Tonga at a glance

- Tonga:
 - South Pacific
 - Small scattered 172 Islands
 - ➢ Pop 103,000
 - Isolated as one of Small South Pacific Islands
 - Lack of mineral resources
 - Limited renewable energy potential
 - ➢ GDP per Capita: US\$5127 [2012]
 - Exports: Agricultural and Marine products; tourism is growing



Energy Sector Overview- Problem statement

Energy: fundamental building block for social and economic development

Increasing Tonga's dependency on imported fuels:
Fuel imports → 10-15% of GDP
Imported petroleum → 75% of energy need
Imported diesel fuel → mainly for grid-supplied electricity

> Total fuel import \rightarrow 30% electricity 70% transport

<u>Risks of oil price volatility on Tonga:</u>
Burden on National resources to keep Energy price stable (see fig)

Interruptions in fuel delivery

• Environmental impact (air pollution, fuel spills and water contamination)

<u>CLIMATE CHANGE</u>



Diesel Price

Electricity Price

CLIMATE CHANGE IS REAL AND THREATENING TO THE PEOPLE OF SMALL ISLANDS

ADDRESSING CLIMATE CHANGES:

PACIFIC LEADERS TOP PRIORITY AGENDA

ELECTRICITY SECTOR SOLUTION

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Tonga electricity sector TARGETS and STATUS on RE

TARGETS

A. 50% SHARE OF RE IN TOTAL ELETRICITY GENERATION by 2020 by TERM 2010 ; 70% by 2030 - by NDC 2015 ; 100% RE

B. FROM 18% TO 11% ELECTRICITY LOSSES IN THE ELECTRICITY NETWORK by TERM



Share of RE Total Electricity Generation

PENETRATION 2019



20 % BEST MONTH ACHIEVED 6.2MW DIESEL GENERATION LIMIT REACHED

What is needed?



CTCN support to TONGA

Biogas to energy project using circular economy approach

- Project Proponent: Energy Division
- Status: Response plan under preparation
- Broad Objectives: To undertake feasibility study and technical designing for biogas-based energy plant at an industrial scale in Tonga following Circular Economy Approach

Tonga Energy Efficiency Master Plan (TEEMP)

- Project Proponent: Energy Division
- Status: Completed
- Broad Objective: To develop the Tonga Energy Efficiency Master Plan with a decision making tool

Tonga Energy Efficiency Master Plan Phase II- towards implementation

- Project Proponent: Energy Division
- Status: Implementer selection process undergoing
- Broad Objective: To make necessary revisions in TEEMP for taking it for Cabinet approval

- Circular Economy the value of products, materials and resources is maintained in the economy for as long as possible, and the generation of waste minimized.
- In the project context, the circular economy approach includes:
 - Improved resources and eco-efficiency in the agriculture sector
 - Low GHG footprint across the agro-value chain with cascading use of resources and waste
 - Reducing or replacing fossil fuels in the entire agro-value chain
 - Valorization of waste and side streams including the organic recycling and nutrient recycling

CIRCULAR ECONOMY IN AGRICULTURE

Biogas feasibility study in Tonga - Circular Economy Approach



Biogas feasibility study in Tonga using circular economy approach-Outputs and Activities

Output 1- Baseline and resource assessment to support industry scale biogas plant in Tonga

- Activity 1.1- Resource availability assessment in Tonga
- Activity 1.2 Baseline analysis of biogas technologies existing or likely feasible to be implemented in Tonga

Output 2- Biogas technologies at industrial scale will be identified

- Activity 2.1- Conduct detailed feasibility studies on biogas technologies for agriculture
- Activity 2.2- Undertake a consultation workshop to receive the feedback on the outcome of the feasibility study

Output 3- Capacity Development on biogas technologies

- Activity 3.1- Design an appropriate training mechanism for technicians to operate and maintain the biogas plant.
- Activity 3.2- Design a program for onsite study trips and experience sharing

Output 4: Support provided on proposal development

- Activity 4.1- Design proposal to apply for the implementation of the biogas project
- Activity 4.2: Design technical specifications to support the procurement of the biogas plant.

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