Regional: Development of Pacific Power Utilities Reform Network

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| Country / Economy | Regional  
Cook Islands 
Fiji 
Micronesia, Federated States of 
Kiribati 
Nauru 
Niue 
Palau 
Papua New Guinea 
Marshall Islands 
Samoa 
Solomon Islands 
Tonga 
Tuvalu 
Vanuatu |
| Project Status | Active |
| Project Type / Modality of Assistance | Technical Assistance |
| Source of Funding / Amount | TA 10065-REG: Development of Pacific Power Utilities Reform Network  
Technical Assistance Special Fund  
US$ 900,000.00  
TA: Development of Pacific Power Utilities Reform Network  
Regional Cooperation and Integration Fund  
US$ 500,000.00 |
| Operational Priorities | OP2: Accelerating progress in gender equality  
OP3: Tackling climate change, building climate and disaster resilience, and enhancing environmental sustainability  
OP6: Strengthening governance and institutional capacity  
OP7: Fostering regional cooperation and integration |
| Sector / Subsector | Energy / Energy sector development and institutional reform  
Public sector management / Reforms of state owned enterprises |
| Gender | No gender elements |
| Description | The knowledge and support technical assistance (TA) will support the development of a network to help state-owned power utilities achieve a greater understanding of utility corporate reforms in Pacific developing member countries (DMCs). As the Asian Development Bank (ADB) continues to support clean and renewable energy in Pacific DMCs, the TA will create and share regional knowledge and enhance the performance reporting and disclosure frameworks of state-owned utilities. The TA will pilot regional benchmarking and key performance indicator (KPI) dashboards, supporting power utilities' corporate transformation roadmaps in Pacific DMCs, with a view of replication in other energy sector state-owned enterprises (SOEs) in other ADB DMCs. |
| Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy | ADB has been supporting the Pacific DMCs in the following areas: (i) diagnostic and policy reform advisory; (ii) capacity building and institution strengthening; and (iii) regional policy dialogue. The TA will build on the outcomes of ADB’s Pacific Renewable Energy Investment Facility and other regional activities that have been supporting energy sector and SOE reforms. Further, it will complement assistance program under ADB’s administered Private Sector Development Initiative. The TA will also draw on lessons from other regional departments of ADB and sector and thematic groups. In addition, collaboration and coordination on power utilities reforms will be sought with other development partners. Lastly, given the importance of improving access to knowledge and information to increase the capacities of Pacific DMCs on power utilities reforms, a plan will be prepared to disseminate all knowledge products completed under the TA to a wider audience. |
| Impact | Pacific power utilities reform plans enhanced (Pacific Power Association Strategic Plan (2018-2023)) |

### Project Outcome

**Description of Outcome**

Governance and institutional capacity of state-owned power utilities strengthened

**Progress Toward Outcome**

**Implementation Progress**

**Description of Project Outputs**

Integrated SOE knowledge platform enhanced  
Regional capacity building, knowledge sharing, and SOE reform policy dialogue enhanced

**Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)**

**Geographical Location**

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

### Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects

**Environmental Aspects**

**Involuntary Resettlement**

**Indigenous Peoples**
Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation
During Project Design
During Project Implementation

Responsible ADB Officer
Abbasov, Rafayil

Responsible ADB Department
Sectors Group

Responsible ADB Division
Energy Sector Office (SG-ENE)

Executing Agencies
Asian Development Bank

Timetable
Concept Clearance 01 Aug 2022
Fact Finding 26 Jan 2022 to 26 Jan 2022
MRM -
Approval 13 Dec 2022
Last Review Mission -
Last PDS Update 20 Dec 2022

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