PNGPOP is a government-led forum aimed at making the palm oil sector sustainable for today and tomorrow. It provides a meeting place where all stakeholders in the industry can openly share their views and develop solutions together. This is important because no one group can address the challenges alone. All stakeholders need to be part of long-term planning and improvement, so that PNG can make the best possible palm oil industry a reality for the nation.

**PNGPOP INVOLVES EVERYONE**
Palm oil production cuts across sectors and involves issues in farming, forestry, trade and commodities. For this reason, PNGPOP brings together different sections of government; grower community and civil society representatives; business, plantation companies, traders, and buyers.

**HOW PNGPOP WORKS**
The different stakeholders involved with PNGPOP will work together to identify and agree on the key challenges facing the sector. They will then develop a National Action Plan to address these issues, before working in partnership to implement the plan.

The PNGPOP process needs your support to create a National Action Plan that focuses on maximizing benefits for communities, promoting sustainable economic development, and playing a role in protecting the nation's valuable forest resources.

**PLEASE CONTACT:** jordan.bulo@undp.org for more information about PNGPOP and how to become involved.
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**THE BENEFITS**

**OF A WORLD CLASS SUSTAINABLE APPROACH**

- Increased employment and other opportunities in grower communities.
- Sustainable use and management of valuable forest resources.
- A strong and competitive sector, with access to premium markets, securing higher foreign exchange.
- Strong commitment to safeguarding the social interests of communities and workers.
- A way of maximizing profitability and land efficiency for companies and communities whilst minimising negative effects.

**SNAPSHOT OF THE PNG PALM OIL INDUSTRY**

- #1 source of agricultural revenue for PNG
- Providing at least 200,000 jobs + rural incomes
- Delivering over US$ 450 million in government taxes and levies*
- Over 95% of PNG palm oil is certified as sustainable, sold to the most lucrative global markets
- Currently over 150,000 ha of new plantings are estimated to be planned for development as part of Special Agricultural Business Leases (SABLs)+


+Source: Petit and Bito (2016) Towards Sustainable Agricultural Commodities in Papua New Guinea – the Case of Palm Oil, Coffee & Cocoa. FCPF