

Empowering Lives and Livelihoods in Small Island Developing States: Renewables for Climate Resilience and Adaptation

(Dinner event in the margins of the 5th Pacific Regional Energy and Transport Ministerial Meeting)

19:00 – 20:30 | Thursday, 11 May 2023 | Warwick Le Lagon | Port Vila, Vanuatu

Agenda

Chaired by: Nadia Mohammed, Programme Officer, SIDS Lighthouses

Cocktails start at 6:30pm on the Beach, Warwick Hotel	
Time	Topic
19:00 – 19:10	Opening Remarks Video Message from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Francesco La Camera, Director General, IRENA • H.E. Dr. Nawal Al Hosany, Permanent Representative of the UAE to IRENA
19:10 – 19:15	Keynote Address <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hon. Siaosi'ofa ki Vahafolau Sovaleni, Prime Minister, Kingdom of Tonga • Hon. Ralph Regenvanu, Minister for Climate Change, Adaptation, Meteorology and geo-hazards, Energy, Environment and Disaster risk-management, Vanuatu
19:15 – 19:17	Short Video: Empowering Lives and Livelihoods: Renewables for Climate Action
19:17 – 19:27	Scene-setting Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Gurbuz Gonul, Director, Country Engagement and Partnerships, IRENA
19:27 – 20:25	Panel Discussion Moderator: Mr. Akuila Tawake , Deputy Director, Geo-resources, Maritime, Energy Division, SPC This session provides an opportunity for Pacific SIDS to highlight emerging priorities and best practices across all sectors to foster sustainable, efficient, and affordable renewable energy solutions. The development partners will

	<p>also highlight the opportunities to support the implementation of the COP28 Initiative: Empowering Lives and Livelihoods – Renewables for Adaptation.</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hon. Ro Filipe Tuisawau, Minister Public Works, Transport & Meteorological Services, Fiji 2. Hon. Nielu Meisake, Minister of Transport Ministry of Transport, Energy and Tourism, Department of Marine and Port Services, Tuvalu 3. Mr Faustino Yarofaisug, Assistant Secretary, Energy Division, Micronesia (Federated States of) 4. Mr. Christopher Vehe, Permanent Secretary, Minister of Mines, Energy and Rural Electrification, Solomon Islands 5. Ms. Katie Eberle, Director, Pacific International Net Zero Pathways Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water, Australia 6. Dr. Ana Pueyo, Senior Energy Adviser, Development Economy and Prosperity Division, New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade. <p>Interventions from the floor</p>
20:25 – 20:30	Closing by the Moderator

** Cocktail and Tapas served for the duration of the event followed by dinner.*