 years of executive management and public service experience at the national level  
 Tools to enhance the implementation of the Programme's action plan/activities  
 30 years of public service experience  
 Skills and expertise  
 Land use planning governance and framework  
 Visibility and effective communication products  
 Innovative ideas  
 Capacity building in IC  
 Rewards and recognition  
 Visibility and effective communication products  
 Project leadership and management skills  
 Strong institutional linkage and governance  
 Knowledge Management and products  
 Data collection  
 Data management  
 Research skills and innovation  
 Compliance to standards  
 The grants scheme ensures communities are empowered to address the EU-FCCB nexus and support CSOs' accountability and governance.  
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# MOUs SIGNED TO ADVANCE CLIMATE ACTION AND ENVIRONMENT SUSTAINABILITY



Agreement signed with CCDA.



Agreement signed with DAL.



Agreement signed with PNGFA.

**Papua New Guinea (PNG) has taken a major step toward sustainable resource management and climate action with the signing of six Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) between six government agencies and Expertise France under the EU-funded Forestry-Climate Change-Biodiversity (EU-FCCB) Programme.**

These partnership framework, covering land use, forestry, biodiversity, climate change, sustainable agriculture, and green energy, will drive environmental protection and economic growth from 2024 to 2027.

The Department of Lands and Physical Planning (DLPP) signed an MoU to support sustainable land use planning,

aligning with PNG's National Sustainable Land Use Policy (NSLUP) and Medium-Term Development Plan 4 (MTDP-4).

DLPP Secretary Mr. Benjamin Samson highlighted the role of land use planning in national development.

The Conservation and Environment Protection Authority (CEPA) signed



Agreement signed with DLPP.

an MoU to strengthen biodiversity conservation, enforce the Protected Areas (PA) Act, and improve institutional capacity.

Mr. Jude Tukuliya of CEPA's Managing Director stressed the need for tangible actions to benefit local communities from the environmental protection and sustainable livelihoods.

The Papua New Guinea Forest Authority (PNGFA) entered an MoU to reform forest management, enhance data systems through the Forest Resource Information Management System (FRIMS), and promote sustainable logging and downstream processes.

PNGFA Managing Director Mr. John Mosoro emphasized modernising forestry practices.

To support sustainable agriculture, the Department of Agriculture and Livestock (DAL) signed an MoU aligning with the National Agricultural Sector Plan (NASP) 2024–2033.

DAL Secretary Dr. Sergie Bang underscored the importance of improving productivity, expanding commodities market access, and strengthening regulatory frameworks through operationalisation of the National Agriculture Sector Plan (NASP).

The Climate Change and Development Authority (CCDA) committed to advancing climate action under PNG's Enhanced Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), focusing on emissions reduction and climate resilience.



Agreement signed with CEPA.



CEPA Managing Director, Mr. Jude Tukuliya

Acting Managing Director Ms. Debra Sungi highlighted the need for coordinated efforts in implementing climate plans.

The National Energy Authority (NEA) signed an MoU to promote renewable energy, revise energy policies, and establish an energy data repository to support PNG's NDC targets.

Managing Director Mr. Ronald Meketa emphasized the role of green energy in emissions reduction and its contribution to green growth of the country.

These agreements, witnessed by representatives from the EU Delegation to PNG, the Department of National Planning and Monitoring (DNPM), and key stakeholders, reaffirm PNG's commitment to sustainable development.

EU-FCCB National Component Project Manager Mr. Alaric Vandenberghe emphasized the importance of collaborative efforts to ensure these MoUs lead to impactful actions for a greener, more sustainable future.



Master's Scholarship panel interview conducted at the Hilton Hotel conference room. Photo: Michael Klewaki | EU-FCCB Programme | National Component

# SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME SET TO INCREASE POSTGRADUATES IN FCCB

**130 applications for in-country Master's Scholarships demonstrates a strong interest from Papua New Guineans in developing expertise in forestry, climate change, and biodiversity (FCCB).**

The Master's Scholarships are offered to 20 individual citizens of PNG for a two-year master's program focused on research (MPhil, MSc) at a local university, such as Unitech, UPNG, UNRE, UoG, or PAU, aiming to develop their expertise in a wide range of fields, including Ecology, Biodiversity Conservation, Forestry, Agriculture, Climate Change Research, Environmental Economics, Environmental Health, and Environmental Social Sciences.

From 13-15 February, the first independent supervision session brought together a panel of over 40 national and international experts and academics in the FCCB fields to deliberate on the applications.

Prof. Vojtěch Novotný, Expertise France's International Advisor on Higher Education and Research in FCCB in PNG, led the independent supervision panel sessions, explained that the panel comprises 24 Papua New Guinean academics representing the country's seven universities, along with four research institutes, various Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs), government agencies, and businesses, as well as 22 academics from six EU countries, Australia, and the USA.

