

#### Global Renewable Energy Islands Network (GREIN)

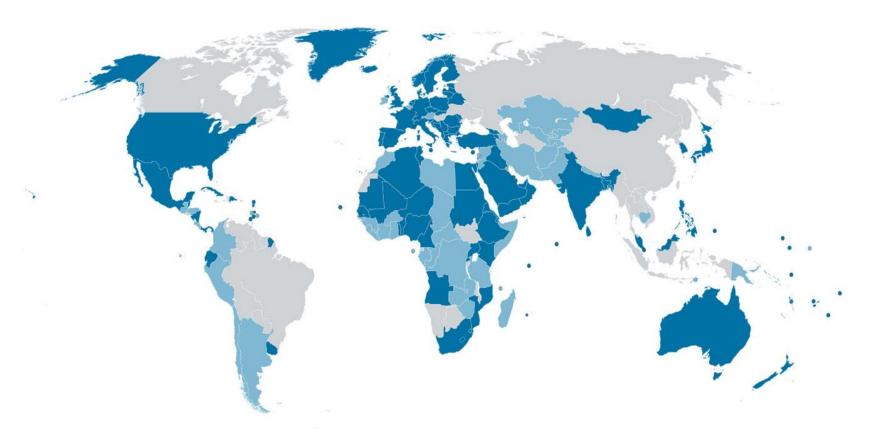
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#### **IRENA Membership**



Members: 160 affiliates - 109 ratified



- Members of the Agency
- Signatories/applicants for membership



# Malta Communique on Accelerating Renewable Energy Uptake for Islands

- Ministers and others called on IRENA to establish a Global Renewable Islands Network (GREIN) as a platform for pooling knowledge, sharing best practices and seeking innovative solutions for accelerated uptake of clean and cost-effective renewable energy technologies on islands.
- Information developed could be of value not only to island states, but
  also to other countries with islands or virtual islands far from
  transmission grids which share the burden of high costs of energy
  from distant sources which renewable energy may displace.

#### **Vanuatu Wind Farm**







#### **GREIN Membership**

- Open to all interested countries
  - Countries that attended Malta Conference (48)
    - IRENA members (29 countries)
    - IRENA signatories (14 countries)
    - Others (4 countries)
  - Other selected countries with numerous islands

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#### Island-Led Interest Clusters to Accelerate RE

- Renewable Energy <u>Resource Assessment</u> for Islands
- Renewable Energy <u>Readiness Assessment</u> for Islands
- Renewable Energy <u>Technology Deployment Roadmaps</u> for Islands (12)
- Renewable Energy <u>Project Development Navigator</u> for Islands
- Renewable Energy <u>Power Grid Integration</u> on Islands (20)
- Renewable Energy <u>Water Desalination Systems</u> on Islands
- Renewable Energy <u>Waste-to-Energy Systems</u> on Islands
- Renewable Energy <u>Tourist Industry Applications</u> on Islands



# Sources of Advice and Support for GREIN

- Island-focused organisations (AOSIS, CARICOM, SIDS, many others)
- Multilateral financial institutions (World Bank, ADB, IADB)
- Experts on RE systems (desalination, waste-to-energy, buildings)
- Renewable equipment manufacturers and traders
- Countries that are island states (AOSIS and SIDS countries)
- Countries with numerous islands (Indonesia, Japan, Philippines)
- Countries with islands in their neighborhoods (New Zealand)



# **RE Technology Deployment Roadmaps for Islands**

- Power sector (mini-grids and micro-grids)
  - hybrid systems of PV, wind, geothermal, marine with diesel)
  - waste-to energy systems (two problems solved at once)
- Transport sector (cars and trucks)
  - indigenous biofuels from crops or cooking oil
- Building sector (housing and tourist hotels)
  - solar heating and cooling
  - solar water heating



# **RE Power Grid Integration on Islands**

- Islands typically rely on expensive diesel for electricity
  - Often 40 cents per kilowatt-hour or more to ship in
- Displacement of diesel gives renewables easy market entry
- Some islands have baseload resources to apply
  - Geothermal
  - Marine
- All islands have variable resources, requiring careful integration
  - Wind
  - Solar

# **Tonga Solar Farm**







#### **RE Resource Assessment for Islands**

- Geothermal
- Marine
- Wind
- Solar
- Hydro
- Bioenergy



#### **RE Readiness Assessment for Islands**

- Actions to accelerate renewable energy technology deployment
  - Identify service-resource pairs
    - Services such as desalination and cooling hotel rooms
    - Resources as identified in study of resource potential
- Develop body of recommendations applicable to a range of islands.
- Follow-up deployment activities (extension modules):
  - Renewable energy supply chains for islands
  - Financing renewable energy on islands

#### **Kiribati PV Drives PC**







# Muchas Gracias Thank you

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