**NDC HUB-PCREEE collaboration to conduct a “Coherence Review of Republic of Marshall Islands (RMI) National Energy Policy”**

 **18 – 22 March 2024**

## Background

1. **Pacific Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency**

The SPC’s Pacific Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (PCREEE) was established in 2017 as an arm of the Georesources & Energy Programme (GEP) with its headquarters in Nuku'alofa, Tonga. The Centre has a strong focus to accelerate the private sector’s participation and increase investment in Renewable Energy (RE) and Energy Efficiency (EE) programs to achieve Pacific Islands Countries and Territories (PICTs) targets and to enhance the productivity and competitiveness of key industries with high job leverage in the Pacific (e.g., agriculture, tourism, fishery, manufacturing, creative industry).

1. **Pacific ND-hub**

The Pacific NDC Hub was established to realize the vision of a sustainable, low-carbon, and climate-resilient Pacific. By supporting processes for the full implementation of the NDCs that Pacific Islands Countries (PICs) have committed to under the Paris Agreement considering their national circumstances, including mobilizing support through its internal and external partners and its broader network, the Hub aims to advance the following specific objectives:

1. Improve NDC planning, policy, strategy, and legislation in PICs.
2. Strengthen enabling environment for NDC implementation.
3. Accelerate NDC action and project /program implementation in PICs.
4. Enhance NDC measurement, reporting and verification and transparency of climate action.
5. **Coherence Review of RMI National Energy Policy and Action Plan 2015 – 2025**

The NEPAP 2015 – 2025, was developed by the Energy Planning Division of the Ministry of Resources and Development with the technical assistance of the Energy Programme of the Economic Development Division of the Pacific Community and published in 2016. A review is required to update the current energy policy to reflect recent changes and trends in the national energy sector and to propose mechanisms to address new and emerging challenges.

The NEPAP was developed through extensive consultation within government, development partners and the general public. It expresses the RMI’s commitment towards a new energy director and serves as the foundation for planning and development in the energy sector over the medium term.

The NEPAP is an output of the review of the National Energy Policy and Energy Action Plan 2009 and is aligned to the Strategic Development Plan Framework 2003-2018. The NEPAP encompasses government’s energy sector priorities, outcomes, and goals; it brings to attention the energy sector situation.

The Government of RMI has indicated its desire to carry out a coherence review, update and align the RMI NEPAP to the RMI Energy Bill, the Marshall Islands Electricity Roadmap, the NDC, FESRIP and other energy/climate change-related plans and policies in the RMI to ensure consistency – see RMI request on the NDC Hub template attached as Annex 1 . This shall be done by carrying out a coherence review of the NEPAP, reviewing the ‘actions’ in the current NEPAP, and aligning it to sectoral goals, objectives, indicators, linkages with Marshall Islands Electricity Roadmap, Energy Bill and NDC targets and related global and regional frameworks (i.e. FRDP, SDG, FESRIP, UNFCCC – Paris Agreement, etc). This review shall further review the “planned activities” in NEPAP to ascertain the status of progress and achievement of the “planned activities”.

The coherence review shall inform with recommendations on key gaps and areas for improvements/alignment in the next iteration/update of the NEPAP.

To effectively undertake a coherence review, there is a need to:

* Conduct a desktop review of the NEPAP.
* Conduct one-to-one consultation meetings with key stakeholders to confirm information and data collected during the desktop review. Time permitting, site visits to key projects on the ground will be conducted too.
* conduct a one-day national workshop for all the key energy stakeholders in the country to collectively agree of findings and recommendations.

The ToR for this consultancy assignment is in Annex 2.

## Stakeholders Consultation and Workshop Strategy and Content

A one-to-one stakeholder meeting as well as group consultation meeting with the list of stakeholders /organizations identified in the Energy Action Plan 2016 – 2019 [Annex 1 of the NEPAP 2015 – 2025].

*\*The one-to-one stakeholder meeting will be commenced on Monday 22 March to Wednesday 24 March 2024.*

*\*Tentative schedule for the one-to-one meeting and site visits is contained in Annex 2.*

A 0.5 (half) day group consultation meeting will be conducted in the RMI targeting the key stakeholders in the energy sector on Thursday 25 March, 2024.

*\*The tentative agenda for the group consultation meeting is in Annex 3*.

