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Procurement of goods and works for the Plant Procurement Contract (PPC) will follow ADB"s Procurement Guidelines (2015, as amended from time to time) and will be based on ADB SBD (ICB Plant Procurement Method, and the Stage 1 Envelope Bidding Procedure) for the Procurement of Plant, Design, Supply and Installation. The contract will include final design and engineering, supply and installation of equipment, construction works and commissioning, and an O&M knowledge transfer program.

Advance contracting and retroactive financing will apply for the procurement of civil works and consultancy contracts. The amount to be retroactively financed will not exceed 20% of the ADB grant and can be done prior to grant effectiveness but not later than 12 months before the signing date of the grant agreement.

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) is committed to achieving a prosperous, inclusive, resilient, and sustainable Asia and the Pacific, while sustaining its efforts to eradicate extreme poverty. It assists its members and partners by providing loans, technical assistance, grants, and equity investments to promote social and economic development.

Yaren District, Nauru - Nauru, like most Small Island Developing States (SIDS) in the Pacific region, has scarce local energyresources limited to solar energy and biomass and imports most of the energy consumed from abroad. To address this, the country has started the Supporting Mainstreamed Achievement of RoadmapTargets on Energy in Nauru (SMARTEN) project.

The project aims to increase the use of feasible renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies to support socio-economic development in Nauru in accord with the country's energy roadmaptargets outlined in the Nauru Energy Roadmap 2018-2020.

Speaking at the official opening of the SMARTEN Inception Workshop, the Director for Energy Division,Mr. Midhun Ajaykumar stated, "I"d like to open by highlighting the importance of Energy Security in aSmall island nation like Nauru, especially in this time of a global pandemic, as it is affecting the fueland food supply chain of all the small islands in a drastic way. There is definitely an urgent need for us to accelerate the energy transformation to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels."

Stakeholders present at the Inception Workshop held in Yaren District, Nauru on 10 December 2020included the Nauru Utilities Corporation, the Department of Commerce Industry and Environment, the Department of Climate Change and National Resilience, Transport, Education, Public Health, acommunity representative and a representative from the Private sector.

Discussions were on the project results framework, management arrangements, co-financing sources, and the



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multi-year work plan that would deliver the expected outcomes for the next four years. The Inception Workshop provided an avenue to discuss and carry out necessary adjustments to the initial workplan and budget given the gap between funding approval and project start-up.

In her keynote address, the UNDP Resilience and Sustainable Development Team Leader, Winifereti Nainoca said, "UNDP is pleased to continue its support to energy activities to improve livelihoods and achieve sustainable development objectives at the local, national and global levels."

Some major activities that will be undertaken through SMARTEN include formulating new policies and instruments to regulate the application of renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies and measures in the energy and energy end-user sectors; financial and fiscal incentives to favour and stimulate the adoption of renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies; training programs for local technical experts on the design, engineering and installation of renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies.

SMARTEN is a climate change mitigation project funded by the Global Environment Facility and implemented by the UN Development Programme. The Project Management Unit is located in Nauru's Energy Division of the Department of Climate Change and National Resilience.

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