



THE UNIVERSITY OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

THE SECRETARIAT OF THE PACIFIC REGIONAL ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME

And

THE UNIVERSITY OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA

on

STRENGTHENING COOPERATION

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") is between The University of Papua New Guinea (hereinafter referred to as "UPNG") and The Secretariat of Pacific Regional Environment Programme (hereinafter referred to as "SPREP").

The MOU will reaffirm the long standing commitment between both institutions since 1976 to continue to work and support each other, and Pacific Island States to protect and manage their environment in a changing world, and especially in achieving sustainable development. This MOU will serve as a basis to establish a collaborative framework in design, planning, management and implementing similar programmes as outlined in each organization's strategic priorities; especially in research, capacity building and human resources development for Pacific Island States and communities.

In developing and promoting collaborative and joint implementation of SPREP's work programs and Papua New Guinea's Responsible Sustainable Development Strategy through UPNG's Strategic Priorities, SPREP and UPNG (hereinafter referred to as "Parties") have reached a mutual understanding on the following strategic priorities:

1. To cooperate in programmes and activities in the fields of pollution control and environmentally sound management of all types of wastes; climate change, variability and extreme events and its related issues; biodiversity management including protection and conservation, and environmental management and governance. Cooperative efforts will be associated with, but not limited to:
 - (a) Cooperate to inform each other of achievements and events that are of mutual interest;
 - (b) Invite and sponsor staff/students from both Parties to participate in the University's academic programs as guest lecturers, technical internships and

relevant conferences or workshops subject to availability of budget and other financial resources;

- (c) Facilitate for SPREP Member countries students to train at UPNG in the study fields related to environmental management and protection, including but not limited to environmental sciences, environmental law, oceans and island management, climate change and variability, waste management, biology, chemistry, geology, geography, physics, sustainable development, comprehensive hazards and risk management, sustainable development laws and GISRS applications;
- (d) Collaborate in conferences, meetings, training, workshops and other activities related to environmental protection, management and governance;
- (e) Jointly develop and apply for bilateral, regional and multilateral projects in areas relevant to environmental management and protection and sustainable development;
- (f) Attend and participate where possible the SPREP Meeting and its associated meetings; and
- (g) Cooperate in other areas as mutually agreed upon whenever such opportunities arise.

2. This MOU constitutes an expression of a shared intention of the Parties to endeavor to develop foundations for achieving their shared objectives relating to capacity building and human resources development in areas of sustainable development, environmental protection, education and community awareness and developing and strengthening systems, institutions, organizations and individuals concerned with environmental management, protection and planning in PNG and the Pacific region;

3. Each Party's actions under this MOU shall be considered to be the Party's sole and separate action for all purposes, including liability, and neither Party shall claim to be acting on behalf of, as an agent for, the other Party of this MOU.

4. In executing this MOU, neither Party necessarily commits to any financial obligation in relation to activities to be carried out under this MOU

5. Specific work once agreed to may be attached as an Annex to this MOU. Such Annex shall form an integral part of this MOU and, unless expressly provided otherwise, a reference to this MOU includes a reference to any such Annex.

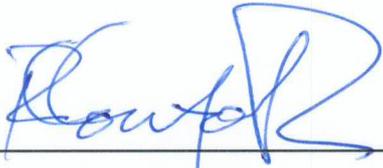
6. The Coordinator or and contact person will be designated and communicated to each other after the signature of this MOU. Any changes relating to the information of this position shall be updated in a timely manner.

7. This MOU shall be valid for 10 years unless earlier terminated and may be changed or amended by written agreement between the Parties.

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8. Either Party shall have the right to terminate this MOU by giving one month's notice in writing to the other Party. If this MOU is terminated by either Party, steps shall be taken to ensure that the termination does not affect any prior obligation, project or activity already in progress.

9. The Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into force upon signature of both Parties.



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