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What I Acquired Through Pacific LEADS Program

My name is Luanne Losi-Yawingu, however, whilst in Japan I was called Lulu. I graduated from the Nagoya University in the Fall graduation ceremony in 2018 with a Master's degree in Environmental Studies.

I had made up my mind in 2009 that given the opportunity to study in Japan I would take it up. In 2016 I had that opportunity. I worked as the a/Manager of the Projects branch of the Adaptation and Projects Division in the Climate Change and Development Authority before I was accepted to undertake my Masters study program. My duties included coordinating the Adaptation Technical Working group to manage adaptation initiatives in PNG. This included collaborating with development partners in implementing their adaptation support to PNG. I was also involved in designing adaptation projects, negotiating and implementation of the projects on the ground.

Through my studies, I have been able to put into perspective the work which I was doing back home. I came to appreciate the development of environmental law and the implementation of the laws to ensure the environment is sustainably maintained.

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With this knowledge in hand, I can

reassess the way adaptation initiatives are developed to ensure environment sustainability and resilience of communities and policies are developed to ensure sustainability.

The opportunity to study in Japan gives one the opportunity to learn from students both Japanese and international and learn from their experiences and how they address environmental issues.

