

PIDF is partnering with "Solar Head of State (SHOS)", a non-profit organization formed by a team of solar energy social entrepreneurs working with governments to demonstrate leadership on the implementation of the sustainable energy agenda. By having a solar system installed on public buildings, including the executive administrative residence of a country, the country's leadership is given first-hand experience with the proven benefits of renewable technologies. By bringing global expertise in the design and installation of solar systems to each project, SHOS facilitates the transfer of critical skills and knowledge to the Pacific countries. SHOS focuses on the installation of solar energy infrastructure to power residences of heads of state to promote renewable energy. The projects can be used as a way of engaging the general public with the benefits of renewable energy through an effective media campaign and community outreach. Behind this backdrop the Pacific Solar Challenge a regional initiative will be national focused competition for young people from across the participating countries to learn more about the benefits of renewable energy. Each Solar Challenge will engage young people in the renewable energy transition, a crucial step in Pacific nations. Participants will learn about the importance of sustainability in their local context and create projects to transfer that knowledge to their peers.PIDF and its partners aim to host Solar Challenges across the Pacific region to further encourage youth participation in the renewable energy transition.

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