

# CLIMATE INVESTMENT FUNDS

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**APPROVAL BY MAIL: PACIFIC REGIONAL PROGRAM: SUSTAINABLE ENERGY  
INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (SREP) (IBRD)**

Comments Received by the Sub-Committee Member from Japan

**JICA Comments on:**  
**“Pacific Regional Program: Sustainable Energy Industry Development Project”**

1. We welcome CIF’s proposal on “Pacific Regional Program: Sustainable Energy Industry Development Project”, since we recognize the enhancement of energy security as one of the most urgent issues in energy sector in the Pacific region.
  
2. Especially, taking into consideration the current constraints of these island countries, it is in need to reduce fossil fuel consumption maintaining reliable power supply. The following two approaches can contribute to it:
  - 1) renewable energy development within the allowable capacity or with optimal stabilization methods, and;
  - 2) appropriate and efficient operation and maintenance on diesel generationAs the excessive dependency on renewable energy may turn to increase the energy security, we think that the system reliability should be seriously considered in the proposed projects as well.
  
3. Given that those island countries in the region have relatively small grids, the coordination among donors is crucial to avoid any unnecessary duplication of investments and confusion of the recipient countries. Therefore, it would be highly appreciated if you could continue to provide with us the relevant information on projects funded by CIF.
  
4. For your information, JICA is now formulating a program named “Hybrid Island”, which aims at enhancement of energy security through fossil fuel reduction by the above two methods, targeting 13 countries (Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu) (details can be found in the attachment). If you have any questions or need further information on this matter, please contact JICA.