

## Application Form

### PCCC-JICA Mentoring Service for the Public and Private Collaboration for Climate-Resilient Pacific

Note for applicants
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Applicants must include information about a project under development by filling each item on the application form.</li> <li>The total number of pages for the application <b><u>should be minimum 5 pages and maximum 10 pages</u></b> (excluding supplemental materials).</li> <li>An application for the Mentoring Service must be sent to the PCCC-ISPCCR (<a href="mailto:agnesw.ext@sprep.org">agnesw.ext@sprep.org</a> and <a href="mailto:taiji.ext@sprep.org">taiji.ext@sprep.org</a>) by 06 August 2025.</li> </ul>

#### 1. Information of applicant

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PCCC training programs or capacity building programs which you attended	<input type="checkbox"/> Hazard and Risk Assessment for Coastal Area Management by Using Remote Sensing Technology (Nov 2019) <input type="checkbox"/> Climate Science – Observed Climate Change and Future Climate Projections (Sep 2020) <input type="checkbox"/> Understanding Access to Climate Finance, Part 1: Essential Aspects for Access to Climate Finance (Nov 2020) <input type="checkbox"/> Understanding Access to Climate Finance, Part 2: Gender, Social Inclusion and Safeguards (Nov – Dec 2020) <input type="checkbox"/> Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction through Structural Approaches (Mar 2021) <input type="checkbox"/> Ecosystem-Based Adaptation and Mitigation (Jun – Jul 2021) <input type="checkbox"/> Climate Resilience and Food Production Systems – Agriculture and Coastal Fisheries (Sep – Oct 2021)

	<input type="checkbox"/> Enhancing Climate Resilience in Tourism in The Pacific (Jan – Feb 2022) <input type="checkbox"/> Enhancing Climate Resilience and Safe Water Access in Rural Areas in the Pacific (May 2022) <input type="checkbox"/> Health Systems and Climate Change: Enhancing Resilient and Low-carbon Development in the Pacific (Sep – Oct 2022) <input type="checkbox"/> Climate change impacts and innovative solutions in the Pacific (Sep 2024) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Others (please specify the name of the PCCC training course or capacity building program) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Orientation session for PCCC Mentoring Service on the Formulation of Climate Change Projects through Public and Private Collaboration in the Pacific – 24 July 2025 (Virtual)</i>
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## 2. Information of a project under development

1. Project Title	<b>Mount Bosavi Libano Arisai Climate Resilience and Conservation Initiative (MBLACRCI)</b>
2. Themes	<input type="checkbox"/> Energy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture and fishery <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tourism <input type="checkbox"/> Water <input type="checkbox"/> Urban resilience
3. Country(ies)	Papua New Guinea
4. Project objectives and project components	
<b>4. Project Objectives and Components</b>  <b>4.1 Overall Objective</b>  To restore and reinforce the conservation status of Mount Bosavi while empowering local indigenous communities through sustainable eco-tourism, environmental stewardship, and climate adaptation practices that secure biodiversity, cultural heritage, and climate resilience.  <b>4.2 Main Components</b>	

#### **4.2.1 Conservation Reinforcement and Legal Demarcation**

- Remap and legally secure the conservation boundaries of Mount Bosavi.
- Engage CEPA and district authorities in re-establishing enforcement protocols.

##### **4.2.1. Community Ranger and Forest Watch Program**

- Train 40+ community rangers from Kaluli, Ologo, Walulu, and Wisesi clans.
- Provide forest monitoring equipment, GPS units, and ranger shelters.

##### **4.2.2 Eco-Tourism and Cultural Exchange Development**

- Build eco-friendly trekking paths and homestays.
- Develop cultural storytelling and tour packages involving youth and elders.

##### **4.2.3. Climate-Resilient Infrastructure**

- Solar-powered ranger stations and monitoring posts.
- Install satellite communication and early warning systems.

##### **4.2.4. Biodiversity Research and Education Hub**

- Establish Mount Bosavi Biodiversity and Climate Learning Center.
- Facilitate partnerships with universities and researchers for biodiversity monitoring.

#### **5. Alignment with national and sectoral policies and strategies**

##### **Alignment with National and Sectoral Policies:**

The project aligns with the following national and sectoral strategies:

- **PNG Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs):** REDD+ implementation, forest protection, and low-carbon tourism.
- **PNG National Adaptation Plan (NAP):** Enhancing community-based adaptation and institutional capacity.
- **Vision 2050 and MTDP IV:** Environmentally sustainable development, inclusive economic growth.
- **National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP):** Protection of endemic species and fragile ecosystems.

- **UN SDGs:** Goals 13 (Climate Action), 15 (Life on Land), 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth), and 17 (Partnerships).

