The transport sector represents over 60% of Green House Gas emissions produced in the Pacific. The Pacific has taken this issue very seriously and is actively seeking ways to address this important sector by exploring cleaner alternatives for land, sea and air transport. However Pacific countries are finding that their ambitions are being limited by unavailability and costs of cleaner transport technologies. The side-event will discuss ways the Pacific could overcome technological limitations in cleaning its transport sector to ensure they contribute to the global effort to limit temperature rise to the 1.5 degree celsius mark. Modalities for technological transfer will be discussed and their implementation in the Pacific explored.

Panel of Speakers

- **Mr François Martel, Secretary General of the Pacific Islands Development Forum**- Sustainable Transport is a major focus for PIDF. How do you see the Pacific achieving a sustainable transport future and what are the elements that need to be in place for it to do so?

- **Mr Ramon Cruz, Senior UN Liaison Partnership on Sustainable Low Carbon**- To what extent does SLOCAT support technological transfer in the transport sector? Are there examples from around the world that could be replicated elsewhere, particularly in SIDS? What can we do together to ensure advances in technology quickly reaches the developing world?

- **Dr. Tristan Smith, University College London Energy Institute**- Challenge and opportunity for clean shipping tech transfer in the Pacific

- **Minister-in-Assistance to the President and Environment Minister of Marshall Islands Hon. David Paul**- Considering Marshall Islands’ focus on sustainable transport what are the technological transfer needs of RMI to meet the country’s vision for the sustainable transport sector.

- **Mr Mark Borg, Team Leader Programme Management**- Lauca Declaration and Sustainable shipping proposal

- **Ben Ponia-Chief of Staff, Office of the Prime Minister, Cook Islands (TBC)**- Cook Islands’ progress and plans for the future and what may be the technological transfer needs of the country to meet the country’s vision for the sustainable transport sector.

- **Mr John Roome, Senior Director Climate Change, World Bank Group (TBC)**- How can we mobilise financing to support technological transfer (in renewable energy generally, sustainable transport particularly) even in small markets such