**5th PCREEE STEERING COMMITTEE (PSC) MEETING**

18th NOVEMBER 2020

MODE: VIRTUAL

**AGENDA ITEM 4 – PCREEE BUSINESS PLAN & TECHNICCAL PROGRAMME**

**2020 - 2030**

**Purpose**

1. The purpose of this paper is to seek PSC’s endorsement in principle of the PCREEE Business Plan 2020 - 2030

**Background**

1. The Second Meeting of Pacific Ministers of Energy and Transport, held from 2 to 4 April 2014, in Nadi, Fiji, endorsed the establishment of the PCREEE as regional centre of excellence. PCREEE focuses on private-sector relevant regional interventions in the areas of policy implementation, capacity development, knowledge management, as well as investment and business promotion on Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency. The Centre is co-hosted by the Pacific Community (SPC), CROP agencies and the Government of Tonga.
2. PCREEE was inaugurated on 26 April 2017 in Nuku’alofa, Tonga, at the margins of the Third Pacific Regional Energy and Transport Ministers’ Meeting.
3. The Centre is part of a wider south-south and triangular partnership directed to implement the SAMOA Pathway, SDG 7, SDG 9 and the Nationally Determined Contributions under the Paris Agreement (SDG 13). The partnership aims at the creation of a network of regional sustainable energy centres for SIDS in Africa, Caribbean, Pacific and Indian Ocean.1 PCREEE is also part of the Global Network of Regional Sustainable Energy Centres (GN-SEC)
4. The First Operational Phase (FOP) of PCREEE is from 2017 – 2020 and is guided by a Project Document agreed to by UNIDO, SPC and the PICTs. Part of the activities during the FOP was the development of a 10-year PCREEE Business Plan (BP).

**Current Status**

1. In mid-2019 UNIDO contracted Trama Techno Ambiental (TTA) from Spain to draft the BP. The BP established the vision and mission, scope of mandate, long-term planning and resource framework and sustainability scenario(s) for the Centre. In line with the directions of the Pacific Energy Ministers, the BP maintains a strong focus on the private sector and industry dimension of sustainable energy in the areas of RE & EE Business Start-ups & Entrepreneurship, RE & EE for Sustainable Mobility, RE Mini-grids and Energy Efficiency Investment.

1. The first regional consultation and validation workshop on the PCREEE Business Plan 2020 - 2030 was conducted on 4 June. Due to the Covid19 pandemic, the consultation was done virtually via Zoom. Attendees were from the public sector, the private sector, NGOs, regional and international organizations including donors and development partners.
2. National Consultations and validation workshops were also conducted for Solomon Islands (10th July), Tuvalu (12th August), Nauru (4th August), Niue (18th August), Palau (1st September), Tonga (20th October) and Vanuatu (21st October). The rest were invited to download the BP and comment using track and changes. Annex 1 is the Business Plan.

**Issues**

1. It is important that the PCREEE is guided by a document with a long-term vision, governance, staffing and funding strategy that reflects the priorities and remains relevant to the needs of its member countries.
2. The PCREEE BP is consistent with the BP of the Geoscience Energy and Maritime Division of SPC, the new Framework for Energy Security and Resilient Development in the Pacific 2021-2030 and supports the national energy roadmaps and plans as well as the PICs’ Nationally Determined Contributions.
3. The BP is currently being used by a major donor as the basis for its financial support to the PCREEE during its Second Operational Phase: 2021 – 2025.

**Recommendations**

1. The meeting is invited to:
2. Note PCREEE’s effort and the consultations conducted in developing the Business Plan 2020 - 2030;
3. Note the importance of the Business Plan in guiding PCREEE’s future services to the PICTs as well as building donor and partner confidence;
4. Endorse the PCREEE Business Plan 2020 - 2030

[6th November 2020]