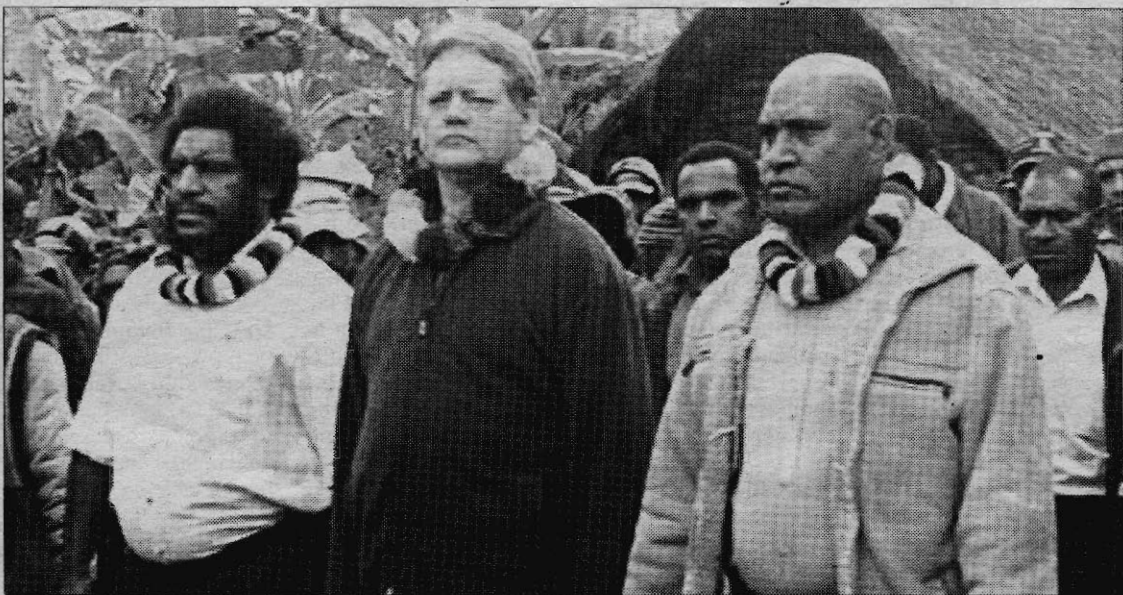


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Tiyebo and Associates Tribes of East Pangia Ltd managing director Timothy Tepi (from right), Nupan PNG Trading Corporation company managing director Robert Kirks William and Nupan country facilitator James Kond walking towards the grandstand to officially launch the carbon trade project last Saturday in Pangia.

# Pangia launches carbon trade group

Report and picture by FRANCIS POKA

PEOPLE in east Pangia of Southern Highlands province have been led to believe they will receive millions of kina from carbon trade from a huge forest area in Pangia.

Last Saturday, the villagers launched a landowner company called Tiyebo and Associates Tribes of East Pangia Ltd at the remote Apenda village in to prepare for this new initiative.

The launch was witnessed by more than 6,000 people.

Also present were representatives of international carbon trade broker and developer Nupan PNG Trading Corporation Ltd.

Tiyebo and Associates would act as catalyst for

the 274 incorporated landowner groups (ILGs) from the East Pangia Forest Management Area (FMA) to part take in the carbon credit trade project.

Timothy Tepi, managing director of Tiyebo and Associates, said under the project, the 48,000 plus people of East Pangia would benefit from spin-offs and basics service generated in trading their forest resources in the carbon market.

Mr Tepi said Tiyebo and Associates had declared and transferred all powers to develop their forest through carbon trade to international broker and developer Nupan PNG Trading Corporation Ltd.

He said Nupan PNG would trade carbon credits for the East Pangia FMA

that covered 100,400 hectares of thick forests on their behalf.

Mr Tepi said the Pangia people have no other resources to improve their livelihood or for Government services to come into their area, and therefore, they were counting on carbon trade.

Mr Tepi said with the growing problem of global warming and climate changes affecting many countries throughout the world, their forest was of great importance to supply oxygen for people worldwide.

He appealed to local MP Peter O'Neill and Governor Anderson Agiru to give their support for carbon trade emission so that the people of Pangia would benefit.

The public can go to the

website [www.carbonowantok.org](http://www.carbonowantok.org) to find further information on the project.

James Kond, country facilitator for Nupan PNG, commented that the East Pangia people were the luckiest people to get involved in carbon trade and thanked the people for having confidence and engaging Nupan PNG to develop their project.

He said carbon trade was new to the country and he asked the people to wait patiently for Nupan PNG to develop the project now that the "green light" was given by them.

Nupan PNG Ltd managing director Robert Kirks William thanked Tiyebo and Associates Tribes and Mr Tepi for mandating his company to start work on carbon trade.