**6th PCREEE STEERING COMMITTEE (PSC) MEETING**

30th NOVEMBER 2021

MODE: VIRTUAL

**AGENDA ITEM 3 – PCREEE PROGRESS REPORT 2021**

**Purpose**

1. The purpose of this paper is to update the PSC on the implementation of the PCREEE Work Plan for 2021.

**Background**

1. The 5th PSC meeting approved a budget of 626,500 Euro for 2021. These were provided for by UNIDO and the Austrian Development Agency (ADA). UNIDO’s contribution included a carryover from a 600,000 Euro agreement signed in June 2020. ADA’s contribution came from a 800,000 Euro Contribution Agreement signed with SPC in August 2021.
2. The 2021 Work Programme and Budget was a transitional one as the PCREEE moved from its First Operational Phase to its Second Operational Phase. Whereas the PCREEE was guided by an agreed ProDoc during its FOP, the SOP is guided by the PCREEE Business Plan: 2020 – 2030.
3. As per the Business Plan, the focus of the work programme was on PCREEE’s four technical programme areas:

Business Start-ups and Mentoring

Sustainable Mobility

RE Mini-grids

EE Investments

This is in addition to the Effective and Efficient Management and Operation of the Centre.

1. By March, countries were closing their borders because of the COVID pandemic. The delivery of the 2020 Work Plan was very much affected. Activities were then delivered virtually and was largely dependent on the ability of each PIC to coordinate the logistics for in-country activities.
2. A PCREEE Progress Report for January-June 2021 was submitted and accepted by UNIDO and is attached as **Annex 1.** **Annex 2** is the update of the PCREEE’s calendar of events for 2021.

**Current Status**

1. The two tables below summarise the deliveries on the work plan in 2021. Table 1 summarises the deliveries according to the four programme areas of the PCREEE. Tables 2 summarises the deliveries according to the 4 key types of events:

* Consultations and Launches
* Training Workshops
* Awareness and Promotional Events
* Partnerships, Collaborations & Resource Mobilisation

**Table 1**: PCREEE Deliveries according to its Work Programme Areas

| **EVENTS** | **STATUS** |
| --- | --- |
| **Effective and Efficient Management and Operation of PCREEE** |  |
| Repatriation of the PDO’s family | Completed |
| Recruitment of a consultant to replace PDO [resigned] | Completed |
| Recruitment of a Pacific Islands Energy Professional | Completed |
| Recruitment of Sustainable Energy Coordinators – Cook Is, Solomon Is & PNG | Completed for the Cook Is & SI while PNG is in progress |
| Renewal of Manager’s contract | Completed |
| Recruitment of a Sustainable Energy Entrepreneurship Mentoring and Support Officer under AVI | Completed 6 months assignment end of Aug |
| Launched Business Plan & e-mobility programme during 4th Anniversary | Completed in April |
| Progress Report: Jan-June 2021 | Completed |
| Contribution Agreement with Austrian Development Agency | Signed in August |
| **SE Business Start-ups and Mentoring** |  |
| 19 – 23 April  Barrier Removal for Achieving National energy road map Target of Vanuatu (BRANTV)-PCREEE Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Technology Applications Training in Santo, Vanuatu | Completed |
| 27 April, 25 May & 29 June  Conducted monthly radio talkback programme to support the private sector and the general public in Tonga in the areas of: (i) the Electricity Commission’s / Energy Regulator Roles, (ii) Electrical Permit Applications & (iii) Illegal Practices / Works & Penalties & Electrical Safety | Completed |
| 7-11 June  University of PNG- Facilitating Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Applications for Green House Gas Emission Reduction (FREAGER)–PCREEE-Sustainable Energy Curriculum and Training Material Development (SECTM) TVET Training of Trainers | Completed |
| 29 & 30 June  Public Awareness programme on Sustainable Energy National Certificate Levels & 2 carried out at 4 Secondary Schools at Vavaú, Tonga | Completed |
| 7-11 Sept  BRANTV-PCREEE Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Technology Applications Training in Vila, Vanuatu | Completed |
| SeptemberSigned a 50,000 Euro Letter of Agreement with Navara Savings & Credit Cooperative Society Ltd (NSCL) for Promoting Renewable Energy Business Start-Ups and Entrepreneurship in Vanuatu’s rural areas, including public institutions like schools, clinics, etc. | Completed |
| OctThird submission of a USD 10M GCF SAP - Leveraging the National Green Energy Fund (NGEF) to Achieve Rural Electrification in Vanuatu | Currently being reviewed by GEF |
| TEC-PCREEE Sustainable Energy Business Start-Up and Mentoring Training  Tongatapu 3rd – 6th August, ‘Eua 10th – 13th August , Ha’apai 24th – 27 August and  Vava’u 31st August – 3rd September. | Completed |
| **Sustainable Mobility** |  |
| January  Developed CTCN funding proposal for a Feasibility Study on Low Carbon Transport in Solomon Islands | Approved for funding. F/Study currently underway |
| 26-30 July  PCREEE Technical Assistance to the Tuvalu Electricity Corporation on E-mobility and RE mini-grids [exposure visit to Wellington] | Completed |
| 21 & 22 Oct  Sustainable Energy Awareness for Samoa  Theme: “Sustainable Transportation through the introduction of Electric Mobility” | Completed |
| 29 Nov  Regional Webinar on EV Guidelines |  |
| **RE Mini-grids** |  |
| 28 – 30 April  Tonga Solar PV Mini-grids Training  International Solar Alliance - PCREEE Regional RE Webinar: Micro-grids Supporting Resilience in the Pacific Islands | Completed |
| 16-19 Nov  PCREEE-GoT-ISA/INES Training on mini-grids | Completed |
| **EE Investments** |  |
| 1-2 Sept  Vanuatu Sustainable Energy Investment Forum | Completed |

