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PNG is Advanced in Gender Mainstreaming

Papua New Guinea is advanced in Gender Mainstreaming according to participants of a Gender and Climate Change workshop held in Sri Lanka from the 24-26 September 2008.

Gwen Maru and Margaret Lokoloko attended the workshop and presented PNG's case in point for gender in which it was discussed that gender related programmes in PNG are well entrenched with Government and NGO initiatives to advance gender equality. Whilst that is encouraging, PNG on the other hand faces the risk of more women being affected by impacts of climate change.



It was learnt at the workshop that women are likely to be most affected because livelihoods of women are highly dependent upon resources influenced by climate.

To address these issues in PNG, a joint initiative between the UNDP gender and environment portfolios is currently being designed to look at issues in relation to women's economic and social rights that are often violated in disaster processes especially in mitigation, relief and reconstruction efforts. The project will aim to address these vulnerabilities, within the climate change regimes to ensure that women participate in the public arena discussions so that they are able to share their experiences and knowledge as well as receive critical information that may affect their lives. It will also involve communities deciding to involve women and men equally in all environmental hazard management activities and monitoring of natural environmental degradation and other disasters especially in the area of early warning signs.

The programme is schedule to roll out by the end of 2008 through to 2012.

COMMON ADVOCACY CORNER

UNDG agrees on Management and Accountability System for Resident Coordinator System

The UN Development Group has agreed on a [Management and Accountability System](#) for the UN development system and the Resident Coordinator System. The agreed document, which provides a clear framework in which both accountability and management can be exercised effectively by the different actors and levels of the system, was finalized on August 27.

The framework covers the full development system and outlines who is accountable to whom and for what, encompassing RCs, UN Country Team members, Regional Directors Teams, the UN Development Group, its working groups and Advisory Group, governance and management of multi-donor trust funds, and the role and responsibilities of the Development Operations Coordination Office (DOCO). The agreement also incorporates the concept of the "functional firewall".

All the actors in the UN development system will play a part in making the framework a reality. The agreement will guide the workplans for the UNDG and DOCO, and it will also influence work within UN agencies at all levels of the system. "We will do our utmost to make the process as inclusive as possible," Mr. Derviş said, "with DOCO playing a key role in ensuring that questions and issues raised are addressed in the interest of the system as a whole." *Read the agreement:* <http://www.undg.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=ViewDocPublic&docID=9424>

UPCOMING EVENTS

13th October

Training on the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disability

October 15

Clean hands save lives!

The first ever Global Handwashing Day (GHD) will be celebrated around the world including PNG. This is an initiative of the Global Public Private Partnership in Handwashing (PPPHW) as a contribution to the International Year of Sanitation. It is intended that this initiative will start the process of yearly commemoration.

UNICEF in partnership with the PNG Government will celebrate this day by promoting handwashing activities in various schools in Mt Hagen, Simbu and Goroka. In the long term, GHWD can be a powerful platform aimed at policy makers and key stakeholders and an occasion for concrete public commitment to actions that will spur behavior change

16 October

One Day Course on Human Rights Based Approach to Programming

18-21 November

Regional Director's Forum on AIDS in Asia and Pacific Meeting and Country visit to PNG

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