

Energy Transition in the Pacific – New Opportunities for German VET Providers

5 May 2026, 8.30 AM – 1.30 PM (CET) / 6.30 PM – 10.30 PM (GMT+12) / 7.30 PM – 11.30 AM (GMT +13)

Agenda

08.30 AM –
09.00 AM

Registration & Welcome Coffee

Reception of participants with coffee, tea and pastries; online platform access for virtual participants is activated; technical support available.

09.00 AM –
09.30 AM

Technical Check & Connection of Online Participants

09.30 AM –
10.00 AM

Welcome & Opening Remarks

Iris Heinz, Head of DEinternational Projekte & Services, German-New Zealand Chamber of Commerce (GNZCC)

Introduction to the Market Entry Programme by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWE) and the aim of the seminar

Silvia Niediek, Regional Manager, iMOVE within the Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training (BIBB)

Presentation of the iMOVE initiative and its role in the internationalisation of German training services

Norman Langbecker, Head of South Asia, Australia/Oceania, OAV – German Asia-Pacific Business Association

Contextualisation within German-Pacific economic cooperation

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**10.00 AM –
10.30 AM** **Market Overview: VET in the context of the energy transition in the Cook Islands, Fiji, Samoa and Tonga**

Speaker: GNZCC

- Market and country overview: political, societal and strategic context
- Economic development and sectoral potential

Regulatory frameworks and institutional conditions for education partnerships

Via live connection

**10.30 AM –
10.45 AM** **Tonga – Tonga National Qualifications and Accreditation Board (TNQAB), Mr Vilimaka Foliaki, Chief Executive Officer**

**(9.30 PM –
9.45 PM GMT+13)** TNQAB is responsible for the recognition of programmes and qualifications. Its objective is to align vocational education with national development priorities.

**10.45 AM –
11.00 AM** **Samoa – Samoa Qualifications Authority (SQA), Tupa'i Peter Peilua, Chief Executive Officer**

**(9.45 PM –
10.00 PM GMT+13)** Responsible for the national qualifications framework, quality assurance, and the recognition of education and training programmes. The SQA promotes practice-oriented education and training in strategically important sectors such as energy and construction.

**11.00 AM –
11.15 AM
(9 PM – 9.15 PM
GMT+12)** **Fidschi – Fiji Higher Education Commission (FHEC), Dr. Eci Tekuru Naisele, Director**

The FHEC regulates non-university tertiary education providers and oversees the development and improvement of higher education in Fiji.

**11.15 AM –
11.45 AM** *Via live connection*
EU Delegation in Suva (Fiji)

**(9.15 pm –
9.45 PM GMT+12)**

- Overview of the EU strategy for promoting vocational education and sustainable energy supply in the Pacific region
- Funding instruments and cooperation opportunities for European education providers
- Information on programmes such as EDF and NDICI, as well as national points of contact

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11.45 AM –
12.15 PM

**Panel Discussion: Education Partnerships for the Energy Transition –
Q&A with German Training Providers**

(9.45 PM –
10.15 PM GMT+12)

Moderation: GNZCC (on site)
Participation: Digital participation of representatives from the education and training institutions

Key discussion topics:

- Skills and qualification needs in technical fields such as solar technology, battery management, and e-mobility
- Strengthening practice-oriented training through laboratories, demonstration facilities, and digital learning formats
- Building local training capacities, including the training of instructors (train-the-trainer)
- Cooperation potential with German education and training providers
- Long-term partnership models

Use of relevant funding instruments (e.g. EU, BMZ, GIZ)

12.15 PM –
12.30 PM

Conclusion & Outlook

- Summary, provided by the GNZCC
 - Presentation of next steps and participation opportunities for German companies
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12.30 PM –
1.30 PM

Joint Lunch & Networking

Attending German companies are welcome to take part in an optional group lunch (restaurant Different)

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