CONCEPT NOTE

Working Session for Papua New Guinea's Third Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC 3.0)

Venue: Tuna Bay, Port Moresby
6th – 10th October 2025

1. Introduction

1.1. Background

Papua New Guinea (PNG) is a signatory to the Paris Agreement under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and has submitted its First (NDC 1.0) in 2016 and Second Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC 2.0) in 2020. These NDCs outline the country's climate change mitigation and adaptation commitments, as well as strategies to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and build resilience against climate impacts.

With the next submission cycle under the Paris Agreement approaching in 2025, PNG is required to prepare and communicate its Third Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC 3.0). This process is critical for reflecting enhanced ambition, aligning with the country's development priorities, integrating updated sectoral data, and incorporating lessons learned from the implementation of NDC 1.0 and NDC 2.0. The Climate Change and Development Authority (CCDA), as PNG's UNFCCC focal point, is leading the drafting process for NDC 3.0, in collaboration with line agencies, development partners, and key stakeholders.

1.2. Purpose

The drafting session will serve as a central platform for bringing together all the NDC 3.0 Technical team, including development Partners, to collectively shape Papua New Guinea's NDC 3.0. It will provide an opportunity to enhance coordination with development partners supporting the NDC 3.0 preparation, merge sectoral insights, technical expertise, and policy priorities into a single coherent document. The session will also ensure that the NDC 3.0 reflects both national development objectives and the country's international climate commitments.

The drafting session aims to:

- Improve coordination for the preparation of the NDC 3.0;
- Consolidate technical inputs from all sectors into a single coherent NDC 3.0 draft;
- Ensure alignment with PNG's Medium Term Development Plan (MTDP IV), the National Climate Change Management Act, and the National Adaptation Plan;

- Integrate updated GHG inventories, mitigation pathways, adaptation priorities and loss and damage measures;
- Reflect cross-cutting themes such as gender, youth engagement, and just transition principles;
- Establish clear targets, timelines, and measurable indicators for NDC implementation and tracking.

1.3. Objectives

The objectives of the drafting session outline the specific actions required to ensure that NDC 3.0 is evidence-based, implementable, and ambitious. These objectives are intended to guide the technical discussions and structure the drafting process. By focusing on progress to date and emerging priorities, the session will build on lessons learned from NDC 2.0 while setting a clear pathway forward.

1. Understand the different support provided by development partners for the preparation of the NDC 3.0;
2. Review progress, challenges, and achievements from NDC 2.0 implementation;
3. Discuss on updated mitigation, adaptation and loss and damage targets for NDC 3.0;
4. Incorporate sectoral data, policies, and measures into the NDC framework;
5. Prepare the first full draft of NDC 3.0 for stakeholder consultation;

1.4. Expected Outcomes

The drafting session is expected to deliver concrete outputs that will serve as the foundation for the finalization of NDC 3.0. These outcomes will ensure that the document is both technically sound and politically endorsed, ready for the Stakeholder Consultations before submission to the UNFCCC. Achieving these results will provide PNG with a strong framework for climate action over the coming years.

- Improved Coordination with CCDA and development partners for the preparation of the NDC 3.0;
- Draft NDC 3.0 document reflecting national priorities, sectoral contributions, and enhanced ambition;
- Draft NDC 3.0 for stakeholder consultation;

2. Session Details

2.1. Date and Venue

The drafting session for Papua New Guinea's Third Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC 3.0) will be held in **6th to 10th October.** The Venue is yet to be confirmed. The session will bring together the technical team that is involved in the preparation of the NDC 3.0.

3. Tentative Programme

The following table presents the tentative program for the 5-day NDC 3.0 Drafting Session. It outlines the daily schedule, including plenary sessions, breakout discussions, technical drafting, and review activities. This program is designed to provide a structured approach to developing a comprehensive draft of PNG's Third Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC 3.0), ensuring ample time for input, consolidation, and consensus-building.

Date : **6th – 10th October 2025**
Venue : **Tuna Bay Port Moresby**
Facilitator : **Mr Jason Paniu**

Time	Session / Activity	Key Person
Day 1 – Monday, 6th October 2025		
08:30 – 09:00	Registration and Welcome Tea/Coffee	CCDA
09:00 – 09:30	Opening Remarks (CCDA, 1x Stakeholder Rep, and Development Partners)	TBC
09:30 – 9:45	Presentation of the PNG Government's priorities to be included in the NDC 3.0 and work plan for the Preparation of NDC 3.0.	CCDA
9:45 – 10:30	Discussion on support provided by development partners	All
10:30 – 11:00	Tea/Coffee Break	All
11:00 – 11:15	Updates on Progress for the Preparation of the NDC 3.0	CCDA
11:15 – 12:00	Discussion on work plan	All
12:00 – 13:30	Lunch Break	All
13:30 – 15:00	Introduction to NDC 3.0 Drafting Process, Objectives, and Methodology	CCDA
15:00 – 15:15	Break	All
15:15 – 17:00	Plenary Discussion: Key Challenges and Opportunities from NDC 2.0	All
Day 2 – Tuesday, 7 October 2025		
08:30 – 09:00	Recap of Day 1 & Objectives for Day 2	CCDA
09:00 – 10:30	Session 1: Mitigation (Energy, Forestry, Transport)	All
	Presentation on Baseline Scenario	CSIRO/ESCAP
	Discussion (including data)	
10:30 – 11:00	Tea/Coffee Break	All
11:00 – 12:30	Session 2: Mitigation (Agriculture, Waste, Industrial Processes)	All
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch Break	All
13:30 – 15:00	Breakout Session 3: Adaptation (Coastal, Agriculture, Health, Water)	All

