

Pacific Power Association joins CROP

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The Pacific Power Association (PPA) is the newest member of the Council of Regional Organisations in the Pacific (CROP).

PPA's admission to CROP was today endorsed by the Forum Officials Committee (FOC), which is currently meeting in Nuku'alofa, Tonga.

FOC is the governing body of the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, comprising senior officials from all Forum Governments.

The Pacific Islands Forum Secretary General is the permanent Chair of CROP.

Welcoming today's decision, Forum Secretary General, Greg Urwin, highlighted the significant contribution PPA has made towards advancing key energy initiatives for the region, identified for implementation in the Pacific Plan.

"PPA brings significant value to the region through its work to ensure energy utilities improve performance, thus contributing to the economic development of the region," said Mr Urwin.

"I extend my congratulations to PPA and look forward to further strengthening inter-agency relationships to best serve our members."

The PPA is a regional organisation that facilitates direct cooperation of Pacific island power utilities in areas of technical training, exchange of information, sharing of senior management and engineering expertise and other activities of benefit to its members.

CROP brings together the following main regional organisations in the Pacific region:

- Fiji School of Medicine (FSchM)
- Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA)
- Pacific Islands Development Programme (PIDP)
- Secretariat for the Pacific Community (SPC)
- Pacific Islands Applied Geoscience Commission (SOPAC)
- South Pacific Board for Educational Assessment (SPBEA)
- Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS)
- Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)
- South Pacific Tourism Organisation (SPTO)
- University of the South Pacific (USP)
- Pacific Power Association (PPA)