

7th PCREEE STEERING COMMITTEE (PSC) MEETING

1st DECEMBER 2022

MODE: HYBRID

AGENDA ITEM 2 – Matters Arising from the 6th PSC Meeting Minutes

Purpose

1. The purpose of this paper is to seek PSC's endorsement on the 6th PSC Meeting Minutes

Background

2. The PCREEE Secretariat is hosted by the Kingdom of Tonga in Nuku'alofa. The work of the PCREEE is guided by a Steering Committee (SC) which meet at least once a year
3. The SC provides strategic guidance to the annual work plans and budgets, progress reports and financial statement of the Centre before recommending them for the approval of the SPC Executives and CRGA.
4. The 6th SC in 2021 was held virtually on 30th November 2021.
5. The SC meeting was chaired by the Acting Director of the Tonga Department of Energy. The meeting agenda has been consistent with the previous SC meetings except for the updated contents. Meeting Minutes is attached as **Annex 1**.

Current Status

6. Below are matters arising from the minutes of PSC 6 and the progress with their implementation:

Agenda Item	Matters Arising	Actions & Progress
1. Opening & Introduction		
2. Adoption of the 5 th PSC Minutes		
3. PCREEE Progress Report 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slow delivery of 25% in July and expected to be above 80% by end of 2021 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In-country deliveries depend on local capacity to coordinate • Use more in-country coordinators and local consultants – CI, PNG & SI • Have adopted an accelerated process for accessing support – 2 to 4 weeks from request to implementation
4. Institutional Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The successful operation of the PCREEE under the SPC governance structure and policy does not require autonomous set up 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PCREEE is one of the 6 regional centres assisting in delivering SPC's Strategic Plan: 2022-2031 • Currently developing a GEM Business Plan which

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a need for clear reporting structure for PCREEE under the FESRIP and FRDP • The pandemic will continue to disrupt the operation of the PCREEE and it is important to consider flexible and mixed delivery of the PCREEE workplan for 2022 	<p>includes FESRIP for the GEP and included PCREEE's outcomes in the M & E framework</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed fabricating and equipping the conference room. Hybrid delivery in 2022 and most were national activities
5. Financial Structure	Delays in processing payments, particularly for catering and venue hire costs for national workshops and awareness events.	New PA recruited in July and timeliness of payments have significantly improved.
6. 2022 Work Programme & Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The PCREEE 2022 Work Plan and Budget is skewed towards virtual coordination and implementation in light of the COVID19 pandemic restrictions. • PCREEE will heavily depend on the active support of its member countries to deliver on its Work Plan if the travel restrictions persist. • The COVID19 pandemic may improve and restrictions may be uplifted in 2022. This would allow for face-to-face meetings and improved coordination and implementation. Consequently, the budget may change depending on the circumstances at hand. 	<p>Hybrid delivery with group meeting in persons in-country and virtual participation of some of the resources people:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Palau mini-grid workshop in May 2. Kiribati e-mobility webinar in May 3. Bridging training for electricians in Tonga in July 4. Tuvalu e-mobility webinar in Aug 5. Samoa Energy Investment Forum in Nov 6. Regional e-mobility workshop in Nov <p>No budget review undertaken in 2022. Increase in travel budget during the second half of 2022 due to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. NZ EV Summit 2. Women and Gender conference 3. Vanuatu mission 4. Regional e-mobility workshop and PSC meeting
7. Update from the Global Network of Sustainable Energy Centres	<p>New development initiatives offered through the GN-SEC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SIDS-SIDS cooperation on EV issues under GN-SEC and SIDS DOCK • Online Capacity Building Program on Sustainable Energy Solutions for SIDS • Global Ocean Energy Alliance • STAR-C 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCREEE assisted with finalising the Pacific e-mobility programme • Participated in 2 online training in 2022 • Awaiting SIDS Dock guidance

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GEF 8 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided inputs to the STAR-C stocktake exercise and discussed implementation plan at the GEN-SEC 5 • 2030 SDG Accelerator programme
8. Other Business & Date and Venue of the next meeting	To be held at the margins of the Pacific Energy Officials and Ministers Meeting that will be hosted by Vanuatu in 2022.	Officials meeting was held in July and Ministers meeting is planned for April / May 2023.

Recommendations

7. The meeting is invited to:
 - i. Note and endorse the 6th PSC meeting minutes.
 - ii. Noted the progress with the implementation of matters arising from the minutes of PSC 6.

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