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Inclusive Travel Dates:  
22-28 March 2015

Approved Mission Itinerary:  
BKK-Port Moresby-BKK

List of Annexes:

Key counterpart(s) in each location:
- UN-REDD PMU
- UNDP CO

Purpose/Objectives of Mission
To support FCPF project inception workshop and FCPF work planning.

Context
The PNG UN-REDD National Programme has been active since 2011. The programme totals $6m with the lion’s share of funds allocated to development of PNG’s Measurement, Reporting and Verification (MRV) system – a FAO-supported activity. There are a number of key activities under UNDP responsibility, primarily relating to PNG’s benefit sharing and distribution system (BSDS) for REDD+, assessment of national circumstances (in relation to forest reference (emission) levels) and communications, which are being implemented in 2015. In parallel, UNDP worked with the Office of Climate Change and Development (OCCD) to prepare for the implementation of PNG’s Readiness Preparation Package (R-PP) under the World Bank’s Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF). The development of the R-PP was led by OCCD and was approved by the FCPF in 2013; the agreement between PNG and FCPF was signed in July 2014. The UNDP project document was finalised in October 2014 and approved by the World Bank and UNDP-HQ in early 2015. The objectives of this mission were to support 1) support the delivery of the FCPF inception workshop; and 2) support 2015 work planning for FCPF.

Summary of Mission Activities/ Findings
The key results of the mission were:

- The FCPF project inception workshop was held and the project was launched. The Minister for Environment and Conservation, Hon. John Pundari, opened the event. In reviewing the project at the activity level, a small number of changes were made, mostly involving slight changes in wording. The FCPF multi-year and detailed 2015 work plans were discussed and agreed.
- Discussions were held with government counterparts in OCCD and PNGFA on the initiation of the work on PNG’s National Strategy.