

## **UN-REDD PROGRAMME STATEMENT – BONN INTERSESSIONAL FINAL PLENARY**

**13 June 2014**

The UN-REDD Programme would like to thank Parties for a rich intersessional meeting that included many worthwhile discussions on REDD+. The diverse views represented, when shared in a respectful and collaborative way, are helping to build a REDD+ mechanism that will support national capacities while meeting global emissions reduction needs.

In this regard, and in response to the statement of the Special Envoy for Climate Change for PNG at the ADP Ministerial Roundtable on Friday 6 June 2014, the UN-REDD Programme would like to clarify that the Programme is not a UNFCCC body and does not compete with, preclude or preempt UNFCCC decisions. Rather, the UN-REDD Programme is a UNDP, UNEP and FAO collaborative inter-agency programme established to support countries to develop REDD+ readiness capacities so that they can effectively implement REDD+ and harness the social, economic and environmental benefits of REDD+.

The activities and finances of the UN-REDD Programme are reported annually according to universally agreed UN rules and regulations and in full accordance with standard agreements signed by donors and the UNDP Multi Partner Trust Fund Office – and there is additional scrutiny and review by a comprehensive Programme Policy Board. The UN-REDD Programme Policy Board provides perhaps one of the most inclusive and representative decision-making arrangement in the multilateral system – with the participation of representatives from UN agencies, donors, partner countries, civil society, and indigenous peoples.

The draft 2013 Annual Programme Progress Report of the UN-REDD Programme has just been released, and in accordance with the Programme's commitment to transparency is publicly available on our website at [www.un-redd.org](http://www.un-redd.org).

Since 2008, the UN-REDD Programme has supported the UNFCCC process and assisted over 50 countries with their REDD+ readiness efforts through the delivery of US\$ 97.9 million in direct and indirect assistance, making it one of the most efficient examples of UN assistance worldwide.

The UN-REDD Programme was established to support the REDD+ readiness needs of developing nations. As the development of REDD+ has progressed, the Programme has evolved to provide support on a growing number of technical work areas. Moving forward, the Programme is poised to continue to evolve, through transparent and participatory processes, to meet the changing needs of partner countries and to support developing countries in the implementation of UNFCCC decisions on REDD+.

The continued increase in requests for assistance from developing countries to the UN-REDD Programme together with the continued support of donors strongly signals the valuable role that the Programme has in building REDD+ readiness. We look forward to continuing to work with our partners and donors to deliver this important work, and to supporting the global community in its efforts to combat climate change – always in full alignment with the objectives and decisions of the UNFCCC.

Thank you.