

Concept Note

Training on Integration of Informational Resources

UN Development Account Project “Making use of data for evidence-based policies for the sustainable use of energy resources in Asia and the Pacific”

Tonga

Background

The objective of the project is to strengthen capacities of policymakers in Asia and the Pacific to develop evidence-based policy and planning for sustainable use of energy resources at national and regional levels. The targets are: 1) increased capacity to assess, forecast and track energy development trends and future scenarios using data, policy and analytical tools, 2) apply knowledge gained from informational tools and project activities to evidence-based policymaking, and 3) to comprehensively understand informational sources to monitor and evaluate energy targets.

As a national focus topic, Tonga has decided to work on improving the data gathering, analysis and tracking capacity for achieving SDG7, Nationally Determine Contribution (NDC), Tonga Energy Roadmap (TERM), Tonga Energy Efficiency Master Plan, and other energy related targets of the Ministry of Meteorology, Energy, Information, Disaster Management, Environment, Climate Change and Communication (MEIDECC). This includes an assessment of where relevant information is currently stored and where it should be stored in the future to make the required policy decisions.

Future activities and workshops will be targeted towards this focused topic and the newly gained information will be applied to support developing new or revised energy policies. Particular attention will be paid to the institutionalization of evidence-based policy-making, and methods introduced during the project.

Training Session Approach

International experts will provide presentations, hold discussions and conduct practical training with the participants. Therefore, it is recommended that participants bring their computers to the session.

The training will focus on data collection, management process and developing an information sharing framework addressing issues such as identifying stakeholders, requirements for a smooth collection of data and the type of information that should be collected. Tonga’s energy balance will be the focus of attention as practical training material.

Learnings

After the training, participants will understand the ideal data collection, management and storage process but likewise be able to apply methodologies of estimation should the ideal information not be available.