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Australia-Pacific Partnership for Energy Transition



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APPET Overview

APPET is a $50 million initiative to support Pacific nations to transition away from fossil fuels, while improving energy security and reducing electricity costs



$50 million in funding out to mid-2031



Helps fill technical and coordination gaps in responsive to Pacific requests and regional statements.



APPET aims to help Pacific countries by:

- Building the skills and tools needed to drive the energy transition
- Supporting policy and regulation that help grow grid-based renewable energy and infrastructure
- Developing a skilled workforce to support long-term energy transition goals

Bilateral Partnerships



TONGA



RMI



PALAU



TUVALU



VANUATU

Regional Partnerships

APPET has existing partnerships with the regional energy architecture across the Pacific.

- The Pacific Community (SPC), including support for:
    - Senior Energy Officials Meeting (SEOM)
    - Pacific Regional Energy and Transport Ministers Meeting (PRETMM)
- Pacific Power Association (PPA)
- Office of the Pacific Energy Regulators Alliance (OPERA) Coordinator
    - & Co-hosting the 2026 OPERA Training Workshop with New Zealand.

    - At Pre-COP we announced a further **$7.29 million Pacific Renewable Energy Transition and Readiness Package** that will strengthen regional capability to plan, finance, regulate and implement the Pacific's renewable energy transition

Examples of APPET Pipeline Activities

Palau
Rooftop Solar

- Support Palau's energy transition by undertaking an initial 'scoping' study for rooftop solar PV capacity
- Investigating policy and regulatory settings for rooftop solar in Palau and their implications.
- Working with Palau Public Utilities Corporation (PPUC) and the Palau Energy Water Administration (PEWA)

Vanuatu

- The APPET Partnership was signed at Pre-COP on 5 October 2026.
- Building on work completed in 2024-25, we will be looking to agree activities related to:
  - Refreshing Whole-of-Economy Transition and Capacity Expansion Modelling to reflect progress in Efate's energy transition
  - Deliver a Grid Stability Study that quantifies the Efate grid's capacity to absorb additional variable renewable energy

Republic of the Marshall Islands
Solar Home Grids

- Strengthening the technical capability of the Republic of the Marshall Islands' National Energy Agency (NEA) installation team.
- Ensuring compliance with applicable standards for solar home systems, grid-connected solar PV, small scale generators, and battery installations.

Tuvalu
Renewable Energy Master Plan

- The initial APPET Partnership project is to refresh the Renewable Energy Master Plan to develop a modern, forward-looking plan aligned with national development, energy security, and climate resilience objectives
- Provide a coordinated framework to guide future investments, donor support, policy reforms, and infrastructure development

Tonga
Capacity Expansion Modelling

- Working with Tonga's Dept of Energy to produce dynamic, open-source capacity expansion modelling to support ongoing national energy planning processes, including supporting the review of Tonga's Energy Road Map (TERMPlus).
- DCCEEW has also partnered with PPA to embed a junior position within Tonga to support and embed the capacity expansion modelling project and future agreed work.