

Program Information Session

Initiative for the Expansion of Renewable Energy Infrastructure on the Cook Islands

02 September 2025, from 08.30 - 11 AM (CEST)

Host: Laura Scharlach (RENAC AG), Unit Director RENAC AG, German Energy Solutions Initiative

Co-Host: Dr. Sofia Karimi (RENAC AG), Project Manager RENAC AG, German Energy Solutions Initiative

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Registration, Welcome & Introduction	
08:20-08:30 AM	Reception & Participant Registration
08:30-08:40 AM	<p>Welcome & Overview of the Activities from the German Ministry of Economic Affairs & Climate Action in the Pacific Region</p> <p><i>Dr. Wolfgang Langen</i> Head of Division – German-Energy-Solutions Initiative, Market Entry Program, Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy</p>
08:40-08:50 AM	<p>Welcome and Presentation of the German Energy Solutions Initiative</p> <p><i>Mrs. Laura Scharlach</i> Unit Director on behalf of the German Energy Solutions Initiative, RENAC AG</p>
08:50-09:00 AM	<p>A Bridge to the Pacific: Deepening German-Pacific Economic Relations</p> <p><i>Mrs. Winnie Switakowski</i> Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany to New Zealand for the Cook Islands, Samoa & Tonga</p>
09:00-09:05 AM	Q&A Session
Overview of the Cook Islands Energy Market	
09:05-09:20 AM	<p>Introduction to the Project Opportunities for German Companies in the Cook Islands</p> <p><i>Mrs. Iris Heinz</i> Head DEinternational Projects & Services, German-New Zealand Chamber of Commerce Inc.</p>

Market Opportunities and Technological Trends in the Cook Islands	
09:20-09:35 AM	<p>Q&A Session: The Pathway to Renewable Energies and Energy Infrastructure in the Cook Islands <i>Mr. Nick Henry</i> Mayor, Aitutaki Islands Government <i>Mrs. Iris Heinz</i> German-New Zealand Chamber of Commerce Inc.</p>
09:35-09:40 AM	Q&A Session
09:40-10:00 AM	<p>Sustainable Horizons: Advancing Renewable Energy in the Cook Islands` Tourism Sector <i>Mr. Halatoa Fua</i> Director Te Tu`anga Taporoporo, National Environment Service</p>
Use Cases & Project Opportunities	
10:00-10:15 AM	<p>Experience Report of a German SME in the Cook Islands <i>Mr. Tim Meyer</i> MOTO Beach Front Art Villas</p>
Financing Instruments and Risk Management	
10:15-10:30 AM	<p>Federal Export Credits for Projects in the Cook Islands <i>Mr. Timo Prekop</i> Export Trade Finance Specialist, AKA Ausfuhrkredit-Gesellschaft mbH</p>
10:30-10:40 AM	<p>Cook Islands Project Exploration Trip – Pathways to the Consortium Support Program <i>Mr. Andreas Zoetl</i> Regional Manager (Senior) Asia/Pacific, Coordination Office for the German Energy Solutions Initiative</p>
10:40-10:45 AM	Q&A Session
Virtual Expert Panel	
10:45 – 11:00 AM	<p>Experiences, Perspectives, and Market Entry – Success Factors for German Companies in the Cook Islands <i>Host: Laura Scharlach</i> <i>Panelists: Iris Heinz, Nick Henry, Halatoa Fua, Tim Meyer, Tim Prekop</i></p>
11:00 AM	End of the Event