



CONCEPT NOTE

THE PAPUA NEW GUINEA GREEN CLIMATE FUND RESULTS-BASED PAYMENT PILOT PROGRAM

PAPUA NEW GUINEA REDD+ RBP FOR RESULTS
PERIOD 2014-16

LAUNCHING

FRIDAY 10TH APRIL 2026
09:00 am to 12:00 pm
APEC HAUS
PORT MORESBY

1. BACKGROUND

Global Leadership in Biodiversity and Forest Conservation

Papua New Guinea (PNG) stands as a global steward of biodiversity and forest conservation. With approximately 78% of its landmass covered in forest, it is one of the most forested nations on Earth. The island of New Guinea is recognized internationally as a critical center of biological diversity, home to unique ecosystems that have been safeguarded for tens of thousands of years by the indigenous communities who own and manage these lands.

Pioneering the REDD+ Mechanism

In 2005, at the UNFCCC COP11 in Montreal, PNG, alongside Costa Rica, first introduced the concept of Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD). Since that pivotal moment, PNG has maintained a leading role in formulating the global REDD+ mechanism while rigorously advancing its domestic readiness. Over the past decade, the country has successfully met all four UNFCCC REDD+ pillars required to access results-based finance.

Achievement of Green Climate Fund (GCF) Results-Based Payments

Building on this solid foundation, PNG applied for REDD+ Results-Based Payment (RBP) funding to support the implementation of the REDD+ Strategy (NRS) 2017–2027 (NRS), which outlines the core policies and measures necessary to reduce emissions while supporting sustainable management, conservation, and the enhancement of forest carbon stocks. While the initial submission in 2019 faced delays due to fund availability in the pilot phase,

the nation's persistence paid off. Following a new call for proposals in October 2024, PNG submitted its RBP proposal in March 2025.

On 3 July 2025, during the historic 42nd GCF Board Meeting held in Port Moresby, the Green Climate Fund Board approved a total of **USD 63.4 million** in funding. This payment recognizes verified emission reductions of **17 million tCO₂e** achieved from reducing deforestation and forest degradation between 2014 and 2016. This approval marks a significant milestone in realizing the value of PNG's forests and the nation's efforts to conserve them.

Implementing the Future: The GCF-RBP Programme

The newly approved GCF-RBP Programme is designed to support the National Government and targeted Provincial Governments in fully implementing the National REDD+ Strategy. As the GCF Accredited Entity, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) will implement the programme in close collaboration with the Climate Change and Development Authority (CCDA).

The programme focuses on:

- **Community Livelihoods:** In strict accordance with the National REDD+ Benefit Sharing Guidelines, **60% of the proceeds** will be dedicated to supporting communities. This funding will enhance sustainable livelihoods through low-emission development activities.
- **System Strengthening:** Establishing the necessary coordination, monitoring, reporting, and management systems to ensure transparency of results and effective resource management.
- **National Goals:** Contributing directly to the objectives of the NRS and the country's Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) under the Paris Agreement.

This launch event signifies the operational start of this vital programme, transforming international recognition and funding into tangible benefits for the people and forests of Papua New Guinea.

2. OBJECTIVES

- Launch PNG's first GCF RBP Pilot Programme
- Inform the public about the contents and timeline of the Programme

3. PARTICIPANTS

- National and Sub-National Government Agencies
- Provincial Climate Change Committee of the target provinces
- CSO's, including community representatives
- Research and Academia
- Private Sectors

- Development Partners

4. AGENDA

Facilitator: **Mr. Kevin Marai**

Time	Activity	Speaker/ Presenter
09:00-10:00	Arrival & Registration	All
10:00 – 10:20	▪ Opening Prayer	Ps.Jefferey Zongesia
10:20 – 10:40	▪ Welcome Remarks by CCDA	Ms. Debra Sungi A/Managing Director, CCDA
10:40 – 11:00	▪ Remarks from the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations	Dr. Kachen Wongsathapornchai Head of Office, FAO
11:00- 11:10	▪ Remarks from the GCF Secretariat	Mr. Hermant Mandal Director of the Asia & Pacific Region
11:10-11:20	▪ Remarks from FAO Headquarters, Rome	Ms.Nadine Valat Senior Natural Resource Officer , FAOHQ
11:20 – 11:50	Remarks from Climate Change Board Chairman & Official Launching of GCF RBP Pilot Project	Mr. Ronald Meketa Climate Change Board Chairman
11:50- 12:00	Group Photo/Media Interview	All
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch	All

