

Sustainable Energy Industry Association of the Pacific Islands

SEIAPI Announces 2027 Conference Dates

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SEIAPI 2ND SOLAR CONFERENCE
MARCH 24-25, 2027

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ACSolar Warehouse, REnew Pacific, It's Time Foundation, Pacific Engineering & Technology, PCS, CBS Power Solutions, PCREEE, SMART ENERGY COUNCIL, superfly, ENACE RENEWABLES INTERNATIONAL, DPA, GSES, PERNIX, BLUETTI

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Draft guidance materials on financing renewable energy that explain technical jargon, system components and installation practices in simple terms for both financiers and their customers have been provided to MDF and Fiji National Provident Fund (FNPF). Upon obtaining feedback from FNPF they will then be finalised. These also form the basis of training and guidance documentation for other financial institutions (e.g. Fiji Development Bank, BRED Bank and others). A separate document has been prepared which summarises design and installation standards and on how to verify quality standards for components (e.g. products meeting AS/NZ standards, through a publicly-available Australian approved products list). An online training session is being planned for late June for the financial institutions. In regards to the drafting of a Strategic Plan, the Steering committee is undertaking the final drafting. A draft plan is expected to be provided to MDF by mid-June 2026 and final edited plan in late June 2026. It is to be publicly available at <https://www.seiapi.com/>.

Outcome of PRETMM6

The Energy Ministers Meeting convened on Thursday, 7 May 2026 at APEC Haus, Port Moresby during the Sixth Pacific Regional Energy and Transport Ministers Meeting (PRETMM6), which was held under the theme "Scaling Connectivity for a Prosperous Blue Pacific". The meeting was chaired by the Honourable Sir Ano Pala, KBE, MP, Minister for National Planning and Monitoring, Papua New Guinea.

You can read the full [Energy Minister's Outcome Statement](#) and it does include the following reference to the new training centre:

"Call on Pacific Islands Countries and Territories (PICTs) to actively engage with the Pacific Sustainable Energy Training Centre, opening at the University of the South Pacific in July 2026, and to integrate its accreditation programmes into national workforce development strategies"

PRETMM 6 concluded with a clear message from the region: Pacific solutions must move from ambition into action. With 64% of Pacific people still living without power and 100% of our transport system still dependent on fossil fuels, ministers reinforced the need for practical action that reflects the realities facing Pacific countries and communities. The Manubada Call to Action highlights the importance of scaling renewable energy, strengthening energy security, improving maritime transport systems, and better coordinating financing and partnerships to support Pacific priorities. This Call to Action and Outcome Statements now help carry the region's priorities towards COP31, where the Pacific will continue calling for support that backs locally led solutions and delivers real, measurable benefits for Pacific people.

👉 Read the Call to Action: <https://bit.ly/4u4x00R>

SEIAPI MDF Project Update

The technical team have been progressing with the SEIAPI-MDF Collaboration Project. The agreement covers the following components:

1. Engagement of a technical projects officer to lead strategic projects
2. Developing a strategic plan to deliver on priorities and diversify funding sources
3. Educational materials, guidance and training for financiers, guidelines and webinar

A SEIAPI Technical Projects Officer was hired last year under this support and has been working with the financial stakeholders in the Pacific. Stakeholder consultations (some alongside financial group consultations) carried out in Fiji, Tonga, Vanuatu, Samoa (2025-2026). Also, informally during 2026 SEIAPI conference March 2026 and many other discussions.

100% Renewable Energy Blue Pacific - The Time is Right

The 6th Pacific Regional Energy and Transport Ministers' Meeting (PRETMM6) in Port Moresby concluded in May 2026 with the Manubada Call to Action, focusing on accelerating practical implementation of renewable energy, maritime connectivity, and sustainable transportation.

Pacific Energy Ministers reaffirmed their shared vision for 100% renewable energy for the Pacific, which had previously been endorsed at PRETMM3. So why is it back? Here's six reasons.

First, surging fossil fuel prices have put the focus squarely on energy security. Pacific nations already spend USD 9 billion a year on fossil fuels - money that could be better spent on health, education and human development.

Second, China has emerged as a global force in manufacturing of solar panels, batteries, electric vehicles and power electronics, driving down costs and increasing supply. Renewable energy is no longer a luxury but the cheapest form of new energy, in addition to being a practical means of dramatically reducing greenhouse gas emissions and pollutants.

Third, through the Australian Infrastructure Financing Facility for the Pacific, including its REnew Pacific off-grid funding vehicle, and the Australia-Pacific Partnership for Energy Transition, Australia has stepped up its engagement in renewable energy projects within the region. This is helping to build supply chains and improve workforce capability.

Fourth, by holding its inaugural conference in Fiji in March 2026, the Sustainable Energy Industry Association for the Pacific Islands (SEIAPI) has demonstrated that it is ready to tackle policy challenges in the region. SEIAPI has also worked with philanthropic foundations and the University of the South Pacific's TAFE campus to establish the region's first dedicated training centre for solar PV (grid and off-grid) and battery installers, planned for a July 2026 opening.

Fifth, the \$100 million blended finance facility Transforming Island Development through Electrification and Sustainability (TIDES) - seed-funded by the United Kingdom and New Zealand governments - has begun operating. It provides a vehicle to bring together funding from donors, philanthropists and investors to derisk projects.

Finally, Palau President Surangel S. Whipps Jr, has committed to making 100% renewable Pacific a centrepiece of the Pacific Island Forum Leaders Meeting that he is chairing from 30 August and the Pacific Pre-COP in Fiji and Tuvalu in October is a key moment to drive international financing and partnerships to scale the Pacific's transition.

Pacific Infrastructure Business Opportunities Seminar 2026

The Pacific Infrastructure Business Opportunities Seminar (PBOS) 2026 was held from 25-27 May 2026 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Nadi, Fiji, returning to the same venue that hosted the 2024 seminar.

The seminar detailed infrastructure that is required for the Pacific communities, safer water systems, better hospitals, cleaner energy systems, better transport, more opportunities for local businesses and more jobs and skills for Pacific communities.

Pacific governments, businesses, contractors, suppliers, ADB and other development partners, came together to explore how the next generation of infrastructure projects can deliver long-term benefits across the region.

A strong message emerged throughout the day: quality infrastructure must also create local opportunity. That means stronger local partnerships, more transparent procurement, better visibility of upcoming projects, and greater participation for Pacific businesses and workers. ADB's Pacific portfolio now approaches USD \$4 billion, reflecting the scale of investment supporting resilience, connectivity, and sustainable development across the region.

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