

6th PCREEE STEERING COMMITTEE (PSC) MEETING

1st DECEMBER 2022

MODE: HYBRID

AGENDA ITEM 3 – PCREEE PROGRESS REPORT 2022

Purpose

1. The purpose of this paper is to update the PSC on the implementation of the PCREEE Work Plan for 2022.

Background

2. The 6th PSC meeting approved a budget of 524,746 Euro for 2022. These were provided for by UNIDO and the Austrian Development Agency (ADA). UNIDO's contribution included a carryover from a 600,000 Euro agreement signed in June 2020 plus 200,000 from an agreement signed in August 2022. ADA's contribution came from a 300,000 Euro advanced in August 2021, of which 215,575 was carried over to 2022 plus 200,000 Euro stated in the agreed schedule of payments by ADA.
3. The 2022 Work Programme and Budget was based on the PCREEE Business Plan 2020-2030 which is the guiding document for the PCREEE as it embarks on its Second Operational Phase.
4. As per the Business Plan, the focus of the work programme was on PCREEE's four technical programme areas:

Business Start-ups and Mentoring
Sustainable Mobility
RE Mini-grids
EE Investments

This is in addition to the Effective and Efficient Management and Operation of the Centre.

5. By March 2022, PICs slowly started opening up their borders and PCREEE participated in in-persons events such as a misi The delivery of the 2020 Work Plan was very much affected. Activities were then delivered virtually and was largely dependent on the ability of each PIC to coordinate the logistics for in-country activities.
6. A PCREEE Progress Report for January-June 2022 was submitted and accepted by UNIDO and is attached as **Annex 1**. **Annex 2** is an update based on the PCREEE's Work Programme and Budget for 2022.

Current Status

7. The Table below summarizes the deliveries on the work plan in 2022.

Table 1: PCREEE Deliveries according to its Work Programme Areas

EVENTS	STATUS
Effective and Efficient Management and Operation of PCREEE	
Completion and closing of 3 Sustainable Energy Coordinator consultancies	Completed
Recruitment of a new PA to replace the former PA [dismissed]	Completed
Recruitment of 2 Pacific Islands Energy Professionals and a Sustainable Energy Instructor	Completed
Recruitment of a Legal TA under AVI	On-going
Progress Report to UNIDO and ADA: Jan-June 2022	Completed
Addendum to the Contribution Agreement with Austrian Development Agency	Signed before end of 2022
Monthly updates of the PCREEE Assets Register and Petty Cash	On-going
Monthly meeting and reporting to the SPC management	On-going
Pacific Energy Officials Meeting	Completed
6 th Anniversary of the PCREEE	Completed
SE Business Start-ups and Mentoring	
29 & 30 June Accreditation and begin delivery of Sustainable Energy Levels 1 & 2 at the Tonga Institute of Science and Technology, Tonga	Completed
7-29 July Bridging Training Workshops with the Tonga Electricity Commission	Completed
1 Oct 2021 – 30 Sept 2023 Implementation of the Navara Savings & Credit Cooperative Society Ltd's (NSCL) project for Promoting Renewable Energy Business Start-Ups and Entrepreneurship in Vanuatu's rural areas, including public institutions like schools, clinics, etc.	On-going
Oct - Dec Review of the USD 14M GCF SAP - Leveraging the National Green Energy Fund (NGEF) to Achieve Rural Electrification in Vanuatu	Work in Progress
Sustainable Mobility	
23 February 2022 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional e-mobility webinar Cook Is national e-mobility workshop 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed Completed
26 May Kiribati e-mobility webinar	Completed
30 August Tuvalu e-mobility webinar	Completed
28-30 Nov Regional e-mobility workshop	To be completed
RE Mini-grids	
29 – 31 March Palau mini-grid training workshop	Completed
30 May – 3 June 1 st Train the Trainer Online Workshop - Online Capacity Building Programme on SE Solutions for Islands	Completed
23 – 25 September 2 nd Train the Trainer Online Workshop - Online Capacity Building Programme on SE Solutions for Islands	
EE Investments	
Sept 2022 – June 2023 Operationalising the MEPSL in Kiribati [through the NDC Hub]	Started but to be completed in 2023
29 November Samoa Energy Investment Forum	Preparations are well underway

Issues

8. Some of the planned in-country activities were cancelled due to the lack of capacity at the national level to coordinate those events.
9. Most of the activities were carried out in PNG, Samoa, Tonga and Vanuatu.
10. The PCREEE has a fully equipped functional conference room with improved internet access now and is ready to deliver more on a hybrid system in 2023.
11. For the delivery of the national activities in 2023, engaging local staff and stronger local coordination by the recipient authorities would be needed.

Recommendations

12. The meeting is invited to:
 - i. Note the progress with the implementation of the 2022 work plan and budget.
 - ii. Note the future role of in-country staff and experts in the deliveries of future work plans in-country.

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