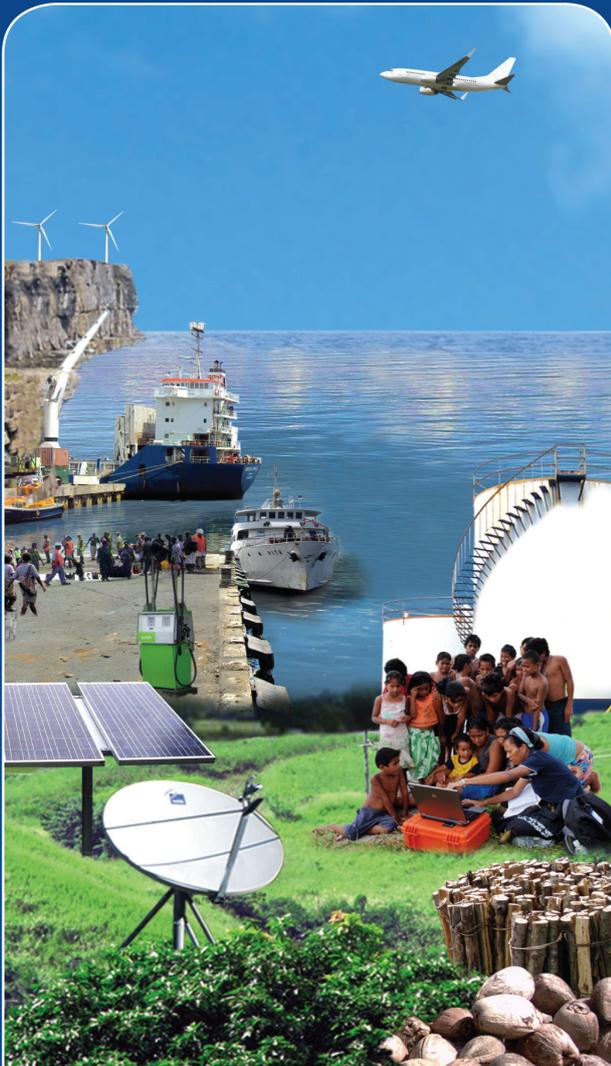




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Economic Development Division



About EDD

SPC works in a wide range of sectors with the aim of achieving three development outcomes – sustainable economic development, sustainable natural resource management and development, and sustainable human and social development. Established in January 2010, the Economic Development Division (EDD) works towards achieving all three outcomes, with a particular focus on sustainable economic development.

The division is located in Suva, Fiji but some staff are based in other Pacific Island countries and territories (PICTs).

EDD Strategic Plan 2013–2015

EDD Strategic Plan 2013–2015 outlines EDD's strategic direction in delivering services to 22 Pacific Island members in two areas – energy and transport (aviation and maritime). The plan is a revision of the previous plan (2012–2017), which was revised in January 2013 following the shift of EDD's ICT functions to the University of the South Pacific.

Moreover, keeping in line with SPC's new Corporate Plan 2013–2015, EDD's revised strategic plan spans a similar three-year timeframe. The revised plan is also in line with the regional responses required of SPC in the implementation of the energy and transport frameworks – *Framework for Action on Energy Security in the Pacific*

and the

Framework for Action on Transport Services

. SPC's coordination role in the two areas places great responsibility on SPC to ensure that the implementation of these regional frameworks is based on the 'many partners, one team' approach.

Guided by the Strategic Plan 2013–2015, EDD steps up to assist Pacific Island people to respond effectively to the soft infrastructure challenges they face in the energy and transport sectors and move towards sustainable economic development.

[English copies of the Strategic Plan](#)

[French copies of the Strategic Plan](#)

EDD goal

The goal of EDD is: sustainable economic development through accessible, affordable, efficient, secure and safe energy and transport services.

EDD objectives

The division has five objectives for the period 2013 to 2015:

- To establish and sustain effective regional coordination mechanisms and strategic partnerships
- To support development and implementation of effective policies, plans and regulatory frameworks
- To strengthen institutions and expertise in the energy and transport sectors
- To improve access to affordable and efficient energy and transport services

Divisional structure

The division consists of two programmes – Energy and Transport – and is headed by a Director supported by a Deputy Director (Energy) and a Deputy Director (Transport).

The EDD Director's Office provides cross-cutting support to all EDD programmes in administration, finance, databases, publications, communication, reporting, economic analysis and monitoring and evaluation.

ENERGY

On 1 January 2010, SPC assumed the lead agency role in the Energy Sector as mandated to it by the Pacific Energy Ministers, the joint meeting of the Governing bodies of SOPAC, SPREP and SPC, the Forum Leaders and approved by the Sixth Conference of the Pacific Community, held in Tonga on 12-13 October 2009.

SPC's lead agency role is to provide leadership, effective coordination and management through the premise of Many Partners, One Team. Its effort is guided by the Forum-adopted Framework for Action on Energy Security in the Pacific, where Energy Security exists when all people at all times have access to sufficient sustainable sources of clean and affordable energy and services to enhance their social and economic well-being.

Addressing the energy security issues of the PICTs is being done through technical advice, training and capacity building and on-the-ground demonstrations in the following 7 areas:

1. Leadership, governance, coordination and partnerships
2. Energy planning, policy and regulatory frameworks
3. Energy production and supply (petroleum and renewable energy)
4. Energy conversion
5. End-use energy consumption
6. Energy data and information
7. Financing, monitoring and evaluation

TRANSPORT

The Transport Programme comprises the work of SPC's previous Regional Maritime Programme along with the development of specific capacity in aviation – mostly research and advisory services to members – and eventually land transport research.

The role of SPC's Transport Programme has expanded considerably over the last few years with shipping and aviation issues in particular those of SIS now part of its core focus. In addition to this function, SPC has a major regional role to play in ensuring PICTs comply with international and regional instruments and that there are systems and structures in place to align national frameworks with these ratified requirements. SPC is the only regional agency dealing with maritime matters in the Pacific Islands region and it is the implementing body for IMO technical cooperation division activities.

To address Transport issues in the Pacific at a regional level, the Transport framework is currently being developed and it will include thematic areas centered on the following:

1. Leadership, governance, coordination and partnerships
2. Capacity development, policy, planning and regulatory frameworks
3. Safety and Security
4. Rural and outer island access
5. Environment and energy
6. Transport data and information
7. Sustainability, monitoring and evaluation