



**PEACE BUILDING FUND
Joint Steering Committee**

**Technical Committee to the PBF Joint Steering Committee (JSC) Meeting
November 23rd, 2017, 0830hrs
Venue: Bougainville House of Representative Resource Centre Conference Room - Kubu, Buka,
ARoB**

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4. Mr. Shunsuke Saito, First Secretary (Political) – Japanese Embassy in PNG
5. Ms. Kathleen Pearce, Counsellor, New Zealand Aid in PNG

Annexure

1. Opening Remarks from Mr. Joseph Nobetau, Chief Secretary to the Autonomous Government of Bougainville



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Agenda

	Agenda Item	Facilitator (s)
08:00	Arrival of Technical Committee members and morning tea	---
08:30 – 08:35	Welcome and Opening Remarks	GoPNG, ABG and UN
08:35 – 08:40	Setting the Context for the Joint Technical Committee meeting	Co-chairs (Mr John Avira - GoPNG, Ms Julie Bukikun, UNDP)
08:40 – 09:00	Presentation of the PBF 2017 Annual Reports	Peace Building Fund Coordinator – Mr Lawrence Bassie
09:00 - 09:30	Presentation on: 1. No- cost extension for the Peacebuilding Priority Plan and projects from January 2018 to March 2018 2. Cost extension for the PPP and projects from April 2018 to December 2022	Peace Building Fund Coordinator
09:30 – 10:00	Substantive discussion on the Presentations	Co-chairs to lead
10:00 – 10:10	Tea Break	
10:10 – 10:25	Brief Update on the status of the UN Referendum Support Project and weapons disposal	UNDP
10:25 – 10:45	Discussions	Co-chairs to lead
10:45 – 11:30	Consolidation of deliberations and recommendations to the PBF Joint Steering Committee	Co-chairs to lead
11:30 – 12:00	Lunch	
END OF MEETING		



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Summary of the PBF Technical Committee's Recommendations on Key Issues Arising

Discussions on the Peacebuilding 2017 Annual Reports

All 4 draft reports for the 4 projects under the PBF were made available to participants prior to this meeting therefore, the PBF 2017 annual reports presentation provided only an overview of key achievements in 2017, key challenges that have hindered timely implementation and completion of some of its activities, as well as expenditures to date.

Acting Deputy Clerk of the Bougainville House of Representatives moved the motion to accept the draft 2017 annual reports to be recommended for endorsement by the JSC, seconded by the Secretary for Department for Community Government.

Recommendation

The Technical Committee having deliberated generally on the presentation of the achievements and challenges faced by the PBF in 2017, commended the PBF for the achievements arrived at, and also acknowledged the challenges that have hindered full implementation of the Peacebuilding Priority Plan (PPP) 2015 – 2017. The technical committee further accepts the information provided in the presentation and recommends to the JSC to consider and endorse the undermentioned:

- 1. The UN Peacebuilding Fund 2017 Annual Reports for submission to the Peacebuilding Support Office (PBSO)**

Discussions on the No-Cost Extension of the Peacebuilding Fund from January 01st 2018 – March 31st, 2018

With a one year late start to its implementation, coupled with the challenge of political sensitivities relating to state sovereignty that have hindered progress in some key areas, the PBF was not able to fully implement its Peacebuilding Priority Plan (PPP) by end of 2017. Projecting delays in full implementation of the PPP by December 31st based on the project's implementation trend, the PBF requested for a no-cost extension from 1st January to 31st March 2018 to carry out outstanding activities under the PPP in an extra-ordinary meeting of the Joint Technical Committee (JTC) in June of 2017 out of which agreement was reached for a recommendation to be made to the JSC to endorse this no-cost extension. The PBF requests that this technical committee reinforces the decision taken in June 14, 2017 extra-ordinary meeting of the JTC. The project is banking on the continued cooperation of all implementing partners notably the National Government and the ABG, to ensure the project meet all its set targets by March end 2018 when the no-cost extension will end.



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Secretary for the Department of Bougainville Peace Agreement Implementation moved the motion for a No-cost extension of the PPP to be recommended to the JSC for endorsement, seconded by the Secretary for Department for Community Government.

Recommendations:

The technical committee having deliberated on the no-cost extension request reinforces the decision of the extra-ordinary meeting of June 14, 2017 and recommend to the JSC to consider and endorse the undermentioned:

- 1. A no-cost extension of the current PPP from 1st January to 31st March 2018 to allow for its full implementation, and**
- 2. Establishment of the Eminent Persons Group (EPG) during this period**

Discussions on the Costed Extension of the Peacebuilding Fund from 1st April 2018 – 31st December 2022

Based on the need to build on achievements of the current PPP, and continue to address challenges that are impacting negatively on consistent and timely political dialogues, knowledge building on the BPA and referendum, and social cohesion, in preparation for the pre-and post-referendum periods, including responding to new emerging issues relating to the referendum as the target date of 15 June 2019 draws closer, the PBF puts forward a request to extend the Peace-building Priority Plan without much alterations to its outcomes for the period of April 2018 through to December 2022. The PPP for this period looking at a number of focus areas under the current outcomes will be at a cost of US\$2.5 million a year.

