

**SIDS-18 SESSION. NEW YORK. THREE MAJOR ISSUES PREVENTING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN THE SMALL SCALE MINING SECTOR OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA.**

- 1. NO DATA BASE ON SMALL SCALE MINERS AND NO UPDATED INFORMATION ON THEIR ACTIVITIES.**
- 2. NO SPECIFIC REGULATORY FRAMEWORK FOR PAPUA NEW GUINEA SMALL SCALE MINING SECTOR.**
- 3. LACKS EMPOWERMENT ON FINANCE IN ALL ASPECTS OF SMALL SCALE MINING.**

There are many challenges faced by small scale miners as outlined in the paper. It is certain that these challenges can be overcome by addressing the three key issues as mentioned above.