Ms. Monica Vazquez-Pablo, Programme Manager at the European Union Delegation to PNG, emphasised the importance of academic participation in the panel and highlighted that both the scholarships and research grants offer an opportunity to nurture a new

“Only one in a thousand Papua New Guinean youths currently attains postgraduate education, and we need to change this if we wish for PNG to prosper in the future,” Prof. Novotny.

generation of PNG experts, enhance research skills and capacities, and transform the country’s educational and research landscape.

"One of the primary goals of the EU-FCCB Programme is to enhance educational opportunities, particularly to increase the number of postgraduates in the areas of forestry, climate change, and biodiversity within PNG. We are optimistic about making significant progress in the establishment and implementation," remarked Ms. Vazquez-Pablo.

Mr. Floyd Lala, Assistant Secretary at the Department of National Planning and

Monitoring, addressed the audience on behalf of Secretary Mr. Koney Samel. Together with Ms. Vazquez-Pablo, he opened the panel session by expressing gratitude to the EU for their support and underscoring the importance of this scholarship initiative for Papua New Guinea.

"This scholarship scheme signifies a major boost to higher education and research in PNG, aligning perfectly with the Government's priorities outlined in the Medium-Term Development Plan (MTDP)," Mr. Lala stated.

## FIRST COHORT OF 21 STUDENTS SELECTED



Ms. Stéphanie Vaddé congratulated the selected students for their achievements.

After a rigorous selection process, 21 students were selected to receive a fully-funded master’s scholarship.

This competitive process involved conducting 55 interviews with shortlisted candidates to ensure a merit-based selection.

Professor Vojtěch Novotný, the consulting advisor for the

postgraduate education and research scheme of the EU-FCCB Programme national component, highlighted the exceptional caliber of the selected students.

“There were many outstanding scholarship applications, and not being selected this time should not deter you from trying again next time,” explained Prof. Novotný.

At the closing of the event, Ms. Stéphanie Vaddé, Head of the Political, Information and Press Section at the European Union Delegation to Papua New Guinea, thanked the panel members for their deliberated efforts and congratulated the selected students for their achievements.

“I would like to urge you to seize this opportunity fully and to apply the knowledge you gain to contribute meaningfully to Papua New Guinea’s sustainable development in your future careers,” Ms. Vaddé advised the selected students who participated in the event remotely

# EMPOWERING CIVIL SOCIETY IN FCCB DECISION MAKING PROCESS

**PNG Environmental Alliance's mission is to provide a unified platform for Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) to raise their concerns and drive coordinated work and advocacy on environmental issues and sustainable livelihoods in Papua New Guinea.**

The Papua New Guinea Environmental Alliance (PNGEA) recently concluded a highly productive four-day strategic planning session, held from 22 to 25 January 2025 in Sogeri. This event was made possible through collaborative support from the European Union-funded Forestry-Climate Change-Biodiversity (FCCB) Programme, executed by Expertise France, and long-time partner Bread for the World.

The planning session was pivotal for PNGEA and its partners, focusing on crafting a comprehensive strategic plan with actionable objectives tailored to address environmental challenges across Papua New Guinea.

"We are deeply grateful for the support from Expertise France (through the EU-FCCB Program) and Bread for the World (BftW)," stated Ms. Pamela Avusi. "We are eager to execute this roadmap, which will enhance collaboration and engagement among our membership organisations to ensure our work benefits local communities resonating with PNGEA's vision and the environment globally."

The outcomes of the planning session include a roadmap that will soon lead

to concrete interventions. These interventions are expected to be finalised and implemented by February 2025.

PNGEA is a coalition of 12 organisations united in their mission to represent the collective voice of Civil Society on environmental issues in Papua New Guinea. Its members include: Bismarck Ramu Group (BRG), Centre for Environmental Law and Community Rights (CELCOR), Consultative Implementation and Monitoring Committee (CIMC), Forests for Certain-Forests for Life! (FORCERT), Institute of National Affairs (INA), PNG Council of Churches (PNGCC), Research Conservation Foundation (RCF), Wildlife Conservation Society in PNG (WCS PNG), Tenkile Conservation Alliance (TCA), Tree Kangaroo Conservation Programme (TKCP), Partners with Melanesia (PwM), and Wide Bay Conservation Association (WBCA).

With its newly defined strategic roadmap, PNGEA aims to solidify its role as a key advocate for sustainable development and environmental conservation, ensuring a greener future for PNG.



