



Welcome Address

by Senior Minister Ieng Mouly, Chair of National AIDS Authority of Cambodia
Board Member of the Global Fund for WPR Constituency
on the occasion of the Opening of the 3rd WPR Constituency Meeting
May 6-7, 2019, Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea

- *His Excellency Mr. Pascoe Kase, Secretary for Health*
- *Lady Roslyn Morauta, Alternate Board Member of the Global Fund, Chair of Papua New Guinea CCM and newly elected Vice President of the Global Fund Board*
- *Her Excellency Catherin Wilson, Deputy High Commissioner of Australia to Papua New Guinea*
- *Dr. Percy Pokea, Representative of Her Excellency US Ambassador to Papua New Guinea Catherine Ebert-Gray*
- *Mr. Davis Bridger, UNAIDS Country Director, Representative of the United Nations Resident in Papua New Guinea*
- *Ms. Raegan Boler, Senior Officer of the Office of Board Affairs of the Global Fund*
- *Excellencies, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,*

First of all, I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to the Secretary for Health of Papua New Guinea for his generous time in joining us to officially open this 3rd Meeting of the Western Pacific Region Constituency. Your presence along with the presence of many distinguished guests has given us honor in making our gathering a solemn event. This is an indication that Papua New Guinea is paying exceptional attention to and making remarkable efforts in the fight against the three diseases that are still threatening the livelihood and the wellbeing of our citizens throughout the world.

I would also like to take this opportunity, on behalf of our entire WPR Constituency, to extend our sincere and wholehearted congratulations to Lady Roslyn Morauta on her election to be the next Vice-Chair of the Global Fund Board. Lady Ros, your election makes all of us proud. We wish you a very successful tenure of your new office. The WPR Constituency will always be with you to support you and to help you to successfully fulfill your new responsibility. We particularly thank you for accepting to host this wonderful event in Papua New Guinea and we thank you for your
hospitalsity.

Colleagues, Constituency and Advisory team members, all participants, On behalf of the WPR Constituency leadership, it is a true pleasure for me to welcome you to the 3rd Meeting of the WPR Constituency. During the next two days of deliberation, we will share information regarding the progress of our common works within our constituency as well as within the Global Fund Board. We will review the operating procedures of our Constituency and make some adjustments, if need be, to ensure transparency, efficiency and effectiveness in conformity with the rules, regulations, and good practices of the Global Fund.

I hope that the outcome of our discussion will help us to define our common understanding on issues that the 41st Board meeting is raising in its agenda. The position statement of the WPR Constituency at the next meeting of the Board will make the voice of our Constituency heard and the task of the Constituency leadership easier in the Board meeting.

I personally encourage you to actively engage in the discussion on all item of the 41st Board meeting's agenda. The issue of the next replenishment will determine the allocation of fund for the next funding period. It is why an in-depth discussion on allocation methodology needs to highlighted.

At the same time, the other items of the Board meeting's agenda are indispensable and must not be forgotten. In addition, I wish to raise, for our discussion, the issues of the venue of the next meeting of WPR Constituency and the replacement of Lady Ros as Alternate Board Member under the current term.

Before closing, I want to thank the newly established Advisory Team, and our colleagues from WHO and the Office of Board Affairs of the Global Fund for their participation in this meeting. I firmly believe that our Constituency will tremendously benefit from their valuable contribution to the two-day meeting.

Lastly, I want to express my appreciation to DFAT, Australia, for its generous supplementary financial contribution in making our 3rd WPR Constituency meeting possible, here in Papua New Guinea. I wish everyone a pleasant stay in Port Moresby and I wish the WPR Constituency a productive two-day meeting.

Thank you all for your attention.