"FROM AMBITION TO ACTION: DELIVERING PAPUA NEW GUINEA'S CLIMATE FUTURE THROUGH NDC 3.0"

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Papua New Guinea's Third Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC 3.0) 2025–2035

PNG First Biennial Transparency Report (BTR 1)

REDD+ Technical Annex (TA)

National Inventory Document

Date: Monday, 26 October 2026
Time: 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Venue: APEC Haus, Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea
Lead: Government of Papua New Guinea – Climate Change and Development Authority

1. Background

The Government of Papua New Guinea (GoPNG), through the Climate Change and Development Authority (CCDA), has completed Papua New Guinea's Third Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC 3.0) for the period 2025–2035. NDC 3.0 represents an important milestone in PNG's climate and sustainable development agenda and sets out the country's enhanced commitments and implementation priorities under the Paris Agreement.

PNG is a forest-rich and highly climate-vulnerable developing country with globally significant terrestrial and marine ecosystems. Its climate policy must therefore balance increased climate ambition with sustainable economic growth, poverty reduction, energy access, environmental protection and resilience-building. NDC 3.0 responds to these national circumstances while strengthening PNG's contribution towards the objectives of the Paris Agreement and efforts to limit global temperature rise to 1.5°C.

NDC 3.0 represents a significant progression from PNG's previous NDCs. It establishes an economy-wide pathway towards **net-zero emissions by 2030 and net-negative emissions by 2035**. It introduces, for the first time, a quantified energy-sector emissions reduction target, while

maintaining the critical role of forests and the land-use sector. PNG will pursue a **29 per cent reduction in annual energy-sector greenhouse gas emissions by 2035 relative to 2022 levels.**

The NDC also strengthens PNG's energy transition ambition, including increasing the share of renewable energy in on-grid electricity generation from approximately **60 per cent in 2022 to 80 per cent by 2035**, while supporting expansion of electricity access from approximately 21 per cent to 70 per cent by 2030.

Beyond mitigation, NDC 3.0 strengthens the country's adaptation and resilience agenda, including action across agriculture, infrastructure, transport and health, together with climate information, disaster preparedness, ecosystem resilience and community-based adaptation. For the first time, PNG's NDC contains a dedicated **Loss and Damage** component, recognising the growing consequences of climate-related disasters, sea-level rise, displacement, ecosystem degradation and economic and non-economic losses.

NDC 3.0 further elevates **Nature-based Solutions (NbS), climate finance, Gender Equality, Disability and Social Inclusion (GEDSI), transparency and MRV, Article 6 cooperation, and a Just Transition** as integral elements of implementation.

The development of NDC 3.0 has been a nationally led and participatory process coordinated by CCDA and involving line ministries and agencies, development partners, civil society, women's and youth organisations, and the private sector. The process was supported through an inter-agency Core Working Group, technical working groups and stakeholder consultations, with specific attention given to gender balance and inclusion of Indigenous Peoples, customary landowners, women, youth and persons with disabilities.

Following endorsement by the National Climate Change Board and the National Executive Council and its formal submission to the UNFCCC, the Government will officially launch NDC 3.0 on **Monday 26 October 2026 at APEC Haus, Port Moresby.**

The In addition to NDC 3.0, Papua New Guinea has completed and submitted its First Biennial Transparency Report (BTR1) under the Enhanced Transparency Framework of the Paris Agreement. The submission includes the National Inventory Report and REDD+ Technical Annex, which collectively provide updated information on national greenhouse gas emissions and removals, progress towards implementation of PNG's climate commitments, adaptation actions, forest-sector performance, and support received and needed for climate action.

These reports represent a major milestone in strengthening PNG's Measurement, Reporting and Verification (MRV) systems, climate transparency arrangements and evidence-based climate policy making. Together, they reinforce PNG's commitment to accountability, international reporting obligations and the mobilisation of climate finance and partnerships for implementation.

The launch will mark the transition from **NDC formulation to implementation**, providing a high-level platform for Government, development partners, the United Nations, private sector, civil society and other stakeholders to reaffirm their commitment to translating PNG's climate ambition into concrete investments, policies, programmes and results.

Purpose of the Official Launch

The purpose of the event is to formally launch Papua New Guinea's Third Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC 3.0), First Biennial Transparency Report (BTR1), National Inventory Report and REDD+ Technical Annex, and to communicate the Government's enhanced climate commitments, transparency achievements and implementation priorities to national and international stakeholders.

More importantly, the launch will signal a shift from planning and target-setting towards **coordinated implementation, financing and delivery.** It will provide an opportunity for the Government to call upon national institutions, development partners, international climate funds, the private sector and civil society to align their programmes and investments with PNG's NDC 3.0 priorities.

3. Objectives

The Official Launch will:

- Formally launch and publicly present PNG's NDC 3.0 (2025–2035) as the Government's overarching framework for enhanced climate action under the Paris Agreement.
- Communicate the principal mitigation, adaptation, Loss and Damage, Nature-based Solutions, GEDSI and Implementation commitments contained in NDC 3.0.
- Demonstrate high-level Government leadership and whole-of-government ownership of NDC Implementation.
- Recognise the contributions of government institutions, technical working groups, development partners, civil society, the private sector and other stakeholders involved in preparing NDC 3.0.
- Mobilise development partners and the private sector around the finance, technology, capacity development and investment required for implementation.
- Strengthen alignment of national and sectoral policies, programmes, investments and development-partner support with NDC 3.0 priorities.
- Promote inclusive implementation that recognises the central role of customary landowners, women, youth, persons with disabilities and local communities.
- Initiate the next phase of work on the NDC 3.0 implementation framework, investment pipeline, monitoring and reporting arrangements.
- Officially present Papua New Guinea's First Biennial Transparency Report and demonstrate the country's commitment to the Enhanced Transparency Framework of the Paris Agreement.
- Communicate key findings from the National Inventory Report, including trends in greenhouse gas emissions and removals across major sectors of the economy.
- Showcase Papua New Guinea's REDD+ achievements and the contribution of forests and sustainable land management to national and global climate goals.
- Strengthen support for national MRV systems, climate data management and future climate reporting under the Paris Agreement.

