**9th PCREEE STEERING COMMITTEE (PSC) MEETING**

23rd JANUARY 2025

MODE: VIRTUAL

**AGENDA ITEM 2 – PCREEE PROGRESS REPORT 2024**

**Purpose**

1. The purpose of this paper is to update the PSC on the implementation of the PCREEE Work Plan for 2024.

**Background**

1. The 8th PSC meeting approved a budget of 346,935 Euro for 2024. These were provided mostly by the Austrian Development Agency – ADA (78%) and the CC Flagship Programme (22%). The CC Flagship support was mostly for the Sustainable Mobility component of the work plan.
2. The 2024 Work Programme and Budget was based on the PCREEE Business Plan 2020-2030 which is the guiding document for the PCREEE on its Second Operational Phase (2021-2025).
3. 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.

1. A PCREEE Progress Report for January-June 2024 was submitted and accepted by ADA and is attached as **Annex 1.** **Table 1** is an update based on the PCREEE’s Work Programme and Budget for 2024.

**Current Status**

1. **Table 1** below summarizes the deliveries on the 2024 work plan.

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| **Outcome: Effective and Efficient Management and Operation of PCREEE**   * Completed the 2023 Annual Progress Report and the Jan-June 2024 Progress Report for ADA * Completed monthly progress reports to the GEP SLT Meetings * Participated in the GEP Retreat in May * Participated in the 4th SIDS Conference in May * Extension to the Manager’s contract from July. * STAR-C Coordinator resigned in May. Recruitment is on-going * PCREEE PA resigned in Aug. Recruited a joint Admin Assistant with the Polynesia Regional Office in Aug * Offered a 6 months Internship to Ms Annie Marie Malolo from Nov * Launched a RFQ for a 12 months Programme Delivery Officer consultancy * Drafted ToR for the mid-term review of the PCREEE Business Plan: 2020-2030 |

| **Outcome** | **Planned** | **Actual Delivery** |
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| Sustainable Energy Business Start-ups and Entrepreneurship | PCREEE-SPBD-Eua subsidy for resettled communities | * Stalled. Replaced with a completed community solar freezer project with the Tookina Tribal Land Conservation Association (TTLCA) in the Solomon Is in May |
| Development of RCSE Level 5 with STAR-C support. | * Completed in Aug the STAR C Regional Solar PV and SHC Qualification and Certification Frameworks for the SPC Region * Signing of a LoA with the Tonga National University to progress Level 3 & 4 works got stalled. |
| Support to related national events | * Completed a side event on ”Accelerating the Energy Transition in the PICs through regional competences & regulatory frameworks” at the margins of the 53rd Forum Leaders’ meeting in Aug * Supported the Solomon Is National Energy Summit in Sept * Completed Tonga Youth workshop on climate change and renewable energy in Sept |
| Accreditation of solar PV designers & installers (STAR-C) | * Completed a STAR C baseline assessment on existing solar quality infrastructure framework and management system in the SPC region in Aug |
| Sustainable Mobility | Joint EV regional workshop on EV guidelines and standards with PRIF, WB KGGTF & UNDP ITM | Completed the regional workshop in October back-to-back with the NZ Electro Mobility Summit |
| Tonga EV demo project - support to the PIDF HoS demo | * Stalled. Replaced with a completed field mission for a TA to draft an EV funding proposal for Vanuatu * Completed in July of the assessment (by Ashurst) of the Potential Actions to support e-mobility in Vanuatu |
| Cook Is EV charging TA | Completed in June the assessment of the power distribution and road infrastructure to identify strategic and cost-effective locations for positioning charging stations around Rarotonga. A follow up TA was drafted and yet to be agreed to. |
| Market Development Facility - Fiji pilot EVs for commercial fleets | Stalled. Replaced with a completed support to the final consultation workshop on the policy framework to improve mobility efficiency and electrify transportation in Tonga in August |
| RE Mini-grids | Oceania Renewable Power Summit - Sept 2024 [20,000] | Completed summit in Sept |
| Supporting other PICs to participate in relevant CLEARPICS events | Completed regional workshop in June on Accelerating Off-Grid Electrification in PICs, jointly with UNDP, US and DoE. |
| Business skills training for 5 Tongan outer islands (Niuafo’ou, Kotu, Tungua, O’ua and Mo’unga’one) | Completed joint PCREEE-INFRATEC business skills and PUE training in Kotu and ‘Oua in the Ha’apai Group in March and jointly with DoE at Hunga, ‘Otea, Falevai & Ofu at Vava’u in Nov. |
| Energy Efficiency | Joint MEPSL workshop with WB KGGTF | Stalled. |
| Operationalising the MEPSL legislations | Completed national workshops in Honiara and the Noro Province |
| NDC Hub-PCREEE review of the RMI Energy Policy | * Completed the RMI review jointly with the NDC Hub * Commenced working for the NDC Hub to draft an Energy Efficiency Policy and Establish a MEPS for Appliances in FSM |

**Issues**

1. Some of the planned activities were stalled due to the lack of local capacity to coordinate the logistics, change in plans and delays in the release of funds, etc.
2. Most of the national activities were carried out in the Cook Is, RMI, Solomon Is, Tonga and Vanuatu. Others such as Fiji, Nauru, Tuvalu participated in the regional events.
3. The works on the STAR C project were delayed due to the long time taken to recruit a Coordinator.

**Recommendations**

1. The meeting is invited to:
2. Note the progress with the implementation of the 2024 work plan and budget.
3. Note the future role of in-country staff and experts in the deliveries of future work plans in-country.

[1st January 2025]