



## BIOGRAPHY

**Debra Sungi**  
Acting Managing  
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Papua New Guinea

Ms. Debra Sungi is currently serving as the Acting Managing Director of the Climate Change and Development Authority (CCDA). With a career spanning over a decade within CCDA, formerly known as the Office of Climate Change, Ms. Sungi has held key roles contributing to the organization's mission since 2012.

Prior to her appointment as Acting Managing Director, Ms. Sungi served as the Acting General Manager for CCDA's Measurement, Reporting, Verification (MRV), and National Communication Division. The elevation of her role within CCDA is a demonstration of her leadership, dedication, innovation, and a commitment to advancing climate-compatible development policies and initiatives for Papua New Guinea.

Ms. Sungi holds a Masters Degree in Economics and Public Policy at the University of Papua New Guinea and additionally a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Social Works and Public Policy, supplemented by Post Graduate Papers in International Relations from the University of Queensland and University of Victoria.

Throughout her tenure, Ms. Sungi has been instrumental in shaping Papua New Guinea's climate change policies and frameworks. She played a crucial role in developing Carbon Market Regulations and amendments to the Climate Change Management Act, which were successfully enacted in Parliament in 2024. Moreover, she has been representing Papua New Guinea as the Country's Lead Coordinator in international climate change negotiations under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the UNFCCC process.