**COMMENTS ON THE UNDP DRAFT COUNTRY PROGRAMME DOCUMENT FOR PAPUA NEW GUINEA (2023-2027)**

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| **Name of the delegation/ Member State** | **Comments by Member State on the UNDP draft CPD**  | **Country Office response** | **Action/Revision made in the draft CPD**  |
| **Australia** | Australia welcomes the role of UNDP in working to address Papua New Guinea's development challenges. UNDP's focus areas of equality for women and girls; peace, governance and social cohesion; sustainable economic transformation; and the environment and climate change, align with Australia’s development program in Papua New Guinea. | The Country Office welcomes Australia’s endorsement of proposed focus.  | N/A |
| In particular, Australia welcomes UNDP's proposed work on gender equality in light of Australia's longstanding commitment to promoting and protecting the rights of Papua New Guinean women and girls. Gender equality is a priority area under the leaders-level PNG-Australia Comprehensive Strategic and Economic Partnership, and central to all of our activities in Papua New Guinea. | The Country Office welcomes Australia’s support for the proposed focus on gender action. The Country Office further acknowledges Australia’s prioritisation of gender action in the PNG-Australia Comprehensive Strategic and Economic Partnership. | N/A |
| **Ireland** | Ireland supports the priority needs outlined in the CPD and the particular focus on gender equality, climate action and support for the Bougainville peace process. | The Country Office welcomes Ireland’s support for these priority needs outlined in the CPD. | N/A |
| We welcome the inclusion of gender-responsive indicators under outcomes 1-3 and would propose the addition of a gender-responsive indicator linked to outcome 4, environment and climate change, to ensure that gender quality is integrated and promoted across each of the outcomes. | The Country Office welcomes Ireland’s suggestion. The Country Office emphasizes that the focus on gender action and women’s empowerment is a cornerstone of the CPD. The construction of indicators under outcome 4 ensures inclusion and the pursuit of sex disaggregated data to measure the impact of results.  | The Country Office proposes to leave text as originally presented.  |
| Outcome 3: Sustainable economic transformation lacks a reference to the role and impact of multinational companies. PNG has rich mineral wealth and the vast majority of the extractives industry is made up of global mining corporations. There are frequent clashes between mining companies and communities over land tenure and direction of profits. UNDP should consider how it can help ensure communities have appropriate buy-in to mining projects and that the benefits of the mining industry are felt by those most affected by its operations. | The Country Office acknowledges Ireland’s observations. The Country Office draws attention to outcome 2 [Governance] and outcome 4 [environment and climate change] respectively and proposes to continue addressing the issues highlighted by Ireland through investments in improving public financial management and increased transparency [output 2.2 / indicator 2.1.1], addressing the drivers of conflict [output 2.4 / indicator 2.4.1], and improved natural resource management [output 4.1 / indicator 4.1.1].  | The Country Offices proposes to leave text as originally presented. |