Time	Session / Activity	Key Person
15:00 – 15:15	Break	All
15:15 – 17:00	Reporting Back to Plenary & Discussion	All
Day 3 – Wednesday, 8 October 2025		
08:30 – 09:00	Recap & Agenda for Day 3	CCDA
09:00 – 10:30	Drafting Group 1: Mitigation Targets & Measures	All
10:30 – 11:00	Tea/Coffee Break	All
11:00 – 12:30	Drafting Group 2: Adaptation Targets & Measures	All
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch Break	All
13:30 – 15:00	Drafting Group 3: Cross-Cutting Issues (Gender, Youth, Financing, MRV)	All
15:00 – 15:15	Break	All
15:15 – 17:00	Consolidation Session: Merging Draft Outputs	All
Day 4 – Thursday, 9 October 2025		
08:30 – 09:00	Recap & Objectives for Day 4	CCDA
09:00 – 10:30	Plenary Review of Draft Sections	All
10:30 – 11:00	Tea/Coffee Break	All
11:00 – 12:30	Technical Inputs: Incorporating Feedback from Sector Experts	All
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch Break	All
13:30 – 15:00	Refinement of Draft Targets, Timelines, and MRV Framework	All
15:00 – 15:15	Break	All
15:15 – 17:00	Consolidation & Preparation for Final Validation	All
Day 5 – Friday, 10 October 2025		
08:30 – 09:00	Recap & Agenda for Day 5	CCDA
09:00 – 10:30	Plenary Discussion: Final Draft Review & Agreement	All
10:30 – 11:00	Tea/Coffee Break	All
11:00 – 12:30	Drafting Group: Final Adjustments & Editing	All
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch Break	All
13:30 – 15:00	Presentation of Final Draft to Plenary	All
15:00 – 15:15	Break	All
15:15 – 16:00	Closing Remarks & Next Steps (Regional Consultations, Validation, Government Endorsement, UNFCCC Submission)	CCDA

4. List of Participants

The session brings together 9 participants, primarily from the Climate Change and Development Authority (CCDA). Additionally, representatives from development partners who will support the NDC 3.0

preparation will join only on the Monday 6th October to discuss on the preparation process and workplan.

4.1. NDC 3.0 Technical Team

The NDC 3.0 Technical Team includes CCDA Officers, especially from the MRV and National Communications division, and consultants or experts who are engaged to provide technical assistance for the preparation of the NDC 3.0.

No	Name	Designation	Organization
1.	Mr Jason Paniu	Acting Manager, MRV Branch	Climate Change and Development Authority (CCDA)
2.	Mr Junior Solomon	Acting Senior MRV Officer	Climate Change and Development Authority (CCDA)
3.	Ms Edda Hetra	MRV Officer	Climate Change and Development Authority (CCDA)
4.	Ms Althea Kalau	National Communications Officer	Climate Change and Development Authority (CCDA)
5.	Mr. Iki Peter	Manager Adaptation Branch	Climate Change and Development Authority (CCDA)
6.	Mr Ordy Wefin	Adaptation Officer	Climate Change and Development Authority (CCDA)
7.	Mr. George Iramu	Embedded Expert	Expertise France
8.	Ms. Stephanie Rere	Embedded Expert	Expertise France
9.	Mr. Philip Summers	Consultant	Expertise France
10.	Ms. Sheryl Roge	National NDC Coordinator	NDC Partnership / CCDA
11.	Mr Paul Hasagama	Consultant	ESCAP
12.	Mr Chris Mong	FAO Officer	Food and Agriculture Organization
13.	Mr Nathan Sapala	Consultant	ESCAP
14.	Mr Larsen Daboyan	Manager, Energy Statistics	National Energy Authority

4.2. Development Partners Representative

Development Partners who are also supporting the preparation of the NDC 3.0 will participate only on the first day (Monday, 6th October 2025) of the working session to discuss the preparation process as well as the support they will be providing for the NDC 3.0. This includes:

1. Asian Development Bank
2. United Nations Development Programme
3. Food and Agriculture Organisation
4. NDC Partnership (Online)
5. United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (Online)
6. The Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO), Australia (Online)