



**Monday 29th October**  
**Laguna Hotel, Port Moresby**

## **Laguna Communiqué on Development Cooperation**

Papua New Guinean civil society leaders met at the Laguna Hotel in Port Moresby on the 29<sup>th</sup> of November 2018 for the Consultative Implementation and Monitoring Council (CIMC) National Civil Society Round-table.

Civil Society leaders would firstly like to acknowledge and commend the tireless efforts of Minister for Planning Hon. Richard Maru, Btech, MBA, MP and his departmental staff at the Department of National Planning for championing the State Civil Society Partnership policy. The policy sets the framework for development cooperation between the government, churches and civil society organizations.

Leaders noted that the policy has reached the Central Agencies Coordinating Committee and is being aligned with existing government institutional arrangements.

The leaders also noted during their deliberations, various issues of concern plaguing Papua New Guinea. Many of these issues are known to almost every Papua New Guinean.

Despite these issues, civil society leaders accepted the challenge given by the Secretary for Community Development Ms. Anna Solomon, to provide innovative solutions towards addressing PNG developmental issues.

The leaders also noted the challenge from Deputy Secretary for National Planning, Mr. Joe Kapa regarding alignment of civil society development activities with the government's Medium Term Development Plan III (MTDP) 2018 – 2022.

With the MTDP III focused on increasing revenue, increasing exports, reducing imports and creating wealth, civil society leaders believe they are well-placed to assist the O'Neill-Abel government achieve its development objectives.

Civil society leaders would therefore strongly encourage relevant stakeholders to support the State Civil Society Partnership policy. Such a policy would set the framework for development cooperation between the government, churches and civil society during the implementation period of MTDP III.

The implementation of MTDP III hinges on accessing land for development. With the recent experience of land grabbing by foreigners under the pretext of agriculture projects, civil society leaders would like to encourage the government to work closely with CSOs regarding land matters. CSOs can assist the government obtain free prior informed consent and facilitate win-win solutions for the government, local communities and investors.

PNG's civil society organizations also provide important development services to many rural communities across the nation. Their various fields of expertise can be harnessed by the government to provide development solutions to communities throughout PNG.

PNG's civil society organizations are ready, willing and capable of assisting the O'Neill-Abel government implement MTDP III. The framework for such development cooperation has already been formulated after six years of deliberations between the Department of Planning and civil society leaders. The State Civil Society Partnership Policy thus represents a rules based development cooperation initiative between the government and civil society organizations.

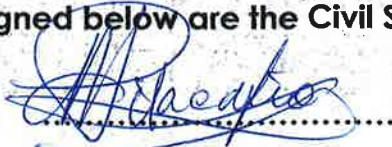
Civil society leaders note that time is of essence and year 1 of MTDP III implementation is now coming to an end. Many of the targets set by MTDP III can be met in partnership with civil society organizations. The leaders therefore encourage relevant stakeholders to support the State Civil Society Partnership policy.

In the spirit of garnering broad-based support for the policy, we the civil society leaders gathered at Laguna Hotel, Port Moresby put forward the following recommendations for endorsement by the CIMC National Development Forum:

1. That the State Civil Society Partnership Policy be Endorsed, Launched and Funded in the 2019 Budget
2. That institutional arrangements highlighted in the State Civil Society Partnership policy document be kept as it is
3. That CIMC process be used to facilitate the formation of a National Governing body for CSOs to promote rules based development cooperation.

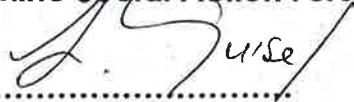
The leaders believe solutions to PNG's many development challenges can be found through implementation of these recommendations.

Signed below are the Civil Society Leaders who endorse this communique



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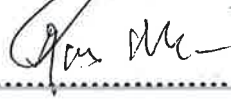
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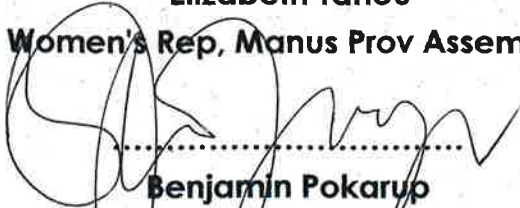
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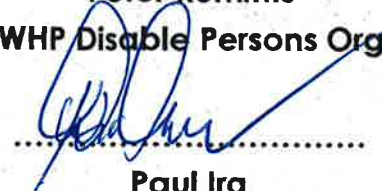
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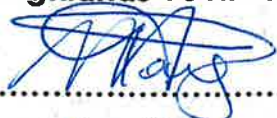
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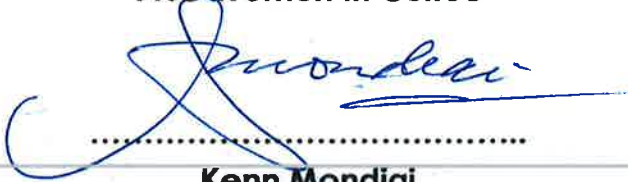
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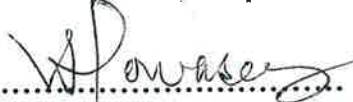
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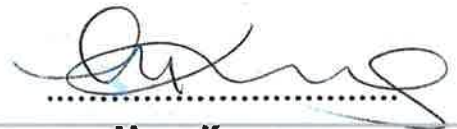
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