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Stakeholders Consultative Workshop



Honourable Minister of Mines, Energy and Rural Electrification, David Day Pacha MP delivering the Key Note Address to the participants at Kitano Mendana Conference room.

Solomon Power successfully facilitated a Stakeholders Consultative Workshop on Tuesday the 23rd of August at Kitano Mendana Hotel. The theme for this one day workshop was “Electricity Energy Demand for the next 15 years for Honiara and greater Guadalcanal Province”.

The Minister of Mines, Energy and Rural Electrification, David Day Pacha, opened the workshop and commended the initiative taken by Solomon Power to bring together stakeholders to a place where dialogue can be carried out with one common understanding in light of upcoming national projects such as the 2023 South Pacific Games so that proper planning can take place to meet the future electricity demand in a timely and professional manner.

Solomon Power stakeholders, 40 in total, both from the government, SOEs and private sector attended the workshop.

The purpose of the consultation workshop was for stakeholders and sister SOEs to share information, discuss issues and challenges, and to share ideas in order for Solomon Power, to better plan for the future needs of energy, in Honiara and greater Guadalcanal Province.

Solomon Power led the presentation followed by presentations of expansion plans and energy requirements by each of the participating stakeholders.

Solomon Power's Planning Engineer presented their vision and energy demand forecast, electricity generation and electricity network expansion goals for the next 15 years. These included plans for the proposed new 66kV transmission system and new generation point of supply on Western Side of the city. Solomon Power presented their plans to increase accessibility of electricity to all people in Honiara by 2020 provided there were no land issues. Solomon Power's future plans includes reducing reliance on diesel for generation, use of renewable energy source - solar/hybrids systems and hydro systems (e.g proposed Tina River Hydro). . Solomon Powers' goal for Honiara is to achieve 70% generation from renewable/green energy source by 2023.

Organizations that took part were, Ministry of Mines, Energy and Rural Electrification; Ministry of Lands; Solomon Islands National Provident Fund (SINPF); Solomon Telekom; Solomon Islands Port Authority (SIPA); Civil Aviation; Ministry of Health, Solomon Islands National University (SINU); Solomon Water, Guadalcanal Province, Central Bank of Solomon Islands (CBSI), Home Finance and Seventh Day Adventist Mission (SDA).

The input received from stakeholders will be taken into consideration by Solomon Power in its Planning activities and this workshop will be an annual event.