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SIXTH PACIFIC REGIONAL ENERGY AND TRANSPORT MINISTERS' MEETING

(4-8 May 2026, Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea)

"Scaling Connectivity for a Prosperous Blue Pacific"

MANUBADA CALL TO ACTION

INTRODUCTION

The Sixth Pacific Regional Energy and Transport Minister's Meeting (6PRETMM) was convened in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea from 4th-8th May 2026 at APEC Haus, Port Moresby under the theme *"Scaling Connectivity for a Prosperous Blue Pacific"*.

The meeting included pre-associated meetings of the Energy and Transport Official and side meeting between Members and development partners, followed by the Energy and Transport Minister's meeting. The Meeting was attended by Ministers and designates from American Samoa, Australia, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, France, Guam, Kiribati, Nauru, New Zealand, Niue, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu and Wallis and Futuna convened by the Pacific Community (SPC). Also in attendance were representatives of regional and international organisations, development partners, civil society organisations, academia, industry, and the private sector.

Ministers:

- **recalled** the shared long-term vision set out in the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent, and reaffirmed our collective commitment to a resilient, prosperous, inclusive and sustainable Blue Pacific;
- **recalled** the outcomes and commitments of the Fifth Pacific Regional Energy and Transport Ministers' Meetings, including the Efate Outcome Statement and the Port Vila Call to Action, and reaffirmed the principles of a just, inclusive and equitable transition that respects national circumstances and priorities;
- **acknowledged** that continued reliance on imported fuels exposes our Pacific Island Countries and Territories (PICTs) to fuel price volatility, supply chain disruptions and fiscal pressures, underscoring the importance of integrated, resilient and affordable energy and maritime systems;
- **noted** that the Sixth PRETMM was convened as a multiday regional process of pre-associated technical, investment and capacity building meetings, officials' deliberations, partner dialogue and ministerial deliberations;
- **reaffirmed** their shared vision first endorsed at the Third PRETMM in Tonga, to progress towards a 100% renewable energy future for the Blue Pacific, recognising this as critical to achieving energy security, reducing vulnerability to external shocks, and advancing climate and development priorities, while acknowledging differing national circumstances and pathways;
- **reaffirmed** the region's commitment to a just, inclusive and equitable transition to a fossil fuel free Pacific, ensuring that no country is left behind and that transitions are inclusive, nationally determined, and supported through strengthened regional cooperation and partnerships;

- **welcomed** the decision of Pacific Islands Forum Leaders to establish a *Regional Energy Commissioner for a Just Transition to a Fossil Fuel Free Pacific*, and looked forward to the Terms of Reference for a Renewable Energy Commissioner being developed by SPC and the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS) for a decision of Leaders at the 55th Pacific Islands Forum Leaders' Meeting in Palau;
- **encouraged** continued collaboration with development partners to support this ambition, including through programmatic approaches, predictable financing, and alignment with Pacific-led priorities, to accelerate the transition to renewable energy across the region.

SCALING CONNECTIVITY FOR A PROSPEROUS BLUE PACIFIC

Ministers:

- **recognised** that the Pacific region has in place the necessary policy frameworks, strategies and commitments across energy and maritime transport;
- **agreed** that the immediate priority is to accelerate implementation and deliver tangible outcomes, shifting from dialogue to action to achieve measurable improvements in connectivity, resilience and sustainability across the Blue Pacific;
- **acknowledged** the unique vulnerabilities of small island and remote territories, including limited scale, capacity and access to services and committed to ensuring that regional initiatives and support mechanisms are designed to meet the needs of all Pacific countries and territories, including the smallest and most geographically isolated;
- **affirmed** that energy and maritime transport are deeply interdependent and must be addressed through integrated planning, investment and implementation approaches;
- **committed** to advancing coordinated energy and transport transition pathways that improve affordability, reliability and accessibility of services for all Pacific communities;
- **recognised** the landscape of partnerships and capabilities across the region, appreciating existing technical and financial support mechanisms as well as innovative delivery models such as public-private partnerships, research collaborations, and training programmes;
- **emphasised** the importance of strengthened coordination among regional organisations, development partners and national governments including the alignment of programmes and investments with national priorities and regional frameworks, and for reduced duplication across initiatives;
- **encouraged** enhanced collaboration to deliver scaled, coordinated and high-impact outcomes to support national decision-making priorities;
- **recalled** their earlier emphasis on energy security, maritime connectivity, strengthened policy and regulatory frameworks, institutional capacity and investment pipelines, and encouraged partners to align their support to these priorities;
- **noted** with appreciation the existing regional mechanisms for infrastructure bringing together major development finance partners active in Pacific infrastructure and emphasised that coordination platforms should facilitate direct engagement with Pacific Island countries, and not operate solely as partner-to-partner forums;
- **recognised** the value of regular, structured information-sharing and coordination amongst partners to avoid duplication, encourage co-financing and better sequence

investments in support of agreed regional frameworks, including the Pacific One-Maritime Framework (POMF) and Framework for Energy Security and Resilience in the Pacific 2.0 (FESRIP 2.0);

