



Invitation Letter to Attend

Regional Workshop on Accelerating Clean Energy Transitions and Resilience in Pacific Island Countries (November 14-16, 2023)

Dear invited guest and partner in the Pacific clean energy transition:

We kindly seek your attendance and participation in the regional workshop on “Accelerating Clean Energy Transitions and Resilience in Pacific Island Countries” to be held in Suva, Fiji from Nov 14-15 with optional training and coordination sessions on Nov 16 to take project ideas to action. You are also kindly invited to attend the optional informal gathering on Nov 13 (Diwali government holiday). **Full agenda and logistical details [are available here](#) with a separate registration site [located here](#).**

The workshop will gather a broad set of stakeholders to collaboratively act in response to the Pacific Forum Leaders’ statement on the just transition to a Fossil Fuel Free Pacific. Attendees will include utilities, regulators, community representatives and beneficiaries, government, developers, and funders (investment and donor institutions).

Speakers and interactive working sessions on Nov 14-15 will advance innovations needed in policy and regulation, technology, training, project development, and finance mobilization to accelerate the transition to a cleaner and more resilient future. Training on Nov 16 will include project development of solar, microgrid, energy efficiency, and energy storage projects from concept to construction.

Specific activities will include:

- Speakers from donor agencies and investment institutions describing their priorities
- Working sessions to define needs of the “enabling environment” including innovation in policy and regulation, workforce development and training, financing, technology, etc.
- Working sessions to create action plans for solar and microgrids, energy efficiency, energy storage, and load management (with a focus on communities, commercial and industrial sectors, and critical services such as hospital, airport, police, fire, shelters)
- Project design sessions with professional coaches from technical, financial, and regulatory backgrounds
- Grant writing support for projects seeking funding
- Project presentations to gain review, feedback, and guidance for investment
- Thematic talks on climate change, gender and energy, energy and the economy, workforce needs, policy innovations, and regional interests in the Pacific

Accelerating the clean energy transition is essential to resilience for PICs, and further, creates jobs in the clean energy industry, and when coordinated with overall economic development plans, can facilitate economic diversity and job growth in other industries.

We look forward to you joining us!