The technical committee noted and advise that the PBF:

1. Come up with a Monitoring and Evaluation report of the projects that have been delivered to date to gauge success
2. Clearly outline what results the project will be accountable for in the costed extension period building on achievements of the 2015-2017 PPP
3. Expect reflections on the Costed Extension Focus Areas from DFAT by 28th November 2018
4. Develops a plan for the post-referendum era, ensuring the full engagement of both Parliaments in the peace process
5. Includes periodic assessments (evaluation) of the PPP and share findings with stakeholders implementing the PPP



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6. Ensures quarterly consultations and information sharing with its international stakeholders to ensure there are no overlaps in activities
7. Ensures a balance in the support to both governments with more emphasis on the National Government in the next phase of the PBF

Secretary for the Department of Bougainville Peace Agreement Implementation moved the motion for a Costed extension of the PPP for the period of April 2018 to December 2022 to be recommended to the JSC for endorsement, seconded by the Electoral Commissioner from the Office of the Bougainville Electoral Commissioner.

Recommendation

The Technical Committee having considered and deliberated on the request from PBF for a Costed Extension request to be made to the Peacebuilding Support Office, agreed and recommend to the JSC to consider and endorse:

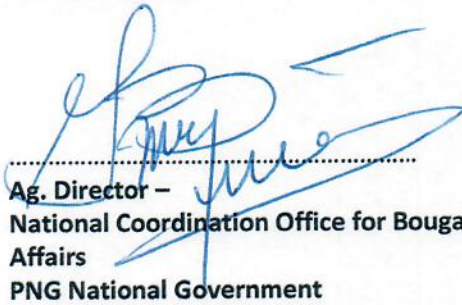
- 1. A costed extension of the Peacebuilding Priority Plan from April 2018 after the no-cost extension comes to an end, to December 2022 to support peacebuilding in Bougainville and PNG pre-and post-referendum. The costed extension should capture all points as advised by the Joint Technical Committee.**



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Signatures

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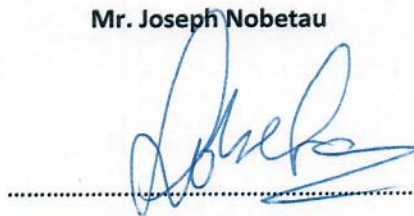
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Chief Secretary Autonomous Bougainville Government



DEPARTMENT OF PRESIDENT & BOUGAINVILLE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
OFFICE OF CHIEF SECRETARY

**Technical Committee to the Peace Building Fund (PBF) Joint Steering Committee
(JSC) Meeting**

Opening Remarks

Co-chairs, members and invited guests – it gives me pleasure to make a few short remarks to open this meeting of the Technical Committee to the Peace Building Fund (PBF) Joint Steering Committee (JSC).

The ABG very much values the significant work and support that the United Nations provides to Bougainville. This work, and in particular the work of the Peace Building Fund has been instrumental to the peace and reconciliation process throughout Bougainville. I would particularly like to place on record my appreciation for the work of Mr Lawrence Bassie and Ms Julie Bukikun who have a close working relationship with ABG counterparts.

As Chief Secretary my role is to head the public service and implement a range of reforms to enhance the peace process. This includes working closely with national government and development partner counterparts to put in place a range of systems and processes to enable effective

capacity building and cross government engagement. It is through the support of the Peace Building Fund that much of this has been achieved and I want to acknowledge the important role that the UNDP has played in enhancing relationships, promoting awareness and contributing to social cohesion – all primary objectives of the Fund.

At a practical level the work of the UNDP has enabled the ABG to be more active in progressing important peace building initiatives. This has particularly been the case in advancing reconciliation and healing throughout Bougainville.

With the current window closing on the Fund, I want to place on record my very strong support for a no cost extension until March 2018 as proposed. I think this is essential as there is much more work to be done. I also support an extension of the Fund through to 2022, as we navigate the complexities of the referendum and the post referendum transition, whatever outcome the referendum may deliver.

At the same time, I want to ensure that all possible resources are put in place to support the Bougainville Referendum Commission once it becomes fully operational. This is an area where I see the UNDP more broadly providing support. The reality is that there is much work that needs to be done, and the technical advice and the assistance of the UN will be invaluable in the longer term. But we must ensure that this continues to be a partnership based approach where the UN partners

with both the ABG and the National Government in providing support. This respects the basis of the Bougainville Peace Agreement and will lead to more aligned and coordinated approaches for managing what are very complex issues.

I will be represented here today by a member of my team, Ms Daphney Toke and I look forward to hearing about the outcomes of this meeting. I also look forward to the full meeting of the JSC next week where we can discuss the many valued outcomes that have been achieved over recent years and look to the future as to how the UNDP can continue to support Bougainville.

On that note I wish you a successful meeting today and I look forward to further discussions in Port Moresby next week.

Thank you.

Joseph Nobetau
Chief Secretary