

Development of an “Online Capacity Building Program on Sustainable Energy Solutions for Islands and Territories in the Pacific to be hosted by the PCREEE. Part of a Caribbean, Africa and Indian Ocean joint programme coordinated by the Spanish Center for Energy, Environmental and Technological Research, CIEMAT - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DU4qo1YLKjw&t=> and Pacific Regional Data Repository for Sustainable Energy for All (PRDR).

4. Enhanced private sector business opportunities and investments
 - Training on preparing tenders and managing contracts
 - Launched of the PCREEE Sustainable Energy Business Development Facility
 - Energy Investment Forum jointly with PRIF, PPA and others
 - Regional training on Power Purchase Agreements and Public-Private-Partnerships



Participants at a regional training on promoting sustainable energy entrepreneurship in the PICTs



Global Network of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency centres

1. Caribbean Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (CCREEE) - <http://www.ccreee.org/>
2. East African Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (EACREEE) - <http://www.eacreee.org/>
3. ECOWAS Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (ECREEE) - <http://www.ecreee.org/>
4. Himalayan Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (HCREEE) - <http://www.hcreee.org/>
5. Pacific Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (PCREEE) - <http://www.pcreee.org/>
6. Regional Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency in the Arab Region (RCREEE) - <http://www.rcreee.org/>
7. Southern African Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (SACREEE) - <http://www.sacreee.org/>



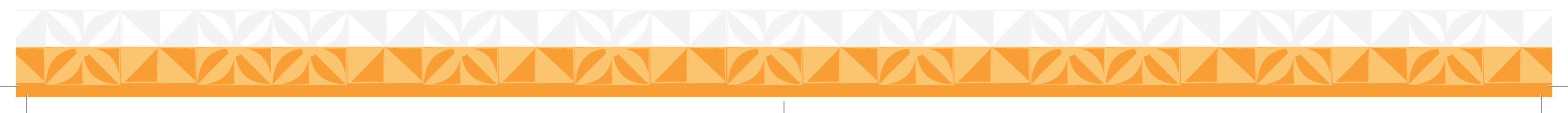
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FIRST YEAR PROGRESS



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BACKGROUND

The Pacific Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency was launched in April 2017 as a vehicle for accelerating the transition of Pacific Island countries and territories to low carbon and resilient economies that is driven by renewable energy and energy efficient technologies. The Centre has a strong focus on the private sector and industry, while supporting targeted programs to enhance the productivity and competitiveness of key industries with high job leverage in the Pacific (e.g. agriculture, tourism, fishery, manufacturing, creative industry).

PCREEE is part of a wider post-2015 multi-stakeholder and triangular partnership, directed to implement the SAMOA Pathway, the SIDS DOCK Goal of 25-50-25, SDG 7, SDG 9 and the Nationally Determined Contributions under the Paris Agreement (SDG 13). The partnership aims to create a network of regional sustainable energy centres for SIDS in Africa, Caribbean, Pacific and Indian Ocean.

ACHIEVEMENTS DURING FIRST 12 MONTHS

1. Strengthened Regional Capacity

- The PCREEE office became fully operational at Nuku'alofa, Tonga in August 2017.
- Current staff of 7 but with office space for expansion to 20
- Institutional Structure in place - Thematic Hubs and National Focal Institutions confirmed and the Steering Committee has met twice and provided guidance to the PCREEE
- PCREEE operating as part of the Georesources and Energy Programme of SPC's Geoscience Energy and Maritime Division



The PCREEE Office at the Third Floor of O. G. Sanft Building at Nuku'alofa



Reps of PIC leaders, UNIDO, Austria and SPC at the launch of the PCREEE



Representative of the Thematic Hubs, National Focal Institutions, Development Partners and heads of PIC Energy Offices at the First Steering Committee Meeting

2. Regional Cooperation and Partnerships

- SPC and UNIDO signed a contract for the funding of the PCREEE's First Operational Phase: 2017 – 2021
- SPC-Tonga government signed a MoU to jointly support the sustainability of the PCREEE: 2017 – 2023
- Signed MoUs with the Sustainable Energy Industry Association of the Pacific Islands (SEIAPI) and the Association of Development Financing Institutions in the Pacific (ADFIP). MoU with the South Pacific Tourism Organisation (SPTO) and Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI) and a collective MoU with the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS), Pacific Power Association (PPA), Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) and the University of the South Pacific (USP) are being finalised for signing
- Completed regional activities with co-funding and technical support from the Asian Institute of Technology, Australia, Ministry of Environment of Japan, NZ's South-South Capacity Building Exchange and the USA

3. Private Sector Support Activities

- More than 100 people trained on sustainable energy business start-ups
- Support to the establishment of sustainable energy industry associations in the PICs
- A fully functional website to address data and information needs of the private sector
- More than EUR 50 million of funding proposals for targeted private sector projects
- Development of a renewable energy mini-grid programme for the PICTs together with the Korean Energy Agency
- Implementing a renewable energy analytics platform in the Pacific with the University of Reading, UK



Tonga's Deputy Prime Minister and Director General of SPC after signing MoU (28 July 2017)



Participants at a training on sustainable energy business start up in Fiji