



Mr Kambori handing over the signed copies of the UNCP action plan to Dr Badcock

PNG and UN signs action plan

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THE United Nations Country Programme (UNCP) is now a step closer to achieving its goals following the milestone signing ceremony of the action plan yesterday between heads of UN agencies and the PNG Government.

Secretary for National Planning and Monitoring Valentine Kambori and the UN resident coordinator Dr Jacqui Badcock signed the UNCP action

plan (2008-2012) at the Vulupindi Haus yesterday.

Dr Badcock, who is also the UNDP country representative, said the action plan put into operation the UNCP (2008-2012) "Partnership for National Building" signed in the middle of this year, which was a milestone in the enhancement and strengthening of the partnership between the UN system and the PNG Government.

"The overall aim is to simplify and harmonise the way UN works at country level and ensure that the programme is aligned with and in support of the national priorities that will reduce transaction costs and reporting obligations," Dr Badcock said.

The signed document will be reviewed at the end of every year for the next five years by a joint steering committee made up of the signatories.