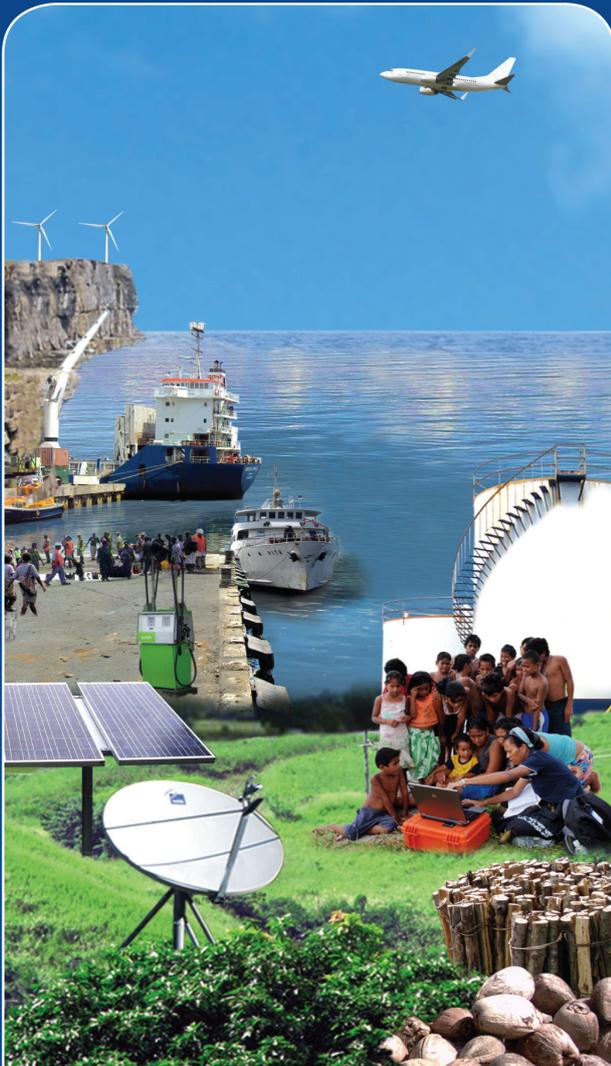




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## Economic Development Division



## About EDD

SPC works in a wide range of sectors with the aim of achieving three development outcomes – sustainable economic development, sustainable natural resource management and development, and sustainable human and social development. Established in January 2010, the Economic Development Division (EDD) works towards achieving all three outcomes, with a particular focus on sustainable economic development.

The division is located in Suva, Fiji but some staff are based in other Pacific Island countries and territories (PICTs).

**EDD goal**

The goal of EDD is: sustainable economic development through accessible, affordable, efficient, secure and safe energy and transport services.

**EDD objectives**

The division has five objectives for the period 2012 to 2017:

- Strong leadership, good governance, effective multi-sectoral coordination and strategic partnerships, including monitoring and evaluation, in the energy and transport sectors;
- Effective policies, plans and regulatory frameworks providing an enabling environment for economic development;
- Strengthened institutions and expertise in the energy and transport sectors;
- Improved access to affordable and efficient energy and transport services; and
- Secure, safe and environmentally friendly energy and transport services.

### **Divisional structure**

The division consists of two programmes – Energy and Transport – and is headed by a Director supported by a Deputy Director (Energy) and a Deputy Director (Transport).

The EDD Director's Office provides cross-cutting support to all EDD programmes in administration, finance, databases, publications, communication, reporting and economic analysis.

## **ENERGY**

On 1 January 2010, SPC assumed the lead agency role in the Energy Sector as mandated to it by the Pacific Energy Ministers, the joint meeting of the Governing bodies of SOPAC, SPREP and SPC, the Forum Leaders and approved by the Sixth Conference of the Pacific Community, held in Tonga on 12-13 October 2009.

SPC's lead agency role is to provide leadership, effective coordination and management through the premise of Many Partners, One Team. Its effort is guided by the Forum-adopted Framework for Action on Energy Security in the Pacific, where Energy Security exists when all people at all times have access to sufficient sustainable sources of clean and affordable energy and services to enhance their social and economic well-being.

Addressing the energy security issues of the PICTs is being done through technical advice, training and capacity building and on-the-ground demonstrations in the following 7 areas:

1. Leadership, governance, coordination and partnerships
2. Energy planning, policy and regulatory frameworks
3. Energy production and supply (petroleum and renewable energy)
4. Energy conversion
5. End-use energy consumption

6. Energy data and information
7. Financing, monitoring and evaluation

## **TRANSPORT**

The Transport Programme comprises the work of SPC's previous Regional Maritime Programme along with the development of specific capacity in aviation – mostly research and advisory services to members – and eventually land transport research.

The role of SPC's Transport Programme has expanded considerably over the last few years with shipping and aviation issues in particular those of SIS now part of its core focus. In addition to this function, SPC has a major regional role to play in ensuring PICTs comply with international and regional instruments and that there are systems and structures in place to align national frameworks with these ratified requirements. SPC is the only regional agency dealing with maritime matters in the Pacific Islands region and it is the implementing body for IMO technical cooperation division activities.

To address Transport issues in the Pacific at a regional level, the Transport framework is currently being developed and it will include thematic areas centered on the following:

1. Leadership, governance, coordination and partnerships
2. Capacity development, policy, planning and regulatory frameworks
3. Safety and Security
4. Rural and outer island access
5. Environment and energy

6. Transport data and information
7. Sustainability, monitoring and evaluation