

MEDIA ALERT

Third Pacific Regional Energy and Transport Ministers Meeting Opening

Fa'onelua Convention Centre, Nuku'alofa, Tonga

Wednesday 26 April, 2017

Theme: Addressing Affordable, Reliable and Sustainable Energy and Transport Services for All

Nuku'alofa, Tonga – Over 100 high-level delegates and experts will convene in Tonga next week (26-28 April) for the Third Pacific Regional Energy and Transport Ministerial Meeting to discuss the latest international and regional developments in energy and transport sectors affecting the region.

Among the high-level speakers at the meeting will be the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation's Regional Representative and Director for Asia and the Pacific, Stein Hansen, the CEO of the Sustainable Energy for ALL (SE4ALL) & Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Sustainable Energy for ALL, Rachel Kyte, and the Senior Deputy Director of the Technical Cooperation Division of the International Maritime Organization, Juvenal

Shiundu.

The high-level meeting will cover energy and transport challenges and priorities included in the Framework for Resilient Development in the Pacific, the Framework for Action on Energy Security in the Pacific and the regional Framework for Action on Transport Services.

The theme of this year's meeting is *Affordable, Reliable and Sustainable Energy and Transport Services for All* which supports the vision of Pacific energy and transport ministers of their sectors being key pillars to enable sustainable development and eradicate poverty.

As part of the week's events, SPC together with its members and partners will celebrate its 70th Anniversary in Tonga.

The inauguration of the Nuku'alofa-based Pacific Centre of Excellence on Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (PCREEE) will also take place.

1. What: Official Opening Ceremony

When: 10am

Where: Fa'onelua Convention Centre, Nuku'alofa, Tonga

Live streaming at http://www.tonga-broadcasting.net/?page_id=26 .

2. What: Press Conference

When: 12pm

Where: Fa'onelua Convention Centre, Nuku'alofa, Tonga

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3. What: Official launch of the Pacific Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency to coincide with a celebration of SPC's 70th Anniversary

When: 4pm

Where: Tanoa International Dateline Hotel

Live streaming at http://www.tonga-broadcasting.net/?page_id=26 .

Media access: Media representatives are welcome to attend. A Media interested in covering the Third Pacific Regional Energy and Transport Ministers' Meeting are invited to contact Inga Mangisi-Mafileo, Acting Director – SPC Communications and Public Information, fonongam@spc.int or +679 337 9451.

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Footage and still images: SPC will provide packaged interviews and raw footage for free use, along with still images. For more information and to lodge specific requests, please contact Kelepi Koroi: kelepik@spc.int

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Useful links:

To access agenda and meeting papers:

<http://prdrse4all.spc.int/data/content/third-pacific-regional-energy-and-transport-ministers-meeting-24-28-april-2017>

Other useful links:

www.spc.int/edd

<http://www.pcreee.org/>