



# Department of ENERGY

**FINAL CONSULTATION WORKSHOP**

**ON THE**

**POLICY FRAMEWORK TO IMPROVE MOBILITY EFFICIENCY AND ELECTRIFY  
TRANSPORTATION IN TONGA**

**TANOA CONFERENCE ROOM, NUKU'ALOFA**

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# How the Policy Framework will be assisted by the Energy Act and other related Acts

- SAFETY and ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS
- INTERAGENCY CO-ORDINATION
- CAPACITY BUILDING
- INCENTIVES

# PART XII – SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS

## **109 Joint collaboration**

- In developing relevant safety and environmental standards under this Act, the Ministry shall consult with and work jointly with relevant Ministries and agencies of Government, including but not limited to the Fire Commissioner, Ministry responsible for environment, Ministry responsible for infrastructure, Ports Authority and Attorney General's Office.

# PART XIV – INTERAGENCY CO-ORDINATION

## 118 Inter-agency coordination

- (1) To ensure effectiveness and efficiency in the discharge of their statutory functions in relation to the energy sector, the Ministry will, as soon as is practical after the commencement of this Act enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the following key Government line Ministries –
  - (a) Ministry responsible for commerce;
  - (b) Ministry responsible for infrastructure;
  - (c) Ministry responsible for fire and emergency services; and
  - (d) Ministry responsible for lands.
- (2) For clarity, the functions of each Ministry shall continue uninterrupted in accordance with each Ministry's statutory responsibilities, whether or not a Ministry has entered into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Ministry under section 119.



# PART XIV – INTERAGENCY CO-ORDINATION

## 119 Memorandums of Agreement

(1) For the effective discharge of joint responsibilities under this Part, the Ministry may enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with a Government line Ministry to ensure the following –

- (a) establishment of proper lines of authority for decision-making, implementation and joint initiatives or activities;
- (b) establishment of channels of communication for the provision of timely advice, testing and recommendations in relation to energy consuming and energy efficient;
- (c) establishment of internal protocols for reporting and accountability to each respective Minister, including information required for inclusion in Annual Reports;
- (d) delegation of powers and designation of officers;
- (e) resource and budget requirements;
- (f) assessment of capacity and joint training initiatives; and
- (g) joint assessment and development of standards and requirements.

# PART XV – CAPACITY BUILDING

- **120 Capacity building**

(1) The Ministry shall develop a policy for staff development and capacity building and training for key stakeholders in the energy sector.

(2) To the extent possible, capacity building measures should include key line Ministries that share responsibilities for the energy sector under this Act.

- **121 Technical and vocational training and programmes**

(1) The Ministry shall develop a policy for the provision of technical and vocational training and programmes for key stakeholders.

(2) The policy shall be developed in consultation with key stakeholders in the energy sector so that industry needs are properly identified and met.

- **122 Curriculum development**

The Ministry shall work jointly with the Ministry responsible for education for the development of appropriate curriculum for enhancing and building capacity within the energy sector.

- **123 Scholarships**

Subject to available resources, the Ministry shall provide scholarships for the development of capacity within relevant Ministries and agencies of Government and also the energy sector.

- **124 Responsiveness to industry**

The Ministry shall work consultatively with the energy industry for the implementation of all provisions under this Part.

# PART XVI - INCENTIVES

## • 125 Private sector incentives

1. The Ministry shall, in consultation with Government line Ministries and development partners, seek to provide monetary and non-monetary incentives for private sector investment in the energy sector.
2. Private sector incentives may include specific exemptions from import duty to the Kingdom, assistance with capacity building and training, low interest loans, subsidies or direct grants.

## • 126 General incentives

Subject to resources, the Ministry in consultation with relevant Ministries and agencies of Government, shall endeavour to provide general incentives to households and members of the public to facilitate the achievement of the national energy goals of the Kingdom and the key purposes of this Act.

# WAY FORWARD & WRAP UP

## The final draft Policy Framework

- Draft hardcopy provided and electronic copy will be send to your email for comments- e.g Waste component, etc
- Action Plan Matrix – key output of this Policy Framework

## Cabinet submission and Launch

- Note the **POLICY FRAMEWORK TO IMPROVE MOBILITY EFFICIENCY AND ELECTRIFY TRANSPORTATION IN TONGA**
- Approve the **Action Plan Matrix**
- **Launch** possibility during Climate Change Week (Sept 2024) – Energy Week (Feb 2025)







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