

Strong Pacific speaker line-up confirmed for the Oceania Renewable Power Summit

The Oceania Renewable Power Summit's dedicated Pacific stream will spotlight the unique energy challenges and opportunities across the Pacific Islands.

Held from 16–17 September 2025, the summit will bring together leaders, innovators, and stakeholders from across Oceania to accelerate the deployment of solar, wind, and battery technologies.

Fiji's Minister responsible for energy **Hon. Filipe Tuisawau** will provide an opening address at the Summit alongside New Zealand Minister for Energy Hon Simon Watts.

The following speakers are confirmed in the Pacific stream:

- **Rafayil Abbasov** - Asian Development Bank
- **Andy Cavanagh-Downs** – Camco
- **David Dewar** - New Zealand Trade and Enterprise
- **Solomone Fifita** – PCREEE
- **Lesley Katoa** - Te Aponga Uira
- **Tei Nia** - Te Aponga Uira
- **Jitendra Kumar** - Energy Fiji Ltd
- **Sia Latu** - Tonga Energy Commission
- **Frédéric Petit** - UNELCO ENGIE, Vanuatu
- **Jane Romero** – PRIF
- **Faumui Toimoana** – EPC (Samoa)
- **Dean Yarrall** - Ministry of Finance and Economic Management (Cook Islands)
- **Rick Zwaan** - British High Commission Wellington
- **Nimarta Banga** – IFC (World Bank)
- **Paul Makumbe** - Sunergise
- **Shakil Kumar** - Envisory

Sessions include:

- Pacific Leaders' Panel: Exploring market settings and the region's potential to attract private investment.
- Donor Funding Session: A snapshot of the donor landscape and the pipeline of renewable energy projects.
- Regional Energy Self-Sufficiency: Discussions on how Pacific nations can balance independence with interconnectivity.

"The Pacific faces unique energy challenges, but also holds immense potential for innovation and leadership in renewables," says Matt Freeman, organise of the summit. "This stream is a platform for Pacific voices to shape the future of energy in the region."

The Summit features a welcome function, networking events, and plenary sessions covering market integration, financing, and asset management. The Pacific stream takes place on Day Two with strong region-wide content across the Australian and New Zealand energy sectors throughout the conference. With over 200 delegates from 118 organisations expected, the event promises to be a catalyst for regional cooperation and progress.

For more information and to register, visit www.oceaniapowersummit.com