Friday 26 March 2024 is scheduled to have a wrap meeting with the RMI Energy Office and a site visit to some of the key energy projects site at Majuro such as World Bank EV projects, Majuro hospital solar parks etc.

## Objectives:

The objectives of the TA:

* To conduct a coherence review of the RMI National Energy Policy 2015 – 2025 and its six thematic areas and test these against IRENA’s criteria and indicators in terms of; i) effectiveness, ii) efficiency, iii) equity and institutional feasibility. Along with its expected output, strategies, and planned activities and how these are aligned with Energy Bill, NDC and the Marshall Islands Electricity Roadmap, FESRIP and other energy/climate change -related plans and policies in the RMI.
* To discuss the Identified gaps/challenges that need to be addressed in NEPAP in its next review.

## Expected Outcomes:

* Awareness about the status and progress of the RMI NEPAP 2015 – 2025 with its National Action Plan 2016 – 2019.
* To have a fair understanding on areas and gaps that need to be considered in the review of the NEPAP
* Enhanced partnership amongst the key stakeholders in the RMI energy sector.

## Target Outputs

* Successfully conducted and documented in a report the discussions outcomes, feedback and comments during the one-to-one consultationS and the one- national workshop.
* Review Report

## Budget

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| **Cost Item** | **NDC-hub****(USD)** | **RMI****(in-kind)**  | **Comments** |
| Return ticket and DSA for 1 X PCREEE staff and 1 NDC-hub staff  | 18,000 |  |  |
| Venue – 1 day workshop | 500 |  |  |
| Catering – 1 day  day workshops (morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea) | 1,500 |  | RMI |
| Local Transport & Workshop Materials – projectors, printing (agendas) and wifi connection |  | (500) In-kind contribution |  |
| **TOTAL(AUD)** | **20,000** | **(500)** |  |

## Annex 1 – RMI request



## Annex 2 – Term of Reference (ToR)



## Annex 3 - Tentative Consultation schedule

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| **Date** | **Time** | **Stakeholders** | **Discussion areas/items** |
| Monday 22nd March | 9am – 10am | National Energy Office – Ministry of Environment (introductory meeting and confirming of logistics) | \*discuss the progress of each planned activity within the EAP, document of the key achievements and challenges during the implementation of these planned activities, as well as future energy projects that are in pipeline.  |
|  | 10am – 12 pm | Climate Change Directorate  |
|  | 2pm – 4pm | Marshall Island Energy Company |
| Tuesday 23rd March | 9am – 10am  | National Energy Office – Ministry of Environment |
|  | 10am – 12pm  | Ministry of Public Works |
|  | 2pm – 4pm  | Ministry of Transportations and Communications |
| Wednesday 24th March  | 9am – 10am  | RMI Climate Change Mitigation Group.  |
|  | 10am – 12pm | Kwajalein Atoll Joint Utility Resource |
|  | 2pm – 4pm | Marshall Islands Development Bank |

## Annex 3 – Tentative Agenda for National Stakeholder Workshop.

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| 08:30 | Registration | Facilitator /Presenter |
| Opening Session |  |
| 09:00am | Official Opening Statement – Ministry responsible for Energy in RMI |  |
|  | Statement by PCREEE | PCREEE |
|  | Presentation of the NDC Hub |  |
| Session 1: Introduction to the Workshop |  |
| 09:15 – 9:30 | * Participants introduction
* Setting the scenes,
* Overview of the workshop objectives and what will be covered
 | PCREEE |
| Group Photo and Tea Break  |
| Session 2: Overview of the current NEPAP |
| 10:00 – 10:30 | * Brief on the background and structure/contents of the NEPAP 2015-2025 – goals, objectives, strategies and planned activities etc.
 | RMI National Energy Office /PCREEEE |
| Session 3: Key findings from the stakeholders meeting |
| 10:30 – 11:00 | * Present and summarize the key findings of the one-to-one meeting with the key stakeholders -– Progress to date of the planned activities implementation? what has achieved?, identified gaps /areas etc.
 | PCREEE |
| 11:00 – 12:15 | * Group Discussion:
* gaps/challenges that need to be addressed in NEPAP in its next review.
* Etc.
 | PCREEE to lead  |
| 12:15pm WRAP up and way forward |
| 12:30 LUNCH  |