



**CONSERVATION AND ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AUTHORITY
OFFICE OF THE MANAGING DIRECTOR**

7th Floor-Dynasty Tower I
Savannah Heights, Waigani
P O Box 6601
BOROKO, NCD
Papua New Guinea

Telephone: (675) 3014500/3014530
Facsimile: (675) 3250182
E-mail: officesec@dec.gov.pg
Website: www.dec.gov.pg

16th November 2020

Ms. Lisa Kurbiel,
Head of Secretariat,
Joint SDG Fund.
United Nations Headquarters.
405 East 42nd Street,
New York, 10017, USA.
Email: lisa.kurbiel@un.org

Dear Ms. Kurbiel,

**SUBJECT: ENDORSEMENT FOR THE UNDP/UNEP/UNCDF JOINT PROGRAMME
"INVESTING IN CORAL REEFS AND THE BLUE ECONOMY"**

I fully endorse this SDG Fund Joint Programme full proposal titled "Investing in Coral Reefs and the Blue Economy", with the support of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF). If approved, the project will be implemented by the Conservation and Environment Protection Authority.

The proposal is directly aligned with the Government of Papua New Guinea's priorities and national vision. Thriving coral reefs are vital to the country's efforts to protect our critical ecosystems as well as to catalyze transformative change in the country's blue economy, creating new diversified investment and employment opportunities for communities whilst simultaneously addressing the impacts of climate change. The proposal contributes directly towards and accelerates the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals.

Thank you for your continued collaboration and partnership with the Government and people of Papua New Guinea.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Gunther Joku
Managing Director