



# Pacific Power Association

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**EU Signs Financial Agreement with Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat providing €1.2Million for the PPA to conduct three Regional Power Projects**

The Executive Director, PPA was present at the formal signing of the Financing Agreement between the European Union (EU) and the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS) relating to the above "Capacity Support for Sustainable Management of Energy Resources".

The signing of this Agreement effectively provides the €1.2Million from the EU for our Association's three project proposal involving the commencement of a three year programme of capacity building of the Southern power utility staff; the provision of a Renewable Energy Advisor at the PPA Secretariat for three years to assist the utilities in the ACP countries; and the procurement of an engineering consultant to work with the Southern Utilities to quantify the power system losses in generation, transmission and distribution systems (Supply Side Management - SSM). Completion of this project, expected to be conducted by late this year, will then lead into stage 2 where we will prioritize the solutions to then reduce these losses, thus improving the efficiencies of our utilities, reducing consumption of fuel oil, effect a reduction of generation of greenhouse gasses, and lower operating utility costs.

The next step in this process will be for the PPA Secretariat to now work with the Forum Secretariat, prepare a Work Programme and then formally sign a Work Agreement between the PIFS and PPA which is expected within 2 weeks.

These three projects collectively as a start will assist Pacific island Countries (PICs) towards the attainment of the Millennium Development Goals, assist with poverty alleviation, and contribute to the economic development of our PICs.

While it has taken some time to achieve the funding for these three projects we can now commence work in these three critical areas

This approval together with our recent acceptance as a new Council of Regional Organizations in the Pacific (CROP) Member has now firmly put the Association on the right path to achieve even further improvements in areas that are relevant to the performance of our power utilities.