Representatives of different Civil Society Organisations that attended the strategic planning session. Photo: Clive Hawigen EU-FCCB | National Component



## EU GREEN DIPLOMACY WEEK ENGAGES YOUTH TO DISCUSS SUSTAINABILITY, ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE ACTION

The EU Green Diplomacy Week was officially opened by H.E. Jacques Fradin, EU Ambassador to Papua New Guinea, and Hon. Powes Parkop, NCD Governor. Both emphasised the crucial role of global partnerships in climate action, forestry, biodiversity, and sustainable livelihoods and development.

The three-day event (11-13 December, 2024) kicked off at the Moresby Arts Theatre brought

together leaders, experts, and youth to address the world's pressing environmental challenges.

Throughout the week, attendees enjoyed thought-provoking documentaries, including "Dancing with the Birds" and "Into the Jungle," which highlighted conservation efforts for nature, biodiversity and the endangered tree kangaroo, alongside engaging discussions and panel sessions.



"Traditional Knowledge is a way forward to help Papua New Guinea. If we decrease poverty, we can reduce environmental problems."

Ms. Dikatauna Kwa  
Co-Found of KataLite Consultancy  
Panel Discussion on Youth leadership  
in Climate Action, Biodiversity,  
Forestry and Sustainability



“This is my first time being involved in such a programme, and I would like to emphasise the importance of inclusivity. People with disabilities must be educated about environmental matters. Every one of us has a role to play in conservation efforts,”

Ms. Lucia Rifu  
Chairlady of Papua New Guinea Deaf Association



“We are rich, we have land and abundant natural resources; what we truly need is a shift in our mindset and decisive actions. We have access to education, whether it’s formal or informal. Poverty is only a state of the mind.”

Ms. Rebecca Gima  
Scientific Field Officer  
Mojirau Wildlife Management Area  
Panel Discussion on Youth leadership  
in Climate Action, Biodiversity,  
Forestry and Sustainability



## A Green Blue Economy Policy for the Autonomous Region of Bougainville



Hon. Junior Tumare outlining the importance of developing the Green Blue Economy.

The Green Blue Economy (GBE) Policy has undergone final review by the Autonomous Bougainville Government's Central Agencies Coordinating Committee, following extensive consultations and a validation workshop between 30 September and 17 October 2024.

This policy, designed to support economic growth and environmental conservation, will be presented to the Bougainville Executive Council for final approval.

"Once the policy is approved, we will move forward with further consultations to develop a detailed implementation plan, ensuring our commitments lead to actionable benefits for our communities," stated Honourable Junior Tumare, Minister for Lands, Physical Planning, Environment, Conservation, and Climate Change for the Autonomous Region of Bougainville.

Supported by the European Union-funded Forestry-Climate Change-Biodiversity (EU-FCCB) Programme | National Component, the GBE Policy aims to promote sustainable practices that protect Bougainville's natural resources while providing economic opportunities. This strategic initiative seeks to position



The Blue Green Economy Policy review took a period of three-week, from consultation to validation workshop. It engaged local stakeholders, allowing them to contribute insights and feedback on the policy framework.

Bougainville as a leading hub for low-carbon industries and green innovations, aligning with global goals to reach net zero emissions by 2050.

The GBE Policy promises to be a transformative framework, guiding Bougainville toward a sustainable future that balances economic growth with environmental stewardship, empowering local communities, and addressing the tenacious realities of climate change. It will ensure the Island of Bougainville's natural resources are preserved for future generations while also providing opportunities for growth and prosperity for its people, as enshrined in its Vision 2052.

# A PATHWAY TO CARBON MARKET DEVELOPMENT

Papua New Guinea has taken significant steps towards establishing its presence in the global carbon market, aligning closely with international climate goals in anticipation of the 29th Conference of the Parties (COP29) under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).



In early November, 2024, the Climate Change Development Authority (CCDA) hosted a Networking and Information Event in partnership with the European Union-funded Forest-Climate Change-Biodiversity (EU-FCCB) Programme | National Component implemented by Expertise France. This event aimed

to update stakeholders on the latest trends in global carbon markets, PNG's regulatory progress, and the outlook for the nation's market development in 2024 and beyond.

Hon. Simo Kilepa, PNG's Minister for Environment, Conservation, and Climate Change, highlighted the role of carbon

markets and climate finance as vital tools to close the investment gap for a sustainable, green future.

The event also served as a forum for aligning the government, private sector, and civil society on PNG's strategic pathway to establish a robust carbon market. Discussions focused on regulatory developments and market opportunities, creating a foundation for private sector engagement and a clear roadmap for further developments in PNG. The event's timing was strategic, allowing PNG to clarify preparations for the coming COP29.