## 6. Justification of climate rationale (mitigation and/ or adaptation)

### Climate Rationale (Adaptation and Mitigation):

#### 6.1 Adaptation Benefits

- **Adaptation Benefits:**
  - Forests as natural buffers against climate extremes.
  - Education, livelihoods, and infrastructure resilience.
  - Early warning systems and indigenous knowledge integration.
- **Mitigation Benefits:**
  - Prevention of deforestation reduces CO2 emissions.
  - Agroforestry and reforestation support carbon sequestration.
  - Sustainable tourism and off-grid solar reduce reliance on fossil fuels.

## 7. Draft theory of change [OPTIONAL]

### Theory of Change (Optional):

**Inputs:** Funding, CEPA support, ranger training kits, GPS, solar units, legal framework, community elders

**Activities:** Demarcation, ranger deployment, eco-tourism set-up, climate learning center, youth engagement

**Outputs:** Legal recognition, ranger posts, tourist trails, cultural exchange systems, trained youth

**Outcomes:** Biodiversity protection, youth employment, reduced encroachment, enhanced resilience

**Impact:** Sustained conservation, climate adaptation, community empowerment, and reduced rural poverty

	<p>8. Describe how the project promotes collaboration between public and private sector, and describe the name of the private company/ state-owned enterprise or another private sector actor that are/ can be involved in project financing or implementation.</p>
<p><b>Public-Private Collaboration:</b></p> <p><b>Private Sector Involvement:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seekers Consulting Services (Project lead)</li> <li>• PNG Tourism Promotion Authority (Eco-tourism promotion and strategic tourism development)</li> <li>• Local Tourism Cooperatives (Operations and community benefit sharing)</li> </ul> <p><b>Public Sector Involvement:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CEPA and CCDA: Policy guidance and environmental oversight</li> <li>• Southern Highlands Provincial Government: Subnational implementation and monitoring</li> <li>• Mt. Bosavi LLG: Local governance, clan engagement, and cultural preservation</li> </ul>	<p>9. History of stakeholder consultation and communication with the relevant ministries including climate change focal point agency</p>
<p><b>Stakeholder Consultation History:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Held community consultations in 2024 and early 2025 with Kaluli, Ologo, Walulu, and Wisesi clans.</li> <li>• Secured endorsement from ward councillors and provincial officials.</li> <li>• Preliminary meetings with CEPA and CCDA representatives.</li> <li>• Ongoing dialogue with local education institutions to support the learning center component.</li> </ul>	<p>10. Targeted climate financial sources if any (e.g. GCF, Adaptation Fund, bilateral donors, multilateral development banks)</p>
<p><b>Targeted Climate Finance Sources:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Green Climate Fund (GCF)</li> <li>• UNDP Small Grants Programme</li> </ul>	

- Adaptation Fund
- World Bank Resilient Landscapes Program
- SPREP Regional Climate Funds
- JICA Community-Based Biodiversity Grants

#### 11. Human or financial support currently receiving for project formulation and implementation

##### **Current Human and Financial Support:**

- Seekers Consulting Services: In-kind staff time, coordination, and planning
- Community elders and clan leaders: land use and logistical facilitation
- No formal funding secured to date; multiple proposals under submission

#### 12. Description of institutional set-up for project formation

##### **Institutional Set-Up:**

- **Lead Entity:** Seekers Consulting Services
- **Supporting Partners:** CEPA, CCDA, local tourism groups
- **Community Steering Group:** Clan elders, youth, women, and ward councillors
- **Monitoring:** Technical team (CEPA/Seekers) and third-party auditors

#### 13. Expected schedule for project formulation and implementation

Period	Activities
Aug–Sep 2025	Final mentoring, stakeholder MoUs, legal prep
Oct–Dec 2025	Training, infrastructure start, ranger deployment
Jan–Jun 2026	Eco-tourism launch, education center setup
Late 2026	Proposal submissions and full implementation
Nov 2026	Completion of PCCC-JICA mentoring phase

#### 14. References for existing feasibility studies, and projects/experience on which the proposal is based, etc.

### References and Past Experience:

- St. Mathew Junior High School infrastructure and planning (2022–2024)
- Sabosa Smart Agriculture and Resilience Initiative (2024–2025)
- Informal collaboration with EU cocoa projects and Rainbow Solar
- Mt. Bosavi 5-Year Conservation Plan facilitation (current)
- Climate grassroots advocacy programs in remote PNG villages

15. Other related projects being implemented, under formulation, or under the approval process, if any.

### Other Related Projects:

- **Mt. Bosavi Conservation Collaboration:** Supporting the development of their 5-Year Development Plan and project proposal writing to strengthen conservation and community benefits.
- **Community Development Initiative:** Delivering training programs focused on social responsibility, family obligations, and grassroots capacity building in remote and rural areas.
- **Seekers Consulting Services:** Facilitating community dialogues and technical support to empower families and youths through climate-smart solutions and self-sufficiency models.
- Community-level agricultural training and resilience initiative under design
- Linkages with local school-based agricultural learning projects