



UN COP 24 Side Event, Katowice, POLAND

Needs-based Climate Finance in Melanesia and Forests and Communities

Date: Saturday 8 December 2018

Time: 13:15 – 14:45

Venue: Pieniny

Outline

This event will include (1) a panel discussion on the climate finance needs and priorities of Melanesian countries in light of the NDCs and NAPs, (2) an outline the MSG forest program as an example of the opportunities for climate finance for both mitigation and adaptation arising from forests and their customary owners, and (3) an update on MSG REDD+ Implementation.

This initiative is led by the Melanesian Spearhead Group (Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands & Vanuatu) with the support of the UNFCCC Secretariat and Griffith University.

Agenda

Time	Topic	Presenter (s)	Panel	Moderator
13 :15 – 13 :25	Introduction of Side Event & Opening Remarks: MSG Director General, Ambassador Amena Yauvoli			
13 :25- 13 :40	Updates on REDD+ Implementation	Gwen Sissiou (PNG), Semi Dranibaka (Fiji)		
13 :40- 13 :50	MSG Forest Programme	Ed Morgan (Griffith University)		
13 :50 – 14 :30	MSG Needs based Climate Finance Strategy	Stanley Wapot (10 min intro)	Amena Yauvoli , MSG Director General; Pa Ousman Jarju , Director, Country Programming, GCF; Ms Preety Bhandari , Director, Climate Change & Disaster Risk Management Division, ADB; Chris Bartlett (Vanuatu delegation) ; Melchior Metaki (Solomon Islands delegation) ; Mr Ruel Yamuna (PNG delegation); Ms Virginia Young , Australian Rainforest Conservation Society (30 min discussion; 5 min each)	Stanley Wapot (MSG Secretariat)
14:30-14:45	Q & A and Open Discussions (15 min open discussion)			