

PACIFIC LEADERS MEETING

Background:

Since IRENA's first Assembly in April 2011, the Agency has started a number of activities with a particular focus on the Pacific region. The engagement with the Pacific countries will be further developed in 2012.

In October, the Agency, with the support of the Government of Australia and the World Bank, organised a workshop in Sydney, convening representatives and experts from the Pacific island countries and territories and other small island developing states, development partners, intergovernmental, regional organisations, and industry. The workshop identified specific needs and challenges in renewable energy technology deployment in the Pacific and has resulted in the "Proposed IRENA activities for the Pacific region in 2012".

The goal of the Pacific Leaders Meeting is to discuss ways to accelerate the renewable energy uptake in the Pacific and the proposed IRENA activities for the region.

Documents:

The following documents will be circulated to all participants prior to the meeting.

- Concept note for the Pacific Leaders Meeting
- Proposed IRENA activities for the Pacific region in 2012

Date: 13 January 2012

<u>Location:</u> Ball room, Park Hyatt, Abu Dhabi, UAE

Leaders' lunch: 1:00 – 2.45 pm, Foyer and Terrace, Park Hyatt

<u>Time:</u> 3:00 - 6:30 pm

Registration arrangements:

In order to participate in the Pacific Leaders Meeting kindly register for the meeting of the second session of the Assembly of IRENA online through www.irena.org/conference and inform the Secretariat by e-mail secretariat@irena.org before 30 December 2011.

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Agenda

Time	Торіс	Moderator/ Speaker
1:00 pm – 2:45 pm	Leaders' Lunch	
3:00 pm – 3:25 pm	Welcome remarks	Adnan Z. Amin, Director General, IRENA Dr. Sultan Al Jaber, President of the First session of the Assembly
3:25 pm – 3:45 pm	The role of IRENA in supporting RE deployment in the Pacific region	Adnan Z. Amin, Director General, IRENA
3:45 pm – 4:05 pm	On-going programmes and the specific context of Pacific island countries	Secretariat of the Pacific Community
4:05 pm – 4:30 pm	Proposed IRENA activities and work programme	Dolf Gielen, Director, IRENA Innovation and Technology Centre
4:30 pm – 4:45 pm	Coffee break	
4:45 pm – 6:00 pm	Recommendations for RE deployment in the Pacific island countries Topics to be discussed include: Challenges and opportunities for RE deployment in the Pacific region Role of IRENA in supporting RE deployment in the Pacific region Possible areas of collaboration between IRENA and relative stakeholders and development partners in the region Guidance on the Proposed IRENA activities work programme	Pacific leaders
6:00 pm – 6:30 pm	Session conclusion and closing remarks	Adnan Z. Amin, Director General, IRENA

Invited Leaders:

Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu

Invited States:

Invitations have been sent out to Members, Signatories and applicants for membership of IRENA to participate as observers

Invited Observer Organizations:

Asian Development Bank (ADB), IFC (International Finance Corporation), European Union, Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS), Pacific Power Association (PPA), Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Partnership (REEEP), Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC), Sustainable Energy Industry Association of the Pacific Islands (SEIAPI), The University of the South Pacific (USP), World Bank