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NIUE HOSTS SECOND NATIONAL ENERGY SUMMIT TO ADVANCE 2035 ENERGY ROADMAP

Alofi, Niue – 08 July 2025 – The Ministry of Infrastructure, through the GEF-funded AREAN Project, in partnership with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), is currently hosting Niue's Second National Energy Summit, which commenced on Monday 7 July 2025.

This high-level national event brings together government leaders and officials, Members of Parliament, technical consultants, village councils, youth representatives, private sector stakeholders, non-government organisation's, civil society and key implementing partners. The summit serves as a platform to guide the development of Niue's next 10-year energy roadmap to 2035.

The summit will support the formulation of an updated national energy policy, legislation, strengthen institutional frameworks, and build local capacity to support informed decision-making and long-term sustainability in the energy sector. It will also play a role in aligning Niue's energy plans with its climate change commitments and goals for low-carbon development.

Participants are reflecting on the achievements under the Niue Strategic Energy Roadmap 2015–2025, acknowledging the progress made to date, while also recognising the limited time available to evaluate its outcomes. Discussions during the first day of the summit focused on the challenges Niue continues to face, particularly in ensuring accessible, affordable, efficient, and reliable energy services for all. There is a shared understanding of the need to prioritise energy conservation and transition to renewable energy sources while aligning all efforts with national environmental obligations and climate adaptation goals.

The Prime Minister of Niue, Hon. Dalton Tagelagi acknowledged the longstanding and continued support of the Government of New Zealand and Australia in Niue's energy journey. The technical guidance from the Pacific Community (SPC) and UNDP, as well as contributions from the ADB, Japan and the Irish Fund. These partnerships have been instrumental in achieving 38% renewable energy generation by 2022, commissioning a new power station in 2024, and advancing current projects aimed at reaching 80% renewable energy by early 2026. These developments will lead to greater energy reliability, reduced emissions, and less reliance on imported diesel.

Minister for Infrastructure, Hon. Crossley Tatui acknowledged Niue's current financial constraints and highlighted the need for improved financial stability to support energy projects and sector development. Strengthening governance, institutional readiness, and long-term partnerships with development and donor partners was identified as key to the successful implementation of the future energy roadmap.

The summit places significant emphasis on mobilising finance, improving coordination, and engaging local communities in the energy transition. A collaborative, whole-of-government approach, supported by inclusive engagement with stakeholders at all levels, is viewed as essential to shaping a realistic, practical, and forward-looking energy strategy for the years ahead.

The summit will conclude on Thursday 10th July 2025, following a series of technical sessions and stakeholder consultations. The outcomes of this week's discussions will directly contribute to the finalisation of Niue's Energy Roadmap to 2035, a national blueprint that will chart the course for a more resilient and sustainable energy future.

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