

## SI MMERE, CC&I and the SPC – PCREEE CAPACITY BUILDING IN RE & EE

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### IDENTIFIED BARRIERS & RECOMMENDED STRATEGIC ACTIONS TO MOBILIZE SUSTAINABLE ENERGY BUSINESSES IN SI

No.	Identified Barrier	Sub ID	Recommended Strategies / Strategic Actions	Actors to Assist & Facilitate
1.	Lack of Awareness and Knowledge on RE & EE	a.	The need to ensure that there is unison in thinking and purpose for all relevant Government entities (the initiative will involve the reduction in the use of fossil fuels and the promotion of RE). The Govt Depts need to align their plans and work together.	SIG SIEA
		b.	The need for more advocacy and awareness on the impacts of fossil fuels in the economy at all levels (in terms of the cost to a business and also the cost to the environmental degradation that comes with it).	SIG – MMERE PCREEE
		c.	The need for more advocacy and awareness on RE & EE (Resources & Technologies) at all levels.	MMERE PCREEE
		d.	The Government through the SI MMERE to facilitate a country campaign on this exercise.	MMERE Provincial Govt Communities / NGOs / Civil Societies PCREEE
		e.	The need for more training at Private Sector level to understand the different technologies and ensure high quality products and also including it in the Education Curriculum.	MMERE SINU Education
		f.	The need for incentives for both in RE & EE in order to raise its profile at all levels including schools.	SIG SIG Finance
2.	Lack of Finances & Financial Backing	a.	The need to work with the banks and development partners to address this anomaly.	SIG SIG MMERE CC&I / Private Sector
		b.	The need for the bank to create awareness in the communities on the various lending portfolios and loan products that they have.	SI – Banks through the SI Reserve Banks

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		c.	The need to reinitiate the concept of SI Development Bank by the Government.	SIG MMERE CC&I
		d.	The need to strengthen this lack of finances / financial backing at community level (financial inclusion and other training).	SIG Reserve Bank Local Banks SIG – Ministry of Finance
		e.	The promotion of entrepreneurship at community levels (including the education system).	SIG – MMERE Min of Education
		f.	Improve the infrastructure and commence moving into renewables and energy efficiency infrastructure in the SI through engaging with the right investors on major development projects.	SIG Ministry of Finance MDPAC
		g.	There is a need to fix micro financing schemes and allocate certain percentage of the businesses to local companies.	SIG – MMERE SIG – SG's Office MDPAC
		h.	Promote multilateral initiatives through having regional projects such as the World Bank Fiji Sustainable Energy Financing Project.	SIG & MMERE
3.	Lack of Technical Skills in the Installation, Maintenance, Repair and the need to strengthen the Overall Capacity Issues in RE & EE.	a.	The need for continuous training of the people (communities and technicians) on all facets of Renewable Energy including the certification of electricians and renewable energy specialists.	SIG - MMERE SINU SIEA NTU PCREEE
		b.	The need to collaborate with SI National University (and other technical institutions) to take up this important initiative. Apart from the collaboration is the effort to inculcate gender into the training in RE & EE.	SIG - MMERE SINU SIEA NTU PCREEE
		c.	The need on the part of the SI Government to prioritize scholarships in the area of energy, renewable energy development, climate change, engineering, law – energy related or legislations and regulations.	SIG – MMERE SIG – Min of Education
		d.	The need to have specialised training for the Private Sector in terms of Tendering & Contracting. This could be done through short term courses and so forth.	SIG – MMERE PCREEE
4.	Land Ownership &	a.	The need to have a clear mechanism that safeguards interest of all stakeholders in terms of solving issues relating to land (Land Tribunal)	SIG MMERE

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	Dispute		and a specific legislation taking into account best practices in the region to address this issue.	Judiciary & Legislators Parliament Church CSOs CC&I
		b.	The process is to ensure the mobilization of the Church / CSOs / Private Sectors in the inherent processes.	SIG – MMERE
		c.	The need to have a nominated technical working group to work on this important issue and to discuss widely taking into account views from all sectors of society.	SIG Cabinet
		d.	Apart from the above is to ensure awareness and advocacy in the formation and establishment of the appropriate legislations.	SIG Judiciary SG's Office
5.	The need to update Legislations / Regulations / Policies and Guidelines and also the Awareness of the changes therein	a.	Update all existing laws pertaining to RE & EE infrastructure and put in place new facilities that will promote utilisation of these technologies.	SIG Judiciary SG's Office MMERE (Energy)
		b.	With the above carry out necessary advocacy to promote RE & EE all throughout SI. For existing policies / legislation ensure it is gazetted and people are informed.	SIG – MMERE SIG – Judiciary
		c.	Modernising the electricity act including; i) introducing competition in the sector and ii) facilitating Power Purchase Agreements at the same time addressing the aspect of governance and transparency of the act. The objective of the electricity act is to facilitate utilisation of more renewable energy, promote reliability and energy access and also the implementation of Energy Efficiency SI.	SIG – MMERE SIG – SG's Office Ministry of Commerce & Regulation All Players with interest in Energy
		d.	Have regulations in place for the type of RE, EE and other electrical equipment that comes into the country. At the same time put in place incentives where appropriate.	SIG – MMERE SIG – Customs Authority PCREEE
6.	Address the Issue of Corruption pertaining to the Sector	a.	Address the issue with respect to modifying the Wantok System to bring about good governance and transparency in the Government and the communities.	SIG SIG – MMERE SIG - SG's Office Legislators Parliament

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				Church CSOs CC&I
		b.	The need to stop the practise of giving funds directly to politicians to implement projects for communities or constituencies. The projects more often suffer from maintenance issues and lack sustainable practices. There is a need to call a robust tender with appropriate requirements and implement these initiatives in the communities (ensuring to having elements such as maintenance, repair and sustainability built into the system).	SIG – MMERE SIG – SG’s Office Parliament SIG – Ministry of Finance MDPAC
		c.	Push for Anti Corruption Bill and put in place an institution / framework to administer the bill and ensure that it is also mainstreamed into the judiciary or court system in the country.	SIG SIG – MMERE Parliament SG’s Office

## KEY

NO.	ABBREVIATION	MEANING
1.	CC&I	SI Chamber of Commerce & Industry
2.	CSO	Civil Society Groups
3.	MDPAC	Ministry of Development Planning & Aid Coordination
4.	PCREEE	Pacific Centre for Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency
5.	SIEA	Solomon Islands Electrification Authority
6.	SIG	Solomon Island Government
7.	SIG – MMERE	Solomon Island Government – Ministry of Mines, Energy & Rural Electrification
8.	SIG – SG’s Office	Solomon Island Government – Solicitor General’s Office
9.	SINU	Solomon Islands National University