

## Guinea electric vehicle adoption

Representatives from the private sector, development partners, stakeholders and non-governmental agencies at the E Mobility for Sustainable Development Project, Port Moresby Front row, Center,: left to right: GGGI Country Representative PNG, Mr. Sakiusa Tuisolia, Mr. Roy Mumu, Secretary for the Department of Transport and Acting Managing Director of CCDA, Ms. Debra Sungi. -image provided CCDA PR

“It is mandatory upon us to take bold and precise action to address this pressing environment concerns,” emphasized Mr. Roy Mumu, Secretary for the Department of Transport, during a pivotal workshop on Sustainable Transportation Solutions held on May 1st in Port Moresby.

“PNG has made a solemn commitment to achieving carbon neutrality in the energy industries sub-sector by 2050, signaling a paradigm shift towards renewable energy sources and sustainable transportation solutions,” he stated.

Central to the workshop was the promotion of electric mobility solutions in PNG as part of the “Promoting Electric Mobility in Papua New Guinea” Readiness project, led by the Department of Transport (DoT).

In collaboration with the Climate Change Development Authority (CCDA) and the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI), the project aims to tackle barriers obstructing the adoption of electric vehicles (EVs) in the country.

The workshop featured a panel discussion among key stakeholders, including the Asian Development Bank (ADB), PNG Power Limited (PPL), CCDA, and National Research Institute (NRI), the event focused on exploring sustainable transportation solutions.

The ADB, represented by Mr. Masayoshi Ono, Infrastructure Specialist and Transport Sector Officer, pledged support for the project, drawing insights from similar endeavors in the Asia Pacific region, as he shared insights to ADB’s programs in PNG.

Building resilience to climate change forms part of ADB’s active portfolio, as the bank’s commitment underscores the business potential of sustainable transportation solutions in PNG, starting with E-Mobility in Port Moresby.

The project, with a budget of USD 449,598 (about 1.735 million kina) from the Green Climate Fund, spans an 18-month duration and focuses on establishing stakeholder engagement mechanisms, conducting relevant studies and research efforts, and developing strategic frameworks to promote electric mobility.

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Acting Managing Director of CCDA, Ms. Debra Sungi, highlighted the significance of electric vehicles as key policy targets in the transport sector, aligning with PNG's commitment to achieving carbon neutrality in the energy industries sub-sector by 2050.

National strategies and policies, including the PNG Vision 2050 and the National Climate Compatible Development Management Policy, which emphasize the reduction of emissions from the energy sector and promote renewables and fuel-efficient transportation, reflect this commitment.

Ms. Sungi reiterated, "The transport sector is one of the country's key energy targets, and the government is committed to ensuring that the country achieves carbon neutrality by 50% by 2030 under the Vision 2050."

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