4. Key Messages of the Launch

The launch will communicate several overarching messages.

PNG is demonstrating leadership in climate transparency. Through the submission of BTR1, the National Inventory Report and the REDD+ Technical Annex, Papua New Guinea is strengthening accountability, climate-data systems and reporting under the Paris Agreement.

PNG is raising its climate ambition while advancing national development. NDC 3.0 establishes an economy-wide pathway towards net zero by 2030 and net-negative emissions by 2035 while recognising PNG's development, infrastructure and energy-access needs.

Energy transition and forests are central to PNG's mitigation pathway. PNG will reduce energy-sector emissions, expand renewable electricity, improve energy efficiency and access, while protecting forests and strengthening REDD+, sustainable land management, blue carbon and other Nature-based Solutions.

Forests remain one of PNG's greatest climate assets. The REDD+ Technical Annex demonstrates the vital contribution of forest conservation, sustainable forest management and carbon sequestration to PNG's mitigation pathway and sustainable development objectives.

Adaptation remains a national priority. NDC 3.0 strengthens climate-resilient agriculture, infrastructure, transport and health and promotes locally led resilience, ecosystem-based adaptation, climate information and early warning systems.

PNG is placing Loss and Damage firmly within its national climate agenda. The NDC commits to developing a national Loss and Damage policy framework, strengthening climate-risk and impact assessment, and pursuing access to international Loss and Damage financing.

Climate action must be inclusive and equitable. Customary landowners, Indigenous communities, women, youth, persons with disabilities and local communities are recognised as critical partners in implementation, supported through PNG's comprehensive GEDSI framework.

Implementation requires partnership and finance. PNG's NDC 3.0 commitments remain conditional on adequate, predictable and accessible international support, including climate finance, concessional finance, technology transfer, capacity building and institutional strengthening.

5. Proposed Participants

The event is proposed as a **high-level national launch,** bringing together approximately 150–200 participants, subject to the capacity and protocol arrangements of APEC Haus.

Participants would include senior representatives from the Office of the Prime Minister and NEC; Ministers and Members of Parliament; CCDA and the National Climate Change Board; Government departments and statutory authorities; provincial and local-level government representatives; diplomatic missions; United Nations agencies; bilateral and multilateral development partners; international climate funds and financial institutions; private sector and financial institutions; civil society and NGOs; academia and research institutions; customary

landowners and community representatives; women, youth and persons with disabilities; and national media.

6. Expected Outcomes

The launch is expected to result in increased national and international awareness of PNG's NDC 3.0 commitments; strengthened high-level political ownership of NDC implementation; renewed commitment by government institutions to integrate NDC targets into sectoral planning and investment; stronger coordination among Government, development partners, the UN, private sector and civil society; increased visibility of PNG's climate-finance and investment needs; and a clear transition from NDC preparation towards implementation, financing, monitoring and reporting.

The event will also provide a platform to communicate PNG's climate priorities internationally and strengthen the basis for mobilising partnerships and resources for NDC implementation.

7. Organisation and Coordination

The launch will be led by the **Climate Change and Development Authority (CCDA) on behalf of the Government of Papua New Guinea**, working in close collaboration with UNDP Papua New Guinea and relevant Government and development partners.

CCDA will lead Government coordination, protocol arrangements, invitations, technical presentations and overall substantive direction. UNDP will provide technical and organisational support, including support for communications, visibility, event coordination and presentation of NDC 3.0 priorities.

7. Agenda

Time	Session
14:30 – 15:00	**Registration and Arrival of Participants** – Registration, networking and arrival of invited guests and dignitaries
15:00 – 15:10	**Opening of the Programme** – Ms. Gwendoline Sissiou, Master of Ceremony; acknowledgement of dignitaries and participants
15:10 – 15:15	**Opening Prayer and National Anthem**
15:15 – 15:25	**Welcome Remarks – Ms. Debra Sungi**, Managing Director, Climate Change and Development Authority
15:25 – 15:35	**Opening Remarks – Ms. Violet Baffour**, UNDP Resident Representative in Papua New Guinea
15:35 – 15:45	**Opening Remarks – Ms. Shalini Bahuguna**, United Nations Resident Coordinator in Papua New Guinea
15:45 – 15:55	**Keynote Address and Official Launch of PNG NDC 3.0 – Hon. John Kaupa, MP**, Minister for Environment, Conservation and Climate Change
15:55 – 16:15	**Presentation: Papua New Guinea's NDC 3.0, First Biennial Transparency Report, National Inventory Report and REDD+ Technical**

Time	Session
	Annex – From Ambition to Implementation – CCDA. Overview of PNG's enhanced ambition, greenhouse gas inventory findings, progress towards NDC implementation, adaptation actions, REDD+ achievements, transparency and MRV systems, climate-finance needs and implementation priorities
16:15 – 16:20	**Presentation of a short video "From Ambition to Action: Delivering Papua New Guinea's Climate Future Through NDC 3.0"**
16:20 – 16:30	**Official Launch Ceremony** – Unveiling/presentation of Papua New Guinea's NDC 3.0; official photographs
16:30 – 18:00	**General Reflections /Cocktail / Media Interviews / Official Photographs**

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