#### "Utilizing Carbon-Free Energy Technologies/Policies to Expand Clean Electricity in APEC"

#### Papua New Guinea



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## Introduction

Papua New Guinea (PNG) - A developing island nation in the Pacific

Clean electricity is vital for sustainable development

**PNG is committed to APEC's clean energy goals** 

### PNG's Current Energy Landscape

Over 80% of PNG's population live in rural areas with limited grid access
Electricity access rate ~20%
Dependence on diesel generators in remote areas
Existing use of hydropower and geothermal resources

### National Energy Goals & Commitments

- □ Vision 2050 and National Energy Policy
- □ Electrification target: 70% of the population by 2030
- Supports SDG 7 and Paris Agreement NDCs

**Carbon-Free Energy Potential in PNG** Hydropower: Large untapped potential (e.g., Ramu River) Geothermal: High potential (e.g., Lihir Island) **Solar:** Abundant sunlight across the country **Biomass & Wind: Emerging opportunities** Harnessing Energy for Life

## **Key Clean Energy Projects** in PNG Ramu 2 Hydropower Project (under development) **Lihir Geothermal Power Plant Community solar mini-grids (ADB/World Bank supported) PNG** Power rural electrification initiatives Harnessing Energy for Life

### APEC's Role in PNG's Clean Energy Expansion

- Technology sharing and partnerships
- Regional investment and infrastructure development
- Capacity building and technical training
- **Climate financing and innovation support**

### **Challenges Facing PNG**

Geographical barriers and dispersed population
High upfront capital costs for clean technologies
Limited technical capacity and infrastructure
Climate vulnerabilities (e.g., rising sea levels)

#### **Opportunities for Growth**

Expand public-private partnerships
Develop localized renewable energy systems
Leverage carbon markets and green finance
Engage communities in sustainable energy planning

### Strategic Recommendations

Increase regional cooperation within APEC
Mobilize financial resources for remote energy access
Promote innovation in off-grid clean technology
Strengthen institutional and policy frameworks

### Conclusion

- Clean energy is critical for inclusive development in PNG
- Carbon-free technologies offer sustainable and scalable solutions
- APEC's support is essential to drive PNG's energy transformation

# Thank you for your attention