"The creation of these (PNG's recently approved Carbon Market Regulations) regulations marks a significant milestone, but it is only one step forward. We are counting on you, our partners, to walk with us as we strengthen these approaches and uphold the highest integrity in our carbon market engagements," stated Hon. Simo Kilepa, reiterating Prime Minister Marape's call for both national and international cooperation on climate action and particular finance for high forest low deforestation developing countries.

H.E. Jacques Fradin, the European Union Ambassador to PNG, expressed the EU's steadfast support for PNG on climate change and engagement with carbon markets. "The EU-FCCB Programme, one of our key projects, supports the operationalisation of PNG's carbon trading mechanism, making it accessible and empowering all stakeholders to contribute towards a sustainable future," he said. Ambassador Fradin further emphasised that the fight against climate change requires strong partnerships nationally and globally, stressing the EU's commitment to supporting PNG's transition.

PNG's steps toward a carbon market framework position it as a future leader in the global carbon market. In 2023, global revenues from carbon taxes and emissions trading schemes (ETs) surpassed USD 100 billion, with further growth expected as new schemes become operational. The Voluntary Carbon Market (VCM) issued over 308 million tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>e last year, equating to a potential market value of USD 750 million. As the VCM undergoes consolidation in 2024, there is an increased focus on high-quality credits that meet rigorous standards, with the need for integrity and transparency in carbon trading.



The CCDA has been instrumental in developing PNG's carbon market framework, building on the 2023 guidelines for carbon project development. With anticipated Carbon Market Regulations expected to pass through Parliament, PNG is creating a strong foundation for its national carbon market, marking a significant achievement in its regulatory journey.

PNG has also been active in international cooperation, signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Singapore and engaging in negotiations with other nations to facilitate carbon market access. Additionally, in collaboration with the Green Climate Fund (GCF), PNG is working to secure results-based payments under the REDD+ framework, a crucial step in monetising emissions reductions.

# CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY COP16

**The EU-FCCB Programme | National Component supported the delegation of Papua New Guinea to the UN CBD COP16 in Cali, Colombia.**

In the pivotal week for global biodiversity, Expertise France, the Implementing Agency of the national component of the European Union-funded Forestry-Climate Change-Biodiversity (EU-FCCB) Programme, is supporting Papua New Guinea's delegation at the 16th Conference of the Parties (COP16) to the UN Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) in Cali, Colombia.

As COP16 progresses, it is marked by critical discussions on the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF), an ambitious global agreement to halt biodiversity loss and promote ecosystem resilience by 2030.

PNG's commitment to the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (MGBF) is reflected in its National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP), where 23 global targets are thoroughly aligned with national goals to protect biodiversity and mitigate climate impacts, as well as sustainable development goals. The EU-FCCB Programme has been instrumental in enabling PNG to achieve this alignment, empowering the country to translate global biodiversity targets into local action.

Along with other KMBGF targets, the EU-FCCB Programme strives to contribute to the development and implementation of an inclusive national sustainable land-use planning framework to ensure



that the rights and voices of landowning communities are respected and considered within other sectors.

Other priority interventions include promoting food security and deforestation-free agriculture, sustainable livelihoods, traditional conservation knowledge and practices, strengthening governance and digital Infrastructure as well as unlocking new financial opportunities and advancing resource mobilisation for people and nature in close collaboration with other development partners in the country.

Since PNG will commence the review and the development of the third Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in 2025, particular attention will be given to

mainstreaming NBSAP targets into the NDC and its sectoral action plans.

Expertise France, through the EU-FCCB Programme, remains committed to supporting PNG in achieving its

biodiversity and sustainable development goals through strategic alignment with the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and meaningful stakeholder partnerships.



**PNG's commitment to the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (MGBF) is reflected in its National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP)**



The significance of these initiatives in supporting PNG's unique country's context to contribute to and benefit from the global biodiversity agenda. Mr Isoev said, "The EU-FCCB Programme is a key partner in PNG's efforts to uphold its commitments under the KMGBF, connecting national conservation and climate resilience efforts with international targets."

Mr. Mirzohaydar Isoev  
Deputy Project Manager & Technical  
Coordinator  
EU-FCCB National Component



"Improved resourcing for island biodiversity conservation and monitoring in the Pacific is very important as our islands are scattered and isolated. We are custodians of the largest span of ocean in the world, so it is important for the wider global community to help us in the conservation management and monitoring of Pacific biodiversity through more resourcing."

Ms. Kumaras Kay Kalim  
Director of Sustainable Environment  
Programmes  
Conservation and Environment  
Protection Authority (CEPA)



“The gathering at COP16 reaffirmed the commitment to protecting the planet for future generations. There is need for bold action and stronger partnerships to ensure a sustainable future for Papua New Guinea and the world.”

