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

18th NOVEMBER 2020

MODE: VIRTUAL

**AGENDA ITEM 7 – PCREEE 2021 Work Plan and Budget**

**Purpose**

1. The purpose of this paper is to seek PSC’s endorsement in principle of the PCREEE’s 2021 Work Plan and Budget

**Background**

1. 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. The First Operational Phase (FOP) of PCREEE is from 2017 – 2020. During the FOP , the PCREEE was initially funded with 1.44 million Euros from UNIDO and the Government of Austria. In 2018, the Government of Norway provided 1.57 million Euro. Spending during the FOP is estimated at 1.2 million Euro.
3. The Second Operational Phase (SOP) will cover for 2021 – 2025 and will focus on four strategic areas as outlined in the PCREEE Business Plan 2020 - 2030. These are i) RE&EE Business Start-ups & Entrepreneurship, ii) RE&EE Sustainable Mobility, iii) RE Mini-grids and iv) Energy Efficiency Investment. The funding of the SOP will be from the rollover balance from the FOP, estimated at 1.8 million Euro plus a .8 million Euro collaboration with the government of Austria.

**Current Status**

1. The PCREEE 2021 Work Plan has been divided into five Outcome areas. The first outcome area focused on the effective and efficient management and operation of PCREEE while the other four outcome areas are extracted from the PCREEE BP.

1. The 2021 Work Plan has an estimated budget of Euro 626,500. The budget for 2021 according to the outcome areas are as follows:

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| **Budget (Euro)** | **%** | **Outcome Areas** |
| 67,000 | 10 | Effective and Efficient Management and Operation of PCREEE |
| 75,000 | 12 | RE&EE Business Start-Up and Entrepreneurship Support |
| 70,000 | 11 | RE and EE for Sustainable Mobility |
| 65,000 | 10 | Sustainable RE mini-grid systems that support the social and economic development of PICs |
| 67,000 | 11 | Energy Efficient Investment |
| 282,500 | 45 | Staffing |
| **691,500** | **100** | **Total** |

1. The budget is being done in light of the continuing COVID19 pandemic and on the understanding that travel restrictions will continue and most meetings and trainings will be conducted virtually. Similarly, the delivery of technical assistance in-country will increasingly involve the participation of local consultants. **Annex 1** is the budget by outputs and activities.

**Issues**

1. The PCREEE 2021 Work Plan and Budget is skewed towards virtual coordination and implementation in light of the COVID19 pandemic restrictions.
2. PCREEE will heavily depend on the active support of its member countries to deliver on its Work Plan if the travel restrictions persist.
3. The COVID19 pandemic may improve and the restrictions uplifted in 2021. This would allow for face to face meetings and improved coordination and implementation. Consequently, the budget may change depending on the circumstances at hand.
4. There is a need for the PCREEE to strengthen its resource mobilization / collaboration effort for the SOP.

**Recommendations**

1. The meeting is invited to:
2. Note that the PCREEE 2021 Work Plan and Budget is developed in light of the COVID 19 pandemic restrictions;
3. Endorse PCREEE 2021 Work Plan and;
4. Endorse PCREEE 2021 Budget.
5. Encourage PICTs to jointly carry out and fund PCREEE’s 2021 Work Plan.

[6th November 2020]