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REEEP Southeast Asia and the Pacific Newsletter

REEEP participates in CEM3

REEEP was one of just a handful of civil society representatives invited to attend the third Clean Energy Ministerial (CEM3) in London on 25-26 April. CEM3 is a high-level international forum that meets to discuss how to promote policies that encourage the transition to a global clean energy economy.

CEM3 was co-chaired by U.S. Secretary of Energy Steven Chu and UK Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change Edward Davey, and reviewed the status of 11 different clean energy initiatives. CEM3 also included a series of 8 Public-Private Roundtable discussions on a variety of clean energy topics. Martin Hiller, REEEP's Director General, participated in the roundtable on Energy Efficiency Financing which addressed the current obstacles to investing in energy efficiency and clean distributed generation. For more information visit [REEEP](#) or [CEM3](#).



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Tonga welcomes home 'solar mothers'

Two Tongan grandmothers have returned home to their swampland community of Isileli ready to start installing new solar panels. Following six months at India's Barefoot College the women's new skills will help provide electricity to under-privileged homes.

The two new 'solar mothers', Siutiti Halatoa (51) and Siale Leohau (47), will be supported by the recently launched Kolomotu'a Women's Solar Project to install and maintain solar equipment in their community.

To find out more about the 'solar mothers' visit the [Pacific Islands Report](#). For latest news on the Tonga Energy Roadmap visit the [TERM website](#).

reegle contributes to Global Atlas for Solar and Wind Energy

The Global Atlas for Solar and Wind Energy is an ambitious initiative to create an internet-based geographic information system that maps, in detail, solar and wind global resources. The Atlas is a project of the Clean Energy Ministerial (CEM) Solar and Wind Working Group. It will serve as a tool for developing and collaborating on worldwide renewable energy scenarios and will help support decision-making, particularly in regions where useful resource information doesn't yet exist.

As a Linked Open Data provider, reeple will be providing data sets for the Atlas on energy policy and regulation.

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PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

Tonga Energy Roadmap – Renewable Energy Capacity Building Workshop

At TERMS first public Renewable Energy Capacity Building Workshop, hosted by University of the South Pacific in Nuku’Alofa, Tonga, it was abundantly clear that the people of Tonga have an appetite for more: more knowledge, more workshops and more renewable energy.

The workshop was opened by the Prime Minister of Tonga, Honourable Lord Tu’ivakano, and attended by over 30 community members, private sector representatives and civil servants as well as REEEP.

In closing the workshop, the TERM Implementation Unit Interim Director, Honourable ‘Akau’ola, committed to delivering further such workshops - in Tongan rather than English - and the World Bank committed further support for the development and implementation of a communications strategy.

To find out more about TERM visit the [website](#).

POLICY DEVELOPMENTS

South Korea announces emissions trading scheme

With the support of ruling and opposition parties, the Republic of South Korea has [announced](#) they will implement a cap-and-trade system by 2015. This makes South Korea, the world’s 15th largest economy, one of 34 countries to use emissions trading to drive carbon pollution reduction. The scheme will cover facilities emitting 25,000 tonnes of carbon pollution.

Taking Stock of Durban – UNDP Review

The UNDP has recently [released a report](#) assessing the outcomes and upcoming challenges for the United Nations climate change process. The report acknowledges that although the conference outcomes are open for debate, the event “could prove to be a game-changing conference for the climate negotiations”.

FINANCE & FUNDING

Clean Development Mechanism Project Development Assistance

Does your country have fewer than 10 registered CDM projects? From 18 - 20 July, the ‘Third Workshop on Enhancing the Regional Distribution of Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) Projects in Asia and the Pacific’ is being held to promote and support CDM project activities in such jurisdictions. The workshop will allow participants to share key lessons from their experiences to date, enhance their knowledge on the latest CDM modalities and discuss technical, financial and policy issues specific to their projects.

The workshop is being hosted by the Asian Development Bank at their headquarters in Manila, Philippines. It is being delivered in partnership with the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change secretariat and the United Nations Environment Programme Risoe Centre. The ADB and the UNFCCC secretariat will also offer one-on-one project consultations with interested project developers. Contact [Alma Cañarejo](#) to register.



PARTNER PROFILE

Global Sustainable Energy Solutions (GSES) - is a multi-disciplinary organisation specialising in professional services and training across the renewable energy sector. The team includes systems engineers, designers, installers and accredited trainers with project experience in Australia, New Zealand, Asia, Africa and the Pacific Islands.

GSES is currently driving the establishment of the Sustainable Energy Industry Association of the Pacific Islands (SEIAPI) - a REEEP funded project - and the development of a certification scheme for grid connect PV systems. SEIAPI is fully operational with 45 members. The certification program is due for launch in May 2012 at the regional launch of the UN International Year of Sustainable Energy for All. For further information visit [SEIAPI](#) or [GSES](#).

Cover image courtesy of Geoff Stapleton: PV array at the Palau Congress Building



The first meeting of SEIAPI's executive committee, Nov 2010 (L - R): Bruce Clay (Fiji), Fred N Skilling (Kosrae FSM), Nick Ritsinias (Vanuatu), Faustino Yangmog (Yap FSM), Peter Konings (Guam).

NOTICE BOARD

IRENA – Renewable Energy Learning Partnership: an [online platform](#) was launched at CEM3. The site aims to “create a world where renewable energy related education and training is available and accessible to everyone”. The site lists worldwide education and training opportunities, hosts a library of RE training materials, a database of webinars, access to lectures and tutorials as well as a knowledge exchange.

Two New IEA Reports: [Tracking Clean Energy Progress, Energy Technology Perspectives 2012](#) “highlights that achieving (the) transition (towards a lower-carbon energy system) is technically feasible, if timely and significant government policy action is taken, and a range of clean energy technologies are developed and deployed globally.” [Renewable Energies for Remote Areas and Islands](#) aims to provide decision-makers with a better grasp of the technical, economic and energy issues facing remote areas, as well as to provide a menu of policy options available to accelerate renewable energy development in these regions.

Tender Opportunity – Yap State Off-grid PV: The Yap State Public Service Corporation is [accepting proposals](#) for the supply of off-grid solar PV packages including modules, batteries, electronics, wirings and transport to Yap main island. Documentation must be submitted by 6 August 2012.

IRENA Scholarship Program: With the support of the Government of United Arab Emirates up to 20 [scholarships are being offered](#) at the MASDAR Institute of Science and Technology for participation in one of eight Master of Science Programmes. Applications close on 31 May 2012.

Cartoon Competition: And for some light relief, check out the [winners](#) of the ‘Cartoon Contest: Climate Change in Asia Pacific, a people’s perspective’. The contest was co-organised by French Ministry for Foreign Affairs and UNDP Asia-Pacific Regional Centre.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Clean Energy Council Events

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
30 May	Member Mixer	Brisbane, Australia
25-27 July	Clean Energy Week	Sydney, Australia

Other Events

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
14 – 16 May	Clean Power Asia Conference and Expo	Bali, Indonesia
18 May	International Year of Sustainable Energy for All - Pacific Launch	Suva, Fiji
23 – 25 May	Green Energy Efficiency for Mobile Infrastructure	Bangkok, Thailand
4 June	Asia Clean Energy Forum	Manila, Philippines
20 – 22 June	Rio +20	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
4 – 5 July	World Geothermal Energy Summit	Jakarta, Indonesia
11 September	World LPG Forum	Bali, Indonesia
12 – 14 September	Clean Energy Expo Asia	Bangkok, Thailand

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