

Australia – Papua New Guinea Partnership for Development

Following the release of the Port Moresby Declaration by the Hon Kevin Rudd MP, Prime Minister of Australia, on 6 March 2008, Australia and Papua New Guinea look forward to a new era of cooperation.

Papua New Guinea and Australia look forward to working with each other on the basis of partnership, mutual respect and mutual responsibility.

Papua New Guinea and Australia have today decided to develop a Partnership for Development, in the spirit of mutual responsibility, to help achieve better development outcomes and improve the quality of life of all Papua New Guineans.

The framework for this Partnership for Development will be developed over the coming months, with a view to it being signed by our respective Prime Ministers during the Pacific Island Forum Leaders' Meeting in August 2008.

The Partnership for Development will cover the principles by which we will seek to work together, the commitments both countries will make to advance the Partnership, mechanisms for managing and reviewing the Partnership, the development priorities towards which we will both commit resources and development goals to which we will work and against which we will measure progress.

Our Partnership for Development will support Papua New Guinea's long term development goals and its achievement of the Millennium Development Goals and will embrace:

- Improving economic infrastructure and enhancing local employment possibilities through infrastructure and broad based growth
- Enhancing private sector development
- Achieving quality, universal basic education
- Improving health outcomes through better access to basic health services
- Enhancing governance, including the role of civil society, and the role of non-government organisations in basic service delivery.

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