



PRESS RELEASE

“HON. RAINBO PAITA DISCUSSES PNG’S COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGS) WITH UNITED NATION’S SECRETARY GENERAL”

Minister for Finance and Planning Hon. Rainbo Paita MP and the Secretary General of the United Nations H.E Mr. Antonio Guterres, met on 19th July 2023 at the margin of the High-Level Political Forum at the United Nation in New York, where both discussed challenges related to the implementation of the SDGs, together other related issues of mutual interests.

Hon. Rainbo Paita MP briefed the Secretary General on the country’s efforts towards the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, amid the challenges from the socio-economic impacts from the unprecedented pandemic, which significantly affected the progress.

Despite this, the Minister said that the Marape-Rosso Government is committed to working tirelessly over the next 7 years to deliver the expected outcomes. As part of this commitment, the Government has integrated the SDGs in the recently launched Medium Term Development Plan IV (MTDPIV) 2023-2027 and the Government is looking forward in partnership with the United Nations and key strategic developments partners in the delivery of the Plan.

The Minister, Hon. Rainbo Paita MP also reminded that Secretary General of the vulnerability of PNG, and other countries in the South Pacific due to the diverse effects of climate change. He said that the Government is committed to delivering on country’s Nationally Determined Contributions by 2050, noting that there is a need developed countries to provide continued financial and technical support to mitigate against the impacts of climate changes.

“Minister Paita expressed PNG’s concern over the lack of access to the climate financing from the Green Climate Fund (GCF) despite PNG’s efforts which has included submission of projects proposals”.

Others areas discussed include PNG’s desire for active participation in the United Nation’s Peace Keeping Programmes, UN’s continued support for the Bougainville Peace process, Debt Relief programme for the developing countries, UN’s call for reform to the global and economic and financial architecture, including fulfillment of financial commitments from the developed countries for development, capacity building and climate mitigation/adaptation programmes.

“We had a very fruitful and a positive discussion on all our issues with the Secretary General and he fully understands the plights of the PNG and countries in the South Pacific. He fully understands the plights of PNG and countries in the South Pacific. He expressed his deep commitment to working with the member countries to address these challenges as well as ensuring that all the United Nation agencies work closely with the PNG and countries in the South Pacific”, Mr. Paita said.

The Minister conveyed his deep appreciation to the Secretary General for the tireless leadership in the face of many global challenges and highlighted PNG’s commitment and support for his leadership and work of the UN system in PNG.

In recognition of this, PNG allocated a parcel of land in Waigani to the United Nation under a 99 - year-special purpose - lease for the construction of the UN office complex to facilitate UN work in PNG and the Pacific region. The Secretary General acknowledge this important gesture of partnership, commitment and friendship and he will explore how this can be brought into realization.

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