

# Roundtable meeting

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**T**HE University of Fiji embarks on its first roundtable meeting on renewable energy in the Pacific Islands-Developing Skills and Capacity (EPIC).

The meeting was between the universities project partners, The University of Alicante in Spain and The University of Papua New Guinea in PNG.

The initial establishment was sponsored by the European Commission under the Renewable Energy in The Pacific: Developing Skills and Capacity (EPIC) project.

The meeting was held at The University of Fiji, Saweni Campus from November 25-27 and was organised by Unifiji's Centre for Climate Change, Energy, Environment and Sustainable Development (CCEESD) and the Department of Science, with support from its two partners.

According to Unifiji, the objective of the meeting was to encourage regional co-operation in renewable energy by establishing a Master's in Renewable Energy Management (REM) program and a Centre for Renewable Energy (CORE) in both Fiji and Papua New Guinea.

The master's programme in Renewable Energy Management serves as a base to equip the new scientists and managers with up-to-date knowledge in renewable energy issues.

The CORE will facilitate research and co-operation at national and international levels in the field of Renewable Energy (RE) and will jointly work with the Department of Science, to offer courses and program that are relevant to the RE sector of Fiji and the Pacific region.

Prospective stakeholders from Renewable Energy Sector and NGOs in Fiji joined in the meeting on the second day of the three-day event.

This led to an enhanced understanding of the renewable energy opportunities and constraints in Fiji and the potential for an improved management of such resources.



Dr Syed Ghani, left, from Unifiji joins delegates from Spain and PNG.

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