



## **Global Environment Facility – Facilitating Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Applications for Greenhouse Gas Emission (FREAGER)**

**Project Executive Board Meeting #1  
21 March 2018, 11am – 12pm**

### **Meeting Minutes**

#### **Project Executive Board Members Present:**

Mr. Ruel Yamuna – Managing Director, Climate Change and Development Authority

Mr. Danny Nekitel – Manager Mitigation and Low Carbon Growth/REDD+ and Mitigation Division, Climate Change and Development Authority

Mr Edward Vrkic – Senior Advisor – Climate Change, United Nations Development Programme

#### Agenda Item 1: Welcome and Opening Remarks

Mr Yamuna opened the meeting by welcoming all board members to this inaugural meeting. In providing his opening remarks he reaffirmed the CCDA's commitment to support the implementation of the Project. He noted that this was the inaugural meeting of the Board and encouraged open and transparent cooperation and collaboration between all partners. He also highlighted the importance of engaging with other partners, including other government departments and organisations such as PNG Power Limited.

Mr Vrkic thanked Mr Yamuna for his opening remarks and reiterated the UNDP's commitment to expedite the stand-up and delivery of the Project which was now behind schedule. Mr Vrkic added that the UNDP was seeking to leverage additional internal and regional resources to assist in this effort.

#### Agenda Item 2: Annual Work Program and Budget

Mr Vrkic presented the 2018 Annual Work Program and associated budget. In doing so, he provided advice on key objectives and deliverables which included initiatives to review regulatory and legislative requirements as well as the tendering of pilot solar and hydro projects in selected sites in Papua New Guinea.

Mr Vrkcic also presented the associated 2018 Project budget and resource plan. In doing so, he advised that the UNDP would seek agreement from the Board to fund in part, a level P5 resource from within the UNDP PNG-Country Office, to expedite the implementation of the Project and that this funding be drawn from within the Project against the proposed level P3 line item. This proposal was agreed by the Board with immediate effect as was the 2018 Project budget.

The Board further agreed that it would consider where possible innovative resourcing models to encourage greater collaboration between the CCDA and UNDP and that the UNDP should progress with the recruitment and establishment of the Project Management Unit. Mr Nekitel suggested that this was something that could be considered as part of the Project Management Unit resourcing.

Mr Yamuna reiterated the CCDA's interest in progressing the tendering of the proposed pilot projects. The Board agreed that efforts would be made to release tenders during the second quarter of 2018 for both solar and hydro pilots. Mr Yamuna suggested that efforts should be made to deliver one pilot per region. The board agreed to investigate this possibility noting the requirements of the Project and the expectations of the GEF Directorate in issuing its approval of the Project.

The Board further agreed that it would look to leverage additional funding from other partners where possible to support the expansion of pilot projects where feasible. It was also agreed that, should the pilots prove timely and successful, they could be considered by Government as possible announceables during APEC in late 2018.

### Agenda Item 3 – Closing and Next Steps

The Board agreed that it would commence discussions with PNG Power Limited at earliest convenience to advise on the commencement of the Project. The Board also agreed that maintaining an open and collaborative dialogue with PNG Power Limited was important in the selection and delivery of the proposed pilot sites. Looking forward, the Board agreed that the next meeting should bring together additional stakeholders and that it should pursue further dialogue and seek opportunities for collaboration with development and private sector partners in Papua New Guinea and the Region more broadly. The Board highlighted the importance of regular dialogue and agreed to consider proposals to increase its membership prior its next meeting scheduled for the second quarter of 2018.

#### **Agreed Actions:**

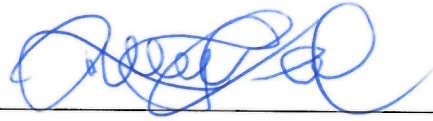
The Board agreed:

1. To the proposed 2018 Annual Work Plan and 2018 budget.
2. To fund in part, a level P5 resource from within the UNDP PNG-Country Office, to expedite the implementation of the Project and that this funding be drawn from within the Project against the proposed level P3 line item.
3. To progress with the establishment of the Project Management Unit.
4. That efforts should be made to tender solar and hydro pilot projects during the second quarter of 2018.
5. Consider options to leverage additional funding and resources to support the Project's outcomes.

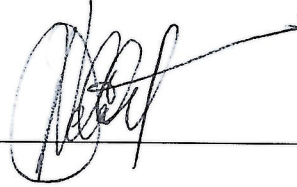
6. Consider proposals to expand the Board's membership before its next meeting scheduled for the second quarter of 2018.

**Endorsement of Minutes:**

Mr. Ruel Yamuna – Managing Director, Climate Change and Development Authority



Mr. Danny Nekitel - Manager Mitigation and Low Carbon Growth/REDD+ and Mitigation Division, Climate Change and Development Authority



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