Hon. Junior Tumare  
Minister for Lands & Physical Planning,  
Environment, Conservation and  
Climate Change  
Autonomous Bougainville Government



During the side event titled “Making Nature’s Values Visible” at the EU pavilion at the CBD COP16 in Cali, Colombia, Mr Nicolas Chenet expressed his enthusiasm for the role of Expertise France in leading the national component of the EU-funded Forestry-Climate Change-Biodiversity (EU-FCCB) Programme in Papua New Guinea (PNG).

This initiative promotes collaboration among key government agencies, civil society, the private sector, and local communities, all working together to support the sustainable management of natural resources

Mr. Nicolas Chenet  
Director - Sustainable Development  
Department  
Expertise France

# PNG'S FIRST BIENNIAL TRANSPARENCY REPORT TO UNFCCC

The Climate Change and Development Authority (CCDA), with support from the national component of the EU-FCCB Programme, conducted extensive national and regional consultations from July to November 2024 to prepare Papua New Guinea's (PNG) first Biennial Transparency Report (BTR).

The BTR is a critical requirement under the Paris Agreement, enabling PNG to track and communicate its climate actions, GHG emissions, and climate finance received or provided. It replaces previous Biennial Update Reports (BURs) and Biennial Reports (BRs) under the UNFCCC and aligns with the Enhanced Transparency Framework (ETF). Key Focus Areas of Stakeholder Consultations were:

- GHG Emissions and Removals: Strengthening PNG's GHG inventory.
- Tracking NDC Progress: Assessing emissions reduction targets.
- Agriculture and Livestock Sectors: Addressing data gaps.
- Vulnerability Needs Assessment (VNA): Identifying climate risks and adaptation priorities.

Ms. Debra Sungi, Acting Managing Director of CCDA, highlighted the importance of the BTR submission and the need to overcome data collection challenges, stating: "The workshops are important to strengthen PNG's GHG inventory, especially in the challenging areas of livestock and agriculture data collection. This would guide the country's adaptation and mitigation strategies."

Through the EU-FCCB Programme, PNG is enhancing its climate reporting



Participants take a group photo.



CCDA Acting Managing Director, Ms. Debra Sungi.

capacity, ensuring greater transparency and accountability in its commitments under the Paris Agreement.

# TOWARDS REFORESTATION & AFFORESTATION

Forestry in PNG is more than an economic resource; it is deeply entwined with the nation's identity, culture, and way of life. Reforestation involves the replanting of trees in areas where forests have been depleted, while afforestation introduces forests in regions where none previously existed. Both are crucial to restoring ecosystems and ensuring a sustainable future for PNG.



Mr. Isoev giving his opening remarks.

Around 30 foresters from the Papua New Guinea Forest Authority (PNGFA), the private sector, NGOs, and representatives of landowner groups gathered on 09 September 2024 in Port Moresby to contribute to the revision of the National Strategy for Reforestation and Afforestation Programme (NRAP).

This initiative, proudly supported by the EU-FCCB Programme, under the national component led by Expertise France as an implementing agency, aims to enhance the sustainable management of PNG's forest resources.

The draft NRAP 2024-2029, developed by the PNGFA, focuses on addressing key issues such as deforestation, biodiversity loss, and climate change and improving

rural livelihoods through strategic reforestation and afforestation efforts.

For the NRAP to be effective and inclusive, gathering comprehensive feedback from various stakeholders is essential. The participation of key stakeholders included forest industry professionals, landowners, national government agencies, NGOs, and donor partners. Their insights would help shape a robust, all-encompassing strategy that addresses environmental and societal needs.

Mr. Mirzohaydar Isoev, Technical Coordinator and Deputy Project Manager of Expertise France overseeing the EU-FCCB Programme's National Component, expressed his gratitude to the participants for their contributions.

"We are blessed with beautiful nature and must do everything possible as stewards to restore PNG's landscape through reforestation and afforestation. Our commitment to preserving our natural heritage is unwavering, and through the EU-FCCB Programme, Expertise France provides essential technical support to the PNGFA, helping review policies, regulations, and legislative frameworks. This partnership has been formalised through a Memorandum of Understanding between our organizations," said Mr. Isoev.

# PROVINCIAL INTERVENTION STRATEGY FOR FORESTRY, CLIMATE CHANGE AND BIODIVERSITY

As part of the national component of the EU-FCCB Programme, Expertise France, the agency responsible for the national and institutional components, has developed a Provincial Intervention Strategy for six target provinces.



Participants take a group photo.



During discussion session.

This strategy aims to enhance the implementation of forestry, climate change, and biodiversity (FCCB) policies and regulations at the provincial level through targeted stakeholder consultations and workshops.

The process began with one-on-one consultations during the inception phase, culminating in a national workshop on 11-12 September 2024 at APEC Haus, Port Moresby.

