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Side Event**



Pacific Islands
Development Forum

**3rd December
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**Moana Blue Pacific
Pavilion
IFEMA exhibition
Centre, Madrid, Spain**

Pacific Solar Challenges What, Where, When?



A regional initiative, the Pacific Solar Challenge will see national competitions for youths take place in participating countries where participants will be tasked to design a project that showcases the benefits of solar energy, using mediums such as videos, songs, posters and essays. PIDF and its partners aim to further encourage youth participation in the renewable energy transition.

Used as a media campaign and community outreach tool, the Pacific Solar Challenge dovetails with the broader Solarisation of Head of States Project between PIDF and SHoS, which will see solar photovoltaic (PV) systems installed on buildings of national significance, such as the executive administrative residence of a country, with the goal of giving first-hand experience to country Leaders of the benefits that renewable technologies can offer. By doing so, Leaders can then use their experiences as a tool for engaging the general public, possibly inspiring mass adoption of solar energy, and perhaps other renewable energy technologies. The target sites for this Project includes Fiji, Micronesia, Palau, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Solomon Islands, Timor Leste, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu. SHoS have already implemented similar projects at the Official Presidential Residence in Maldives, the public residence of the Governor-General in St. Lucia, and at the National Executive Office in Jamaica.

The PIDF, in collaboration with international, regional and local partners, will engage with national Governments to solicit their participation in the Pacific Solar Challenge, as well as approach local private sector and development partners for financial or in-kind support to host the Challenge.

The side event will feature a short video and presentation on the Regional Initiative followed by a panel discussion with three Pacific representatives from PIDF Member Countries, an international expert and a moderator.

Date: 3rd December, 2019 Venue: Moana Blue Pacific Pavilion IFEMA exhibition Centre Time: 4.15pm—5.15pm

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