2nd National Consultation Meeting

Stakeholder Consultations on the draft NDC 3.0 of Papua New Guinea

11 February 2026, Gateway Hotel, Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea

Background

As per the recommendations of the Global Stocktake adopted at the UNFCCC COP28, Parties to the Paris Agreement under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) have started developing their 1st Biennial Transparency Reports (BTR) for submission by the end of 2024, while also improving their GHG emission inventory to create an updated baseline for the development of the new cycle of Nationally Determined Contributions with extended commitments for emission reductions to 2025. The NDC 3.0 needs to revisit and provide further updates of the national implementation of the commitments under the Paris Climate Agreement and align those with Long-Term Low Emission Development (LT-LEDs) and carbon neutrality pledges.

Papua New Guinea (PNG), as a signatory to the Paris Agreement under the UNFCCC, submitted its first or Initial Nationally Determined Contribution (INDC/NDC 1.0) in 2015. This initial NDC outlined PNG's commitment to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by focusing on key sectors such as energy and forestry. It emphasized PNG's desire to transition to a low-carbon and climate-resilient development pathway, despite its minimal contribution to global emissions.

In 2020, PNG updated and enhanced its climate ambitions through the submission of Enhanced Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC 2.0). This version incorporated more refined emission baselines, improved transparency, and broadened the scope to include adaptation and loss and damage considerations. It also aligned with emerging national development priorities, including the Medium-Term Development Plan (MTDP) and the Long-Term Low Emissions Development Strategy (LT-LEDS). The development of NDC 2.0 was guided by technical analyses and stakeholder consultations but also identified critical capacity and data gaps for future improvements.

Papua New Guinea's Third Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC 3.0) represents a critical step in the country's ongoing commitment to the Paris Agreement and national climate priorities. PNG, as a member of the NDC Partnership, has submitted a request for assistance to develop the Pathway to PNG NDC 3.0 and ESCAP has been selected as the NDC implementing partner to support the project as per the 7th NDC Partnership Action Fund. The NDC 3.0 will also be supported by other development partners supporting the Government of PNG in its climate action.

ESCAP in partnership with regional UN and development partners has provided technical and advisory services and capacity development support to review progress of current NDC implementation and achievements in GHG emissions reductions, to develop an enhanced national GHG emissions inventory for all sectors and ETF for the preparation of the first Biennial Transparency Report (BTR1), and well defined and more ambitious NDC 3.0 commitments with emission reduction

scenarios and trajectories till 2035 through a consultative and inclusive consultation process engaging all stakeholders. The activities will create a solid basis for NDC implementation and will develop a robust baseline for the ETF of PNG.

Purpose

Climate Change and Development Authority (CCDA) and ESCAP are organizing the 2nd National Consultation Meeting, as a follow up to the 1st National Consultation Meeting: Development of the Pathway to NDC 3.0 of Papua New Guinea, held on 3 March 2025. The 2nd National Consultation Meeting aims to create a dialogue and discussion on the draft NDC 3.0 with national stakeholders – members of the NDC Technical Advisory Committee and government officials, members of the Sub-technical Working Committee, as well as representatives of provincial and local governments, and gender mainstreaming and youth groups, private sector and other civil society organizations. Furthermore, commitments from the UNCT and development partners actively in support of the priority projects for the implementation of the NDC 3.0 will also be sought. The comments and inputs will support finalization of the draft NDC 3.0 for the national validation meeting planned for March 2026.

Objectives:

- Present the draft PNG NDC 3.0 to all relevant stakeholders
- Provide an update of the relevant policies, plans, strategies, and programmes that will support the implementation of the NDC 3.0.
- Identify opportunities and discuss support from development partners for the development of the NDC 3.0
- Discuss with stakeholders the mainstreaming of gender and youth engagement in the NDC 3.0

Tentative Programme

Facilitator: Mr. Morgan Kai, Acting Manager, National Communications

Time	Agenda Item
08:30 – 09:00	**Arrival, coffee and registration**
09:00 – 09:10	**Housekeeping and agenda** **MC**
09:10 – 09:40	**Welcome and Opening Remarks** • Mr Lorenzo Santucci, Chief, Environment and Development Policy Section, ESCAP • Mr Nicholas Booth, Resident Representative, UNDP Papua New Guinea • Ms. Debra Sungi, Acting Managing Director, Climate Change and Development Authority (CCDA)
09:40 – 09:50	**Traditional Protocol Photo Session followed by Coffee Break**
09:50-10:00	**NDC 3.0 Preparation Process** • Presentation by Mr. Jason Paniu

10:00 – 10:30	**Presentation of the draft NDC 3.0 for Papua New Guinea and the suggested priority projects to support its implementation** • Presentation by Mr. Paul Hasagama, Consultant
10:30 – 10:45	**Presentation of draft adaptation and loss & damage sections of NDC 3.0** • Presentation by Mr. Erick Sarut, Asian Development Bank
10:45 – 11:00	**Mainstreaming gender and youth in PNG's NDC 3.0** • Presentation by Dr. Jennifer Gabriel, UNDP International Consultant on Gender and Youth
11:00 – 11:10	**UNDP'S Contribution to Support The Third Papua New Guinea's NDC 3.0** • Presentation by Mirzo ISOEV, UNDP PNG Climate Promise Coordinator
11:10 – 12:00	**Question and Answers**
12:00 – 13:15	***Lunch and networking***