The six provinces were selected based on:

- High risks of deforestation and forest degradation.
- Significant biodiversity conservation priorities.
- High vulnerability to climate change impacts.
- Demonstrated commitment from Provincial Administrations.

- Opportunities for synergies with existing FCCB-related programs.

Expertise France will facilitate the following strategic initiatives in the selected provinces to enhance FCCB integration:

## 1. Development of Provincial-Level Strategies and Plans:

- o Provincial Forest Plans to guide sustainable forest management.
- o Climate-Resilient Green Growth Plans to mainstream FCCB principles.
- o Provincial and District Development Plans supported through PSIPs (Provincial Service Investment Programmes) and DSIPs (District Service Investment Programmes).
- o Sustainable Land Use Plans to enhance landscape-level planning.

## 2. Strengthening Protected Areas and Conservation Initiatives:



Participants at the session.



A participant making a point during discussion.



Participants at the session.



A participant at the session.

- o Establishing Provincial Protected Areas Round Tables (PPARTs) to support the enforcement of the new Protected Areas Act.
- o Organizing Regional Protected Areas Forums to enhance knowledge-sharing among ground-based conservation practitioners.
- o Providing capacity-building workshops on sustainable livelihoods and business modeling.

### 3. Promoting Green Growth and Sustainable Development:

- o Integrating FCCB themes into primary and secondary school curricula.
- o Developing green energy profiles to identify renewable energy opportunities.

- o Supporting sustainable agricultural and forestry value chains to facilitate access to international markets, including compliance with EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR).
- o Facilitating forestry and agricultural downstream processing to add value at the local level.
- o Encouraging jurisdictional nested REDD+ (JNR) projects to leverage carbon financing opportunities.

Through these interventions, the EU-FCCB Programme aims to strengthen vertical coordination between national and sub-national actors, ensuring integrated, inclusive, and effective FCCB policy implementation across Papua New Guinea.

# PROTECTED AREAS FORUM SERIES LAUNCHED

The European Union-funded Forestry-Climate Change-Biodiversity Programme under the national component led by Expertise France, with the Conservation and Environment Protection Authority (CEPA), launched its 2024 Protected Areas (PAs) Forum Series in September in Port Moresby. This initiative, stemming from a July 2024 MOU, is to enhance environmental protection and sustainable livelihoods in PNG.



Participant at the PA Forum Series



Participant at the PA Forum Series

The PA forum started in 2021 with the support of UNDP GEF-6 and will continue in the future with backing from partners and government agencies to sustain CEPA's efforts to address significant challenges faced by PNG's PA Network. This will also address gaps in business & financial planning, and limited stakeholder experience.

The series is also to raise awareness of PAs, promote regional collaboration & bridge the gaps between policy and practice. It will utilise PNG traditions & cultures to promote "Story Books from our Childhood" to tell stories about our environment. The traditional knowledge from PAs needs to be shared and children's storybooks are used to convey it to the world.



Participant at the PA Forum Series

The first forum began today having over 60 practitioners from various PAs in PNG, aiming to continue discussions on business planning, monitoring, evaluation, communication & digital skills tailored for managing PAs. The

participants will also explore different types of nature-based solutions that can be trialled in marine and terrestrial environments in PNG.

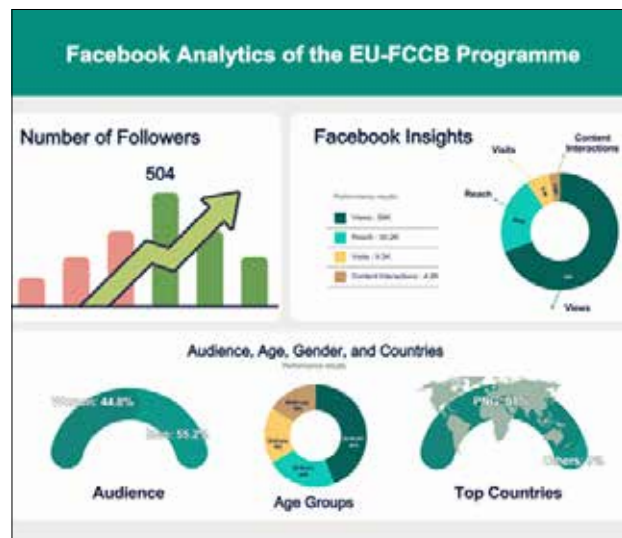
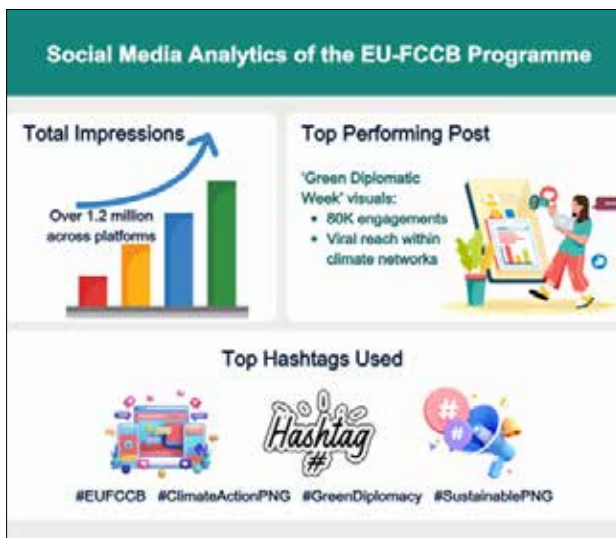
Ms. Kay Kalim, Director of Sustainable Environment Programmes at CEPA, extended a warm welcome to all participants & acknowledged the partnership & financial support from development partners such as UNDP, the

