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CIVIL SOCIETY PERSPECTIVE OF REDD+

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INTRODUCTION

- EFF was established in 1999 as a membership organization, engaged in Eco-Forestry work, by networking with members and partners, and being their voice
- Our work mainly involves, Policy & Research, Lobby/Advocacy, Networking, Training and Capacity Building, and Publicity and Awareness
- Took on Climate Change/REDD+ work in 2009, promoting Rights-Based approach to REDD+
- Position Paper on REDD since Bali, 2007



OUR MEMBERSHIP

THE PAPUA NEW GUINEA
ECO FORESTRY FORUM INC.

Supporting sustainable
 forest management and
 good governance
 in the forestry sector.



OUR VISION

People living
 in harmony with their
 natural environment and
 enjoying the social and
 economic benefits of
 sustainable forest
 management



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CLIMATE CHANGE

- Climate Change presents a potentially irreversible threat to human society and the planet, therefore urgent action must be taken to address it.
- Impacts of CC are wide ranging, affecting food security, biodiversity, health, and exerting strain on economies.
- Pacific Island Nations are likely to be worst affected.
- Our Islands are inundated by Sea water, face fierce storms, diminishing marine life, and even have been the first climate refugees.
- As I speak, PNG is now hit by El Nino effect....



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REDD+

- REDD+ stands for Reducing Emission from Deforestation and forest Degradation, including Sustainable Management of Forests, Biodiversity Conservation and Carbon Stock Enhancements
- Deforestation and forest degradation are the second leading cause of global warming, responsible for about 15% of global greenhouse gas emissions, which makes the loss and depletion of forests a major issue for climate change,
- In PNG, LULUCF Sector contributes to almost 95% of total emission, driven mainly by timber extraction, Subsistence and Commercial Agriculture through (now) SABLs.



THE PARIS AGREEMENT AND ITS OPPORTUNITIES

- The Paris Agreement was hailed as historic as 195 Parties unleashed efforts to combat climate change, including investment towards low carbon, resilient and sustainable future.
- The main aim of the agreement was to keep global temperature rise to below 2 degrees Celsius,
- The Agreement covers, **Mitigation (REDD+)**, Transparent MRV System, Adaptation, Loss and Damage including relevant support for finance.
- REDD+ has been identified as a cost-effective solution to implement as a mitigation option that can earn social, economic and other environmental co-benefits.



OUR (CSO) POSITION REDD+

- If REDD+ is to be implemented, the following are our position;
- ✓ Good Governance – REDD+ mechanisms must be transparent, and ensure due governance
- ✓ Free Prior Informed Consent – REDD+ project initiatives must be duly consented to by majority (80+%) landowning communities,
- ✓ Equitable Benefit Sharing – Forest Owners must benefit most , (PES BSDS Model)
- ✓ Ownership of Carbon – Exclusive Ownership Rights with Forest owners (Gadens, (EFF), O'Brien, (SPC/GIZ)



WHAT MUST BE DONE PRE 2015

- PNG's INDC to be thoroughly reviewed to incorporate REDD+ as a main focus of GoPNG
- REDD+ Strategy and Policy must recognize Forest owning Communities as rights holders, and empower them in equity participation
- The CCM (Bill) must be reviewed immediately to ensure REDD+ is sufficiently captured, building in transparent Governance mechanisms including Management of Funds to ensure Transparency, and Equitable Participation by key stakeholders of REDD+
- Government must swiftly cancel all fraudulent SABLs which has placed 5.2 M ha of Forest in the hands of foreign corporation, as they directly threaten REDD+ implementation PNG,



THANK YOU !



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