- **acknowledged** the offers of support from multilateral, academic and philanthropic partners which included proposals to supplement capacity in national institutions through pools of technical, financial, procurement and legal experts; the provision of evidence-based technical advice and research in support of policy and regulatory development; and the advancement of innovative solutions such as ocean-based renewable energy and decarbonised maritime transport, consistent with regional ambitions for a safe, secure, resilient, clean and sustainable sector;
- **emphasised** that regional and global partnerships must be firmly anchored in Pacific ownership and leadership, aligned with the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent and its implementation plan, and integrated with the existing regional institutional architecture;
- **expressed** concern about ongoing fragmentation across partner initiatives and the lack of a consolidated view at country and regional level of who is supporting what, where, with what volume of financing, and how these efforts collectively contribute to regional targets, including those related to clean and renewable energy;
- **agreed** that improved mapping, transparency and monitoring of partner support are essential to identify true financing gaps, reduce transaction costs and ensure that resources are directed towards the most pressing priorities;
- **tasked** SPC, in collaboration with relevant regional organisations, to develop and maintain a comprehensive mapping of partners and initiatives supporting the energy and maritime transport sectors in the Pacific, including their mandates, areas of focus, and modalities of support, building on existing coordination mechanisms where appropriate;
- **tasked** SPC to incorporate information on partnership support, including progress on the partner mapping and financing overview, into future reporting to Ministers, to enable informed political guidance on addressing implementation bottlenecks and financing gaps;
- **requested** that this mapping include, to the extent feasible, information on indicative and committed financing by partner, sector and country, to increase transparency, support identification of financing and capacity gaps, and inform future ministerial deliberations;
- **encouraged** development partners participating in existing coordination platforms, including the Pacific Region Infrastructure Facility, to align their programming and investment pipelines with the priorities set out in this Call to Action, the POMF and agreed regional energy targets, and to report regularly on how their support contributes to these frameworks;
- **called** on multilateral and technical partners to work with SPC to explore options for supplementing national institutional capacity in energy and maritime, including through regional or pooled arrangements for technical, financial, procurement and legal expertise that can be deployed on demand to support project preparation, implementation and regulatory reform;
- **encouraged** academic and research institutions, including regional universities and international partners, to deepen collaboration with Pacific Island countries and Territories by providing evidence-based analysis and capacity-building that supports locally-led solutions and the scaling up of innovative technologies, in line with national plans and regional frameworks;

- **reaffirmed** that partnerships must respect and reinforce Pacific leadership and called on all partners to work through and strengthen existing regional mechanisms, including those led by the SPC and the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, to ensure coherent and efficient support to member states;
- **reaffirmed** their collective commitment to a connected, resilient and sustainable Blue Pacific, and to working collaboratively with all partners to ensure that the outcomes of Sixth PRETMM translate into tangible, measurable benefits for Pacific peoples;
- **endorsed** *the following resolutions and outcomes:*
 1. *Energy Ministers Outcomes*
 2. *Transport Ministers Outcomes*
 3. *Senior Energy Officials Resolutions*
 4. *Heads of Maritime Resolutions*
- **welcomed** the dedicated partnership session as an opportunity to engage directly with partners on practical and action-oriented ways to support national and regional priorities in the energy and maritime sectors.

PARTNERS DIALOGUE

- Partners were invited to present initiatives and planned support to priorities raised by Ministers during the joint ministerial and the respective Energy and Transport Ministerials;
- Partners noted that existing coordination platforms provide a strong base but need closer alignment with regional priorities and frameworks like POMF and FESRIP 2.0. There is a clear need to address implementation bottlenecks, particularly through strengthening national capacity in finance, procurement, and legal and regulatory functions. While research partners are contributing innovative solutions in areas such as energy transition planning, decarbonised maritime transport, and ocean accounts, there still exists the need for access to financing in order to implement at scale;
- Ministers highlighted persistent fragmentation and limited visibility of partner activities and financing flows. They called for comprehensive regional mapping and greater transparency to better align efforts with targets such as renewable energy by 2030. Overall, discussions emphasised shifting from strategy to implementation, improving information systems, maintaining Pacific-led coordination, and linking technical initiatives more directly to investment pathways.

HOST OF THE SEVENTH PRETMM

Ministers appreciated the expression of interest from the Solomon Islands to host the Seventh PRETMM in 2029.

Adopted

Port Moresby

08 May 2026