

Spatial planning for REDD+ multiple benefits to support decision-making and land-use planning in Papua New Guinea

**Inception workshop** 

**Agenda** 

**UN-REDD PROGRAMME** 

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Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea

## 1. Background

While the main purpose of REDD+ is to contribute to climate change mitigation, it is widely recognised that REDD+ also has the potential to deliver additional social and environmental benefits, such as conservation of biodiversity and ecosystem services and/or promoting local livelihoods. Recognizing this, the Paris Agreement encourages country Parties to implement the UNFCCC framework for REDD+, "while reaffirming the importance of incentivizing, as appropriate, non-carbon benefits associated with such approaches" (Article 5.2). In line with this, PNG's vision for REDD+ states that it aims to strengthen "long term economic growth and community livelihoods and the effective conservation of biodiversity and ecosystem services while ensuring that Papua New Guinea's forest resources are used in a sustainable and equitable manner for the benefit of current and future generations".

In order to address this, it is necessary to ensure that the design of REDD+ strategy options takes account of the potential for carbon and non-carbon benefits of the different options. This can be implemented by identifying appropriate locations where REDD+ actions might be particularly helpful in achieving the desired benefits at low risk; as the potential benefits of implementing REDD+ strategy options are influenced by a range of location-specific factors, including biophysical, socio-economic and cultural characteristics. This could be carried out by drawing on spatial information on the drivers of deforestation and forest degradation, and spatial analysis of the feasibility, potential benefits and risks of the different options.

The inception workshop outlined below is part of a joint activity under the UN-REDD Programme, being implemented by the Climate Change Development Authority (CCDA) and UN Environment World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC). The activity aims to support the explicit integration of these multiple benefits into PNG's national REDD+ strategy and planning processes by using available secondary spatial data from national and global sources to, through spatial analysis techniques, produce maps to provide information to decision makers on how REDD+ actions can be designed to deliver multiple benefits, in support of PNG's vision for REDD+.

## 1.2. Objectives

- to increase the awareness of the importance of integrating multiple benefits and safeguards in REDD+ planning
- to understand and set priorities for the analysis of potential REDD+ multiple benefits in PNG
- to identify potentially useful sources of spatial data that could be available for the analysis

## 1.3. Date and Location

## 1.4 Agenda

TIME	ITEM	PRESENTER
09:30 - 09:45	Welcoming remarks	Mr Ruel Yamuna Managing Director- CCDA
09:45 - 10:00	Self-introduction by workshop participants	
10:00 - 10:30	Introduction to REDD+ in PNG. State of the REDD+ readiness process.	Mr Terence Barambi, Acting Manager REDD+ Branch, CCDA
10:30 - 11:00	Presentation: What are the multiple benefits of REDD+? How REDD+ can be designed to promote them?	Xavier de Lamo (UNEP-WCMC)
11:00 - 11:30	Coffee/tea break	
11:30 – 12:30	Participatory exercise: Which are the key potential REDD+ multiple benefits in PNG?  Participants split in groups and brainstorm key benefits that REDD+ could deliver in PNG, the main forest pressures, and identify potential data sources which could be useful to map them.	Facilitators:  Xavier de Lamo (UNEP-WCMC)  Ms Gwen Sissiou, General Manager REDD+ & Mitigation Division, CCDA
12:30 - 13:00	Each group reports back on their results	Group Representatives
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch	
14:00 - 15:00	Exercise: Prioritising benefits for further analysis  Participants vote using stickers for which multiple benefits should be prioritised and then discuss results	Facilitators:  Xavier de Lamo (UNEP-WCMC)  Ms Gwen Sissiou, General Manager REDD+ & Mitigation Division, CCDA
15:00 - 15:15	Overview of next steps	Xavier de Lamo (UNEP-WCMC)
15:15 – 15:30	Closing remarks	Ms Gwen Sissiou, General Manager REDD+ & Mitigation Division, CCDA