

Bangkok Regional Hub for Asia and the Pacific

South-South and Triangular Cooperation Knowledge Series on Promoting Green Transformation in the Pacific

Energizing Green Investment Through Unlocking Private Finance in the Pacific

Date: 20 June 2024

Time: 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM (Bangkok time)

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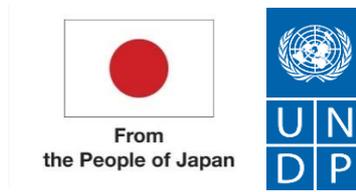
Event description

UNDP's Project funded by the Government of Japan on Promoting Green Transformation in the Pacific Region towards Net-zero and Climate-resilient Development in Papua New Guinea, Timor-Leste, Vanuatu, and Samoa enhancing secure and sustainable development through green transformation. This Project's objectives are to help Pacific countries in addressing urgent, necessary, unpredictable, and irreplaceable needs to achieve ambitious climate actions. As part of the Project, South-South and Triangular Cooperation (SSTC) will be promoted to enhance knowledge exchange among the four Pacific countries and other developing nations in the Asia-Pacific region. These knowledge-sharing activities will be conducted through a series of webinars and workshops.

This webinar is the inaugural event of the SSTC activities planned under this project. It provides a discussion platform for regional experts and policymakers from the four project-focus Pacific countries as well as interested audiences, to exchange views on promoting green investment through private sector participation in the renewable energy sector. Representatives from the four Pacific countries will present their country-specific opportunities and challenges on the topic. Experts from academia, private sector and investors will share their views and examples of successful cases from other countries.

Objectives

- **Facilitate intra- and interregional open dialogue** among leading experts in the field and representatives of Pacific Island countries.
- **Discuss, analyze and select practical strategies** for private sector participation in the renewable energy sector in the Pacific region.
- **Encourage knowledge cooperation and promote regional collaboration** among Pacific countries and development partners in green transformation.



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9:00 - 9:15 Opening remarks

- **Gerd Trogemann**, Manager, Regional Programme and Policy Network, Asia-Pacific Regional Hub, UNDP
- **Howard Politini**, Chairperson, Pacific Islands Private Sector Organization

9:15 – 10:10 Panel Discussion

- **Georgewin Garae**, Fund Manager, National Green Energy Fund, Vanuatu
- **Priscilla Kevin**, Regional Project Lead, Pacific First Investor Network
- **Anthony Koiri**, Secretary of the Department of Technical Services, Autonomous Bougainville Government, Papua New Guinea
- **Dharish David**, Associate Professor, Singapore Institute of Management
- **Julinette Bayking**, Senior PPP/Project Finance Advisor, USAID-PNG Electrification Partnership
- **Jose Manuel Soares de Araujo**, Technical Advisor, Directorate General for Regulation of Electricity, Water, and Sanitation Sectors, Timor-Leste
- **Naoki Takanashi**, Deputy Director, Kaihatsu Management Consulting, Inc.

Moderator: **Irina Lazzerini**, Senior Energy Policy Specialist, Samoa MCO, UNDP

10:10 – 10:25 Q&A

10:25 – 10:30 Closing remarks