

Strengthening Resilience through Energy Transformation

18:30 – 18:45 **Opening remarks**

18:45 – 19:45 **Strategies for energy transformation on SIDS**

The impacts of climate change and the urgent need for action to implement the Paris Agreement have created new political momentum for energy transformation in SIDS. Fiji's presidency of COP23 presents enormous opportunity to draw attention to the specific challenges facing SIDS and to garner increased support and exposure at the global stage for strengthening resilience through energy transformation.

Building on the momentum following the IRIE (Initiative for Renewable Island Energy) ministerial meeting in the Maldives, this COP presents an opportunity to advance SIDS priorities and enhance international cooperation between SIDS and key development partners through initiatives such as SIDS Lighthouses, IRIE, SIDS Dock, etc.

In this session, the Heads of Delegation will be invited to participate in a high-level dialogue on strategies and opportunities for SIDS to accelerate renewable energy deployment.

Guiding questions:

1. What are some of the new and emerging priorities for SIDS in relation to energy transformation and strengthening resilience to climate change?
2. How can energy transformation be used to meet multiple objectives aligned with the Agenda 2030, Paris Agreement and Samoa Pathway?
3. How can partnerships, such as the Lighthouses Initiative, SIDS Dock, Initiative for Renewable Island Energy (IRIE) further support SIDS in their energy transition?
4. How did national energy and sustainable development plans inform the development of your government's NDC and how can it be improved in future?

19:45 – 21:00 **Reception**