European Union, and Expertise France. "Your participation and representation of your respective organisations and communities mean a lot to us. Our recently enacted Protected Areas Act 2024 will empower you to negotiate your development options in your PAs & foster sustainable livelihood practices while protecting the environment," said Ms. Kalim.



# SOCIAL MEDIA, DIGITAL AND ONLINE ANALYTICS

- Infographics of Social Media, Digital and Online Analytics
- Total Impressions: Over 1.2 million across platforms
- Top Performing Post: Green Diplomatic Week visuals gained 80K engagements and viral reach within climate networks
- Hashtags Used: #EUFCCB #ClimateActionPNG #GreenDiplomacy #SustainablePNG #BiodiversityPNG
- Follower Growth: Achieved more than 20% increase across Facebook and LinkedIn platforms (additionally YouTube, Flickr)



## MILESTONES AND CHALLENGES

### - Major Milestones Achieved

- Breakthroughs in knowledge capture and dissemination with strengthened policy influence and stakeholder engagement.

- Multi-stakeholder collaboration and partnership have been improved and strengthened through seven MoU signings, ensuring long-term cooperation and networks.
- International representation has been enhanced by having PNG's international representation in

UNFCCC COP 29 and CBD COP 16, influencing global climate, forestry and biodiversity policies.

- Public engagement and participation have increased through regional consultation workshops, providing a platform for diverse voices.
- Knowledge dissemination has been effectively managed, including knowledge products, policy briefs, and strategic guidelines to decision-makers and different stakeholder groups.

#### - **Challenges and Lessons Learned**

- Gaps and barriers in knowledge

## **FUTURE DIRECTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Strengthening knowledge-sharing mechanisms.

- Improving social media and digital engagement strategies.

- Enhancing the sustainability of knowledge products.

- Expand digital knowledge sharing by further enhancing and developing more content posts to boost interactive platforms and virtual workshops to increase accessibility.

- Enhance policy impact by translating event discussions into actionable strategies for climate governance.

management.

- Digital outreach and engagement limitations.
- Strategies to address challenges in the future.
- Logistical barriers include some difficulties in reaching remote communities for knowledge-sharing activities.
- The digital divide has some challenges in ensuring equal access to online engagement, particularly in remote areas.

- Boost media partnerships by collaborating with local and international media outlets for greater programme visibility.

Overall, the EU-FCCB Programme has successfully conducted a series of impactful knowledge events, fostering stronger stakeholder engagement, promoting policy dialogues, and increasing public awareness. Moving forward, a continued investment in knowledge management, outreach, and collaboration will be essential for sustaining the Programme's impact on climate resilience and sustainable development.

# TIMELINE OF EVENTS

## CCDA DIGITALISATION

**APRIL 16 onwards** - support to CCDA on the improvement of PNG's REDD+ Safeguards Information Systems and PNG REDD+ website.

- **APRIL 17 -**
- INCEPTION
- WORKSHOP.
- Supported CCDA in
- preparation of
- PNG's BTR
- submission to
- UNFCCC

## WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

**5 JUNE** - In coordination with UNDP, FAO and USAID's Sustainable Landscape Programme, provided support to CEPA on World Environment Day

- **5 JUNE -**
- Designed,
- produced
- and
- launched a
- children's
- book for
- WED 2024
- **21 JUNE -**
- Debrief session
- for the 3
- representatives
- that attended
- the UNFF19 in
- New York

## BTR SUBMISSION TO UNFCCC

**13-15 AUGUST - REGIONAL CONSULTATION WORKSHOP IN MT HAGEN, WESTERN HIGHLANDS PROVINCE.**

Supported CCDA in preparation of PNG's BTR submission to the UNFCCC

- **8 AUGUST -**
- Training session
- for FCCB agency
- Communications
- and Knowledge
- Management
- Officers

