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WORKSHOP ANNOUNCEMENT

TO : Representatives of Governments and Administrations of American Samoa, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, French Polynesia, Guam, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, New Caledonia, Niue, Northern Mariana Islands, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Pitcairn Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, Wallis and Futuna.

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DATE : 28 September 2022

SUBJECT: PACIFIC ISLANDS WORKSHOP ON ELECTRIC MOBILITY; SUVA, FIJI: 28 – 30 NOVEMBER 2022

BACKGROUND

The effort to reduce fossil fuel reliance in the Pacific Island Countries and Territories has focused mainly on the power generation sector while the bulk of the fuel consumed are in the transport sector.

Electric mobility (e-mobility) is one of the strategies available to the PICTs in order to reduce fossil fuel consumption in the transport sector.

The 4th Pacific Energy Ministers Meeting in 2019 directed SPC to develop a regional e-mobility program to address existing barriers to e-mobility and to promote SIDS-SIDS cooperation and exchange on integrated e-mobility and renewable energy power systems under the umbrella of the Global Network of Regional Sustainable Energy Centres (GN-SEC) [Global Network of Regional Sustainable Energy Centers \(GN-SEC\)](#).

In July 2022, the Pacific Energy Officials Meeting supported the convening of an in-person meeting to discuss the coordination of the e-mobility developments in the PICTs and the early adoption of electric vehicles (EV) policies, standards, and roadmaps at the national level to guide and facilitate the transformation in the energy and transport sectors.

OBJECTIVES

1. The workshop will bring together key stakeholders on e-mobility in the region to:
 - Discuss priority areas for e-mobility in the region and matters to be brought to the attention of the 5th Energy Ministers Meeting in 2023.
 - Discuss SIDS-SIDS cooperation on e-mobility and establish a coordination mechanism for e-mobility in the PICs.
 - Learn more about e-mobility developments in the PICs, SIDS and globally;
 - Establish network and share experiences;
 - Agree on next steps and ways forward for e-mobility in the PICTs.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

2. The expected outcomes of the workshop are:
 - i) Improved appreciation of e-mobility and its advantages and disadvantages
 - ii) Strengthened partnerships and coordination of e-mobility effort in the PICTs
 - iii) Agreed priority areas for the promotion of e-mobility in the region

3. A Draft Workshop Agenda is attached as Annex 2.

PARTICIPANTS

4. Given the varying degree of progress on EVs in the PICTs, the available budget, and the need to have a mix of experts from areas relating to e-mobility, the Secretariat will only fund a participant each from the five countries that they are currently working with on e-mobility:
 - Cook Is [Power Utility]
 - Fiji [Economy, Climate Change, Power Utility, Regulator, Industry, Transport & Energy]
 - Samoa [Transport]
 - Tonga [Energy]
 - Vanuatu [Regulator]

5. The workshop will however be open to self-sponsored participants and those sponsored by bilateral and multilateral projects relating to transport, climate change and energy.

6. All nominations for the SPC-sponsored participants as well as the self and other sponsored participants should be received by the Secretariat by 20th October 2022.

TRAVEL AND DSA

7. An economy class return ticket by the most economical route will be provided to participants sponsored by the SPC. Travel orders cannot be issued until the official nominations have been received. Please retain all boarding passes and hotel receipts while in transit. The SPC will require this documentation as proof of travel.

8. A per-diem will be provided to participants funded by the SPC. Hotel accommodation will be booked by the Secretariat. If you are wanting to stay with family or friends, please advise upon confirmation of itinerary. A per diem covering meals and incidentals will be paid. If an overnight transit is necessary, full per diem will be paid (hotel, meals and incidentals), however you are responsible for these hotel arrangements. Hotel receipts will be required as proof of accommodation being used.

WORKSHOP MODALITY

9. The workshop will be convened in a hybrid format of online and in-person attendance. The workshop link will be provided closer to the workshop date.

