

Pacific Region Working Group

A partnership to scale up access to clean, modern energy

Launched in June 2009, the Energy for All Partnership (E4ALL) provides a platform for cooperation, knowledge and technical exchange, innovation and project development, bringing together key stakeholders from business, financial institutions, governments, and non-government organisations. The Partnership is focused on action, with a goal to provide access to clean and modern energy to 100 million people in the Asia-Pacific region by 2015. E4ALL working groups seek to promote exchange of knowledge, ideas, and information; demonstrate and mainstream appropriate financing mechanisms; replicate and scale up proven approaches; and build partnerships to develop, finance and implement access to energy projects.

The E4ALL Pacific Region Working Group

The E4ALL Pacific Region Working Group has a clear regional focus accommodating the unique geographic, social, environmental and economic features of the Pacific Island Countries (PICs), and their access to clean energy. It will help other thematic or technology-driven working groups access the Pacific, by facilitating connections and serving as a conduit for knowledge and information; and, when there is no existing or relevant thematic or technology-driven working group within the E4ALL partnership already covering a targeted area, serve as a conduit for a comprehensive strategy on providing access to clean energy in the Pacific, with the aim of replicating it on a larger scale throughout Asia.

Targeted actions include:

- Financing the deployment of renewable energy through micro-finance, particularly the installation of stand-alone solar PV systems with certified LED lights (LUTW), scaling up an existing successful model in the Solomon Islands. Establishment of an innovative financing mechanism is required encompassing both new and existing microfinance platforms and dedicated funding including an enterprise fund for solar PV in the Pacific.
- Promote the development and use of RescoManager, a software application and Internet portal to assist Renewable Energy Service Companies (RESCOs), and the deployment of solar lanterns, stand alone photovoltaics, hybrid micro-grids run by a combination of solar PV, pico-hydro, biodiesel and biomass gasifiers.
- Application of technologies to enhance diesel efficiency and fuel switching including biofuels. The WG will catalyse other efficiency improvements technologies, including wasteheat-to-energy, biofuels from coconut oil, palm oil, jatropha or other available sources.

A comprehensive strategy has been developed to address every targeted action through financial structuring, project mobilisation, institutional structures and tools for training, information sharing and the management of the service.

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