

# THE PORT MORESBY AFFIRMATION ON EFFECTIVE DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION

## Theme: Strengthening Engagement and Coordinated Partnerships to Achieve Responsible Sustainable Development

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**We**, the Heads of PNG Government Agencies, Provincial Administrators, representatives of multilateral and bilateral development partners, having met in Port Moresby on the 26<sup>th</sup> of November 2015, for the inaugural 2015 PNG and Development Partners' High Level Forum;

1. **Acknowledge** our rich historical engagement and efforts that paved and provided the foundations for PNG's development;
2. **Recall** the Strategy for Responsible Sustainable Development, PNG Vision 2050, the PNG Development Strategic Plan 2010-2030, the Medium Term Development Plans, principles of the PNG Commitment on Aid Effectiveness, the various former and existing country assistance strategies and agreements with our official bilateral and multilateral development partners the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness, the Cairns Compact, the Accra Agenda for Action, the Busan Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation, the Mexico Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals ;
3. **Considered** the theme of the 2015 PNG and Development Partners' High Level Forum **"Strengthening Engagement and Coordinated Partnerships to Achieve Responsible Sustainable Development"** and our vision to enhance these partnerships, to be more strategic and contribute to the maximization of the country's development aspirations;
4. **Note** the myriad of challenges, the development achievements, the lessons that have been gained, and the opportunities that are now before us, through the implementation of the various national plans, policies and strategies, the various former and existing country assistance strategies and agreements between the government and the development partners, the PNG Commitment on Aid Effectiveness, the Millennium Development Goals, all of which significantly provided guidance and directions and a common desire for national advancement;
5. **Welcome**, the new PNG Development Cooperation Policy which sets out the principles for our renewed engagement and further welcomes new development partners, philanthropic organizations, development financiers to this forum to

contribute towards our common vision and our desire for an inclusive and prosperous society;

6. **Dedicated** to localize, including at the local levels of Government, implement, monitor and report on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Monitoring Survey on the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation, to ensure inclusion of the poorest in our society, including women, youth, the elderly and the disabled and other vulnerable groups, to build local capacities for the sustainability of our programs and strive to be innovative to ensure our service delivery modalities complement the different settings of our country;
7. **Intend** to build on our development engagement in order to progress our unfinished business on the MDGs and our commitment to the SDGs, the Vision 2050, the PNG Development Cooperation Policy, the rolling Medium Term Development Plans and the PNG Strategy for Responsible Sustainable Development;
8. **Resolve** that our commitments are people centered, sustainable, innovative and amicable in order to find practical solutions.

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