



PAPUA NEW GUINEA'S CLOSING STATEMENT

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H.E. MS. LUCY BOGARI, HIGH COMMISSIONER TO THE REPUBLIC OF FIJI,
AND
SPECIAL ENVOY TO THE CLIMATE ACTION PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP EVENT

3-4 July 2017, Suva, Fiji

Honourable Prime Minister, Josaia Voreqe Bainimara;
Honorable Inia Seruiratu, Minister for Agriculture and High Level Climate
Champion;
Excellencies; and,
Distinguished Delegates

Papua New Guinea (PNG) thanks Fiji for the invitation to participate in this Climate Action Pacific Partnership Event and the opportunity to contribute. We welcome the progress made here in Suva, and thank everyone for contributing to the outcomes of the two day event.

Like all stakeholders gathered here, implementation of decisions and commitments made will be guided by our domestic policies, legislative, and regulatory frameworks including those that relate to our international obligations. Accordingly, PNG's sovereignty and our collective interest shall remain fundamental to PNG going into the COP23 process.

Prime Minister, PNG wholeheartedly congratulates you for your leadership on behalf of Fiji and the Pacific in bringing global attention on climate change to our shores.

Moreover, we assure your Excellency, that PNG stands with you and all other stakeholders with determination to ensure that COP23 builds on the momentum from Paris and delivers the strongest possible outcomes for the vulnerable countries and communities everywhere.

This momentum will continue by your presence in response to Prime Minister Peter O'Neill's invitation to you here in Fiji as well as the invitation extended to other Pacific Island Leaders in Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia to stand with PNG in APEC 2018 making it a truly Pacific APEC.

Vinaka Vakalevu!