



# MELANESIAN SPEARHEAD GROUP (MSG)

## UN COP 24 SIDE EVENT, KATOWICE, POLAND

### Needs-based Climate Finance in Melanesia & Forests and Communities

The event will be opened by Director General Ambassador Amena Yauvoli, MSG



#### WHY JOIN US

An overview of the climate finance needs and priorities of Melanesian countries in light of the NDCs and NAPs.

Insights into the opportunities for climate finance for both mitigation and adaptation arising from forests and their customary owners, including outlining the Melanesian Forest Program.

Drinks and canapés will be available.

#### WHEN & WHERE

**SATURDAY 8 DECEMBER 2018**  
**13.15 - 14.45, PIENINY**

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
- (3) an update on MSG REDD+ Implementation



## SPEAKERS

Stanley Wapot, MSG

Gwen Sissiou, PNG CCDA

Semi Dranibaka, Director Fiji Forest

Dr Edward Morgan, Griffith University/MSG Secretariat  
(Melanesia Forest Program)



## PANEL

MSG Needs-based Climate  
Finance Strategy

Amena Yauvoli, MSG Director General

Pa Ousman Jarju, Director, Country Programming, GCF

Ms Preeti 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



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## AGENDA

13:15-13:25

Introduction of Side Event & Opening Remarks

13:35-13:40

Presentation Updates on REDD+ Implementation

13:40-13:50

Presentation: MSG Forest Programme

13:50-14:30

Panel: MSG Needs based Climate Finance Strategy

14:30-14:45

Q & A and Open Discussion



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