2024



- **2nd PSC MEETING**
- **MARCH 5** - Following Project Steering Committee Meeting, the project moved into the implementation and monitoring phase (March 2024 to July 2027)

- **UNFF 19**
- **May 6-10** - Provided support to one representative each of CEPA, CCDA, and PNGFA to the 19th Session of the UN Forum on Forests (UNFF19) in New York

- **BTR SUBMISSION TO UNFCCC**
- **JULY 30 - AUGUST 1 - REGIONAL CONSULTATION WORKSHOP IN LAE, MOROBE PROVINCE.**
- Supported CCDA in preparation of PNG's BTR submission to the UNFCCC

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## HIGHLIGHTS

**97 DAYS OF EVENTS**

**48 EVENTS SUPPORTED**

## PROTECTED AREAS

**4-5 SEPT**  
CEPA to h  
Protected

**10 SEPT**  
closing ev  
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**9 SEPTEMBER -**  
PNGFA's National Reforestation and Afforestation Programme (NRAP) workshop

**10 - 20 SEPTEMBER**  
- Regional consultation workshop in Port Moresby. Supported CCDAs in preparation of PNG's BTR submission to the UNFCCC

**SUPPORT TO ABG BLUE-GREEN ECONOMY POLICY**

**2-3 OCTOBER - STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION WORKSHOP, ARAWA**

**8-9 OCTOBER - STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION WORKSHOP, BUKA**

**16 OCTOBER - STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION WORKSHOP, BUKA**

- **1 OCTOBER -**
- Digitalisation.
- Started providing support on CCDAs
- website design and development

**CALL FOR APPLICATION**

**Early DECEMBER** - issued a call for application for the EU-FCCB national component Master's level scholarship

- **2-6 DECEMBER-**
- supported x1
- representative from
- PNGFA attend 60th session of the International Tropical Timber Council (ITTC) Yokohama, Japan

**11-13 DECEMBER- GREEN DIPLOMACY WEEK.**  
Organised youth-focused environmental film festival

**MASTER'S SCHOLARSHIP**

**11 - 13 FEBRUARY -**  
Independent supervision panel for the EU-FCCB National Component incountry Master's level scholarship applications

- **16 - 18 FEBRUARY-**
- supported a
- prioritisation workshop with the National Energy Authority (NEA)
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## 2025

**SEP**

**OCT**

**NOV**

**DEC**

**JAN**

**FEB**

**3 - 27 SEPTEMBER -**  
Supported an interagency workshop and training session on the SIS platform

**3 - 28 SEPTEMBER 21 - 26 SEPTEMBER -**  
in coordination with PNGFA and JICA provided support to training on Planning, Monitoring and Control procedures and the Logging Code of practice

**10 SEPTEMBER - 1 OCTOBER -**  
**STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION IN UJIN, AROB.** Support ABG on design and development of Blue-Green Economy Policy

**SELECTED AREAS FORUM**

**15 SEPTEMBER -** Supported host the PNG Areas Forum

**16 SEPTEMBER -** PA Forum then focused on private dialogue

**21 OCTOBER -**

- Digitalisation.
- Started providing support on CCDAs
- on design of PNG's carbon registry system

**29 OCTOBER -**

- Write-shop
- lockdown session.
- Supported CCDAs in preparation of PNG's BTR submission to the UNFCCC

**31 OCTOBER -**

- Supported CCDAs to host an awareness event
- on PNGs pathway on carbon market development

**CBD COP16**

**21 OCTOBER - 1 NOVEMBER -** CBD COP16 IN CALI, COLUMBIA.

**22 OCTOBER: SIDE EVENT: MAKING NATURE VISIBLE**

**24 OCTOBER: SIDE EVENT: CONSERVATION COMODITIES**

**26 OCTOBER SIDE EVENT: NATIONAL FOREST MONITORING SYSTEMS**

**2-6 NOVEMBER -**

- supported x1
- representative from PNGFA attend 60th session of the International Tropical Timber Council (ITTC) Yokohama, Japan

**6 NOVEMBER -**

- Supported CCDAs to organise carbon registry system workshop
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**UNFCCC COP29**

**11 to 22 NOVEMBER -** UNFCCC COP29 in Baku, Azerbaijan

**11-13 DECEMBER-**

- Supported the Managing Director of CCDAs attend the 2024 PNG Investment Conference in Sydney, Australia

**22-25 JANUARY-**

- Supported PNG Environmental Alliance to host a strategic planning workshop

**18 - 20 FEBRUARY-**

- supported a technical workshop session on field monitoring of logging associated carbon emissions with the PNGFA



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