**Table 1**: PCREEE Deliveries according to its 4 key types of events

| **EVENTS** | **PARTICIPANTS** |
| --- | --- |
| **CONSULTATIONS AND LAUNCHES** |  |
| 12 January  Signing of the Tonga Third Electricity Concession Contract: 2021 - 2025 |  |
| 8-9 April  Tonga Energy Road Map (TERM) Plus consultation and development partners meeting | 30 |
| 27 April  PCREEE 4th Anniversary & Joint Launch of the TERM-Plus Framework 2021 – 2035, PCREEE Business Plan 2021 – 2030 & Pacific e-Mobility Programme | 34 |
| **TRAINING WORKSHOPS** |  |
| 19 – 23 April  Barrier Removal for Achieving National energy road map Target of Vanuatu (BRANTV)-PCREEE Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Technology Applications Training in Santo, Vanuatu | 20 |
| 28 -30 April  Tonga Solar PV Mini-grids Training  International Solar Alliance - PCREEE Regional RE Webinar: Micro-grids Supporting Resilience in the Pacific Islands | 23 |
| 7-11 June  University of PNG- Facilitating Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Applications for Green House Gas Emission Reduction (FREAGER)–PCREEE-Sustainable Energy Curriculum and Training Material Development (SECTM) TVET Training of Trainers | 31 |
| TEC-PCREEE Sustainable Energy Business Start-Up and Mentoring Training  Tongatapu 3rd – 6th August, ‘Eua 10th – 13th August , Ha’apai 24th – 27 August and  Vava’u 31st August – 3rd September. | 160 |
| 16-19 Nov  PCREEE-GoT-INES Training on mini-grids | 25 |
| 29 Nov  Training workshop on EV standards and guidelines |  |
| **AWARENESS AND PROMOTIONAL EVENTS** |  |
| 27 April, 25 May & 29 June  Conducted monthly radio talkback programme to support the private sector and the general public in Tonga in the areas of: (i) the Electricity Commission’s / Energy Regulator Roles, (ii) Electrical Permit Applications & (iii) Illegal Practices / Works & Penalties & Electrical Safety | More than 1,000 |
| 29 & 30 June   * Public Awareness programme on Sustainable Energy National Certificate Level 1 & 2 carried out at 4 Secondary Schools at Vavaú, Tonga | 90 |
| 21 & 22 Oct  Samoa Sustainable Energy Awareness [Sustainable Transport] | 170 |
| Participate and put up joint displays at the Tonga Finance Week, Tonga Climate Change Week and the Day for Tsuamis and Disasters | About 1,000 |
| **PARTNERSHIPS, COLLABORATIONS & RESOURCE MOBILISATION** |  |
| January  Developed CTCN funding proposal for a Feasibility Study on Low Carbon Transport in Solomon Islands | Approved for funding. F/Study currently underway |
| 7 May  Agreed on a draft International Solar Alliance – Pacific Community draft roadmap for cooperation | On-going discussions |
| Aug  Singed Contribution Agreement with the Austrian Development Agency |  |
| Sept – Oct  Joint recruitment of in-country SE Coordinators with PFAN and GET.Invest |  |
| Oct  Third submission of a USD 10M GCF SAP – Leveraging the National Green Energy Fund (NGEF) to Achieve Rural Electrification in Vanuatu | Re-submitted |

More than a 1,000 people participated in PCREEE-related events, as in the **Table 2**.

**Issues**

1. Some of the planned in-country activities were cancelled due to the lack of capacity at the national level to coordinate those events.
2. Most of the activities were carried out in PNG, Samoa, Tonga and Vanuatu.
3. Given the savings in the 2021 budget, PCREEE is fabricating a conference room to be equipped with state of the art teleconference facilities to facilitate the future virtual delivery of PCREEE’s services and support. Expected completion by 31st December 2021.
4. For the delivery of the national activities in 2022, engaging local consultants and stronger local coordination by the recipient authorities would be needed.

**Recommendations**

1. The meeting is invited to:
2. Note the progress with the implementation of the 2021 work plan and budget.
3. Note the future role on in-country coordinators in the deliveries of future work plans in-country.
4. Note the current recruitment of In-country coordinators to assist in the implementation of the 2021-2022 work programme.

[30th November 2021]