FIJI TRAVEL ENTRY

10. SPC is pleased to advise that visas are no longer required for entry into Fiji for stays of up to three months for nationals of all SPC member countries.
11. All other countries, please seek assistance from your nearest Consulate in order to have your visa prior to your arrival. However, upon entry, you may be required to provide the following documentation to border control, so please make sure you have all documents when you travel:
 - Proof of full vaccination for travelers aged 16 years and over
 - Pre-book in-country RAT
 - A passport valid for at least 6 months after the intended date of arrival in Fiji
 - A valid visa, if required. In the case of a visa waiver, the maximum length of stay allowed is 90 days for every 6-month period
 - Compulsory travel insurance certificate
 - Any document providing details on the traveler's status, occupation and main reason for travelling, if it is professional
12. Transit visas are the responsibility of participants, however, SPC may be able to assist through a letter of introduction, if required.

INSURANCE

13. The Pacific Community and the workshop partners do not insure participants while attending workshops and meetings or during travel to and from Fiji and will not be responsible for any expenses arising out of loss, sickness, injury, other disability or loss of life. It is participants' own responsibility to ensure that their travel is covered by insurance.

For further information about the workshop, please contact Sinalauli'i Fifita on the details below:

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The Pacific Community (SPC) avails itself of the opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs the assurance of its highest consideration.



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Attachments: Annex 1 – Nomination form for funded participants
Annex 2 – Draft Agenda

Nomination Form

PACIFIC ISLANDS WORKSHOP ON ELECTRIC MOBILITY

NOVEMBER 28 – 29, 2022, SUVA, FIJI

Please submit the completed form to solomonef@spc.int and sinalauliif@spc.int by 20th October 2022.

- 1. Name of participant attending in person:** _____
- Designation: _____
- Organisation: _____
- Email Address: _____
- Contact number: _____ (Work) _____ (Home)
- Dietary Restrictions: _____

(Please send a copy of the biodata page of your current passport with this form)

Any other special request

Yes / No

*If the response is "Yes", please specify below.

PACIFIC ISLANDS WORKSHOP ON ELECTRIC MOBILITY
28 – 30 November 2022
Maneaba Conference Room, Lotus Building, Nabua, Suva

Draft Agenda

<p>DAY 1 28 NOV</p>	<p>Theme : The potential role of e-mobility on the Pacific Islands’ energy security and 1.5°C ambitions</p>	<p>Possible Contents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable Mobility in the Pacific Islands energy and climate commitments – COP 26 Outcomes & COP 27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Related outcomes of COP 26 [SPREP PCCC] ○ COP 27 [SPC CCES] ○ NDC Hub & GEP on sustainable mobility in the PICs Energy Roadmaps and NDCs • Sustainable Mobility in the context of the 51st Pacific Leaders’ Forum and the 2050 Strategy for The Blue Pacific Continent <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ PIFS • Sustainable Mobility in the national and regional energy roadmaps and NDCs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ FESRIP [SPC GEP] ○ NDCs [NDC Hub] ○ MTCC on maritime transport ○ NGO on traditional sailing techniques • Sharing the successes on e-mobility development in SIDS, in the industry and in Asia, NZ and beyond <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ CCREEE ○ Bhutan ○ NZ ○ Europe • Q & A
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<p>DAY 2 29 NOV</p>	<p>Theme : Building back better with sustainable mobility</p>	<p>Possible Contents</p> <p>Projects on e-mobility in the PICTs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E-mobility in the Cook Is [a Power Utility perspective - Te Aponga] • E-mobility in Samoa [a Transport perspective - MoT] • E-mobility in Vanuatu [a Regulator perspective - VURA] • E-mobility in Tonga [a DoE perspective – DoE] • E-mobility in Fiji [an Economy perspective - Leaf Capital & Total Energies] • E-mobility in Fiji [an industry perspective - Leaf Capital & Total Energies] • E-mobility in the Pacific Islands [an Investor perspective – PFAN] • E-mobility in the Pacific Islands [an Investor perspective – CAMCO] • Q & A <p>E-mobility Standards & Guidelines</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PRIF Standards & Guidelines • UNIDO Draft Guidelines • WB-PPA study • Q & A <p>E-mobility Policy and Roadmap</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GGGI • NREL <p>Q & A</p> <p>The role of the Energy Regulator in e-mobility</p>
<p>DAY 3 30 NOV</p>	<p>Theme : Collaboration on e-mobility</p>	<p>Possible Contents</p> <p>A consultative and coordination mechanism for e-mobility in the PICTs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinating of e-mobility effort in the region and regular networking • Possible resource mobilization effort <p>Site Visits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kundan Charging Station • Total Energies project sites • Fiji shuttle bus project sites – Valelevu