

# Capacity Building for Sustainable Land Management in Papua New Guinea



*Papua New Guinea*

## Background

Papua New Guinea is among other certain less developed and small island countries involved in a global project on capacity building for sustainable land management funded by the Global Environment Facility. This is because many countries are facing serious land degradation problems from the rapidly growing demands for socio-economic growth. The increasing land degradation problems is exacerbated by access to improved knowledge and technology that enable people to have much greater exploitation of the natural resources and commercial markets encourage greater exploitation of the accessible natural resources. Hence, in PNG the project aims to assist the government at national, provincial and local level to promote and institute effective Sustainable Land Management practices for economic, social and environmental benefits, including conserving and restoring ecosystem integrity, functions and services.

## Purpose of project

The project aims to strengthen human and institutional capacity at all levels to mainstream Sustainable Land Management. This will be achieved through improving the information basis of characterising the state of land degradation and its impact, raising awareness at various levels of government agencies, improving individual knowledge and skills, improving institutional structures and processes to maximise coordination, mainstream Sustainable Land Management into government's development planning processes, and incorporating the use of mainstreaming tools in decision making.

## Key results and Reports

The key result since the formulation of the preparatory assistance project for sustainable land management in June 2005 is the formulation of a medium size project document submitted to the Global Environment Facility in December 2007 for approval. The Project Document have since been approve by GEF and the SLM Inception Workshop, the first phase of project implementation was conducted in November, 2010. The other key result was the review of agricultural and mining leases

## Main activities

Proposed project activities include:

1. Mainstream sustainable land management into national policies, plans and legislation
2. Enhance human and institutional capacity necessary to facilitate sustainable land management
3. Development of capacities for sustainable land management knowledge management
4. Endorse National Action Programme for United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification

## Contributing donor(s)

The main financial contributor will be the Global Environment Facility – USD 593,000 and the Government of Papua New Guinea will provide in-kind contribution of 2,078,000.00 PGK.

## Duration

The project duration is from January 2010 to June 2012.

Status of the project: The project is ongoing.

## Total budget

US\$ 593,000 from the Global Environment Facility with 1,460,000.00 PGK project co-financing from the Government of PNG (GOPNG).

## Project Partners

**Implementing Partner:** Papua New Guinea Department of Environment and Conservation

**Responsible Parties:** Papua New Guinea Department of Environment and Conservation

**Other Partners:** Papua New Guinea Department of National Planning and Monitoring, UNDP PNG and Global Environment Facility

### **Project delivery**

The SLM Project completed its Inception Workshop in November 2011 and will draft the UNCCD Nation Action Plan for Papua New Guinea by the second quarter.

### **Location**

The project office is currently housed in the Policy Coordination and Evaluation Wing, Department of Environment and Conservation, Third Floor Somare Foundation Building at Waigani in the National Capital District, Papua New Guinea.

### **Thematic Area**

Corporate Thematic Area: Energy & Environment

Cross-cutting themes: Climate Change and Sustainable Development

UN Country Programme Outcome: Sustainable Livelihoods

UNCP intermediate outcome: By 2012, DEC effectively plans, manages, monitors and coordinates with other relevant government institutions the sustainable use of natural resources and selected communities use their natural resources sustainably to enhance their livelihoods

### **Millennium Development Goal**

The project will contribute to the achievement of Millennium Development Goal 7 Ensuring Environmental Sustainability through identification of obstacles to sustainable land management; identify capacity building needs as well as identifying country level priorities and needs to address land degradation which subsequently will contribute to protecting the global environment.

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