

Morning Workshop:

Update on the Status of Forestry and Forests in PNG. What has become of FMAs and the principle of Sustainable Forest Management, required under the 1990 Forest Policy and 1991 Forest Act? Where does the new Marape-Steven government stand, with its commitment to greater local ownership and control?

Various loopholes have emerged over the years to access the forest resources, including extensions, multiple TAs, and in the 2000s SABLs under the Land Act, and FCAs for so-called landuse conversion. New SABLs, have now been restrained, following the Col, and replaced partly with new devises, but the FCAs seem to have been retained and still applied, with supporting letters from DAL, minus the SABL, but still, reportedly bypassing customary landowners' free, prior and informed consent.

This workshop will enable:

- the Forest Authority to provide updates on resource allocations, utilisation and conditions, including the application of FCAs and other devises;
- the new Government's position on forest resource management and benefit sharing, and other authorities to account for their roles
- and NGOs, CSOs and academics to provide their perspective and input

08.30 to lunchtime

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