


Tropical Forests, Sustainability & Carbon Management


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Background Information

- ▶ PNG forms part of the largest continuous tract of intact tropical rainforest in the Asia Pacific and the third largest in the world.
 - ▶ Has both potential of carbon emission and forest protection
 - ▶ Vulnerable to natural calamities and diseases outbreak
 - ▶ Working conditions and trade union activities are heavily dictated by weather conditions
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Legal Framework

- ▶ Constitutional Provision
 - Recognise indigenous custom and traditions
 - Local communities owns 97% of PNG's land mass and most of its natural forest resources
- ▶ 1991 Forestry Act
 - PNG Forest Authority
 - National Forest Board

National Forest Policies and Plans

- ▶ 1998 World Bank Policy Review
 - environmental and economic dimensions have overshadowed the social dimensions
 - ▶ An urgent need for good governance
 - ▶ Coalition of Rainforest Nations Agenda
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PNGTCWU Recommendations

- ▶ Steer back the heart of the climate change debate in the realm of sustainable industrial development and management
 - There should social criteria and standards to be observed and included in negotiation and consequently in the treaty or protocol mechanisms to ensure that it will benefit developing countries.
 - Seriously consider the ins and outs of Carbon Management and the related forest locked up agenda that doesn't undermine the country's path to develop its forest industries including the necessary available technologies and skills training and upgrading to the workers concerned

PNGTCWU Recommendations

- ▶ Encourage the creation and expansion of current models in promoting *Green Jobs* in the building and forestry sectors
 - *Green Jobs* must be astute as *Sustainable Jobs*
- ▶ Meaningful participation and representation of trade unions in government instrumentalities relating to climate change
 - Confederation Sindical de Comisiones Obreras (CC.OO) and Union General de Trabajadores (UGT) spearheaded in Spain

PNGTCWU Recommendations

- ▶ Strengthening of laws and guidelines related to Sustainable Forest Management
 - ▶ Training and skills development related to sustainable forest industry
 - ▶ Transparency on industry development and management
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Conclusion

- ▶ Trade Unions as societal force in Sustainable Forest Management
 - ▶ Harness the pro-people sustainable industry
 - ▶ Skills developments for workers
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