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CREATION OF THE OFFICE OF CLIMATIC CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENT SUSTAINABILITY (OCC & ES)

THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, by virtue of the powers conferred by the *Public Services (Management) Act 1995* and all other powers it enabling, hereby:

- (a) create the Office of the Climatic Change and Environment Sustainability (OCC&ES) embracing the Designated National Authority (DNA) with the Functions set out in Schedule 1, under Section 33 of the *Public Services (Management) Act 1995*; and
- (b) approve the transfer of functions set out in Schedule 1 from portfolio of Minister for Environment & Conservation to the portfolio of the Prime Minister as determined by the Prime Minister; and
- (c) approve for the Executive Director of the Office of Climatic Change & Environment Sustainability to establish Trust Account to facilitate the management and rapid disbursement of aid donor and counterpart funds,

commencing on and from 8th April, 2008.

Dated this 3rd day of July, 2008.

M.T. SOMARE,
Prime Minister.
Chairman, National Executive Council.

SCHEDULE 1

Ministerial Determinations

TRANSFERRED FUNCTIONS FROM THE MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT & CONSERVATION TO THE PRIME MINISTER UNDER THE OFFICE OF CLIMATIC CHANGE & ENVIRONMENT SUSTAINABILITY (OCC&ES)

Functional Statement for OCC&ES

(1) Policy Development and Coordination

The OCC&ES will:

- (a) Identify future institutional/organisational options for managing climate change and environmental sustainability issues within the Government. The Submission will consider the roles and responsibilities of all levels of Government.

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- (b) Manage the Government's engagement with the three key International Environment Conventions: United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and Convention to Combat Desertification (CCD) and the Global Environment Facility. This will be done in partnership with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Immigration.
- (c) Facilitate the development of cross-sectoral policies in accordance with Government priorities, in particular a climate change policy and action plan focusing on both mitigation and adaptation issues.
- (d) Assist other Government agencies/sector likely to be affected by climate change (e.g. agriculture, health, forestry, transport and infrastructure, energy) to integrate strategies for dealing with the likely impacts and opportunities of climate change into their sectoral/agency plans.
- (e) Develop a broadly based donor engagement strategy focused on responding to the opportunities (e.g. REDD) and likely impacts (e.g. sea level rise) of climate change and broader environmental sustainability issues. This will be done in partnership with the Department of National Planning and Monitoring.

(2) Program Development, Implementation and Monitoring

The OCC&ES will:

- (a) Develop a program framework for delivering on an integrated approach to natural resource management which takes into account the synergies between actions to better manage and protect each of PNG's key natural resources (water, soil, biodiversity, carbon and air).
- (b) Develop a domestic REDD implementation strategy, including mechanisms to facilitate carbon trading, to ensure PNG is able to quickly take advantage of the emerging international funding opportunities through market mechanisms and Overseas Development Aid. This will be done in partnership with the Department of Treasury.
- (c) Establish PNG's Designated National Authority to facilitate accreditation of emissions reduction projects under the Clean Development Mechanism of the Kyoto Protocol.
- (d) Complete the Sectoral Assessments for the Millennium Development Goal 7: Environmental Sustainability initiative to identify improvements needed to policies, legislation and decision making processes in key sectors (e.g. forestry, agriculture) to facilitate change towards an economically and environmentally sustainable future.
- (e) Initiate a State of the Environment (SoE) assessment for each of PNG's key natural resources (water, soil, biodiversity, carbon and air) as a baseline for measuring future progress towards environmental sustainability and to identify the sustainability status of sectors and regions in PNG. The SoE assessment process will also make recommendations for improving the indicators used to measure progress towards environmental sustainability through the Medium Term Development Strategy.

(3) Media and Communication

The OCC&ES will:

- (a) Develop and implement a communication strategy for increasing awareness and knowledge of climate change and environmental sustainability issues and the PNG Government's responses to the issues for engaging with a wide range of international and domestic stakeholders.

(4) Corporate Services

Financial and human resources management issues for the OCC&ES will continue to be managed by the DEC Corporate Services Division (CSD) under the supervision of the Secretary, DEC. The OCC&ES will utilise the services of DEC CSD staff and consultants, as required, to:

- (a) Assist with human resource issues including recruitment and staff management;
- (b) Assist with financial management issues including procurement, financial reporting and auditing;
- (c) Assist with implementation and management of the Information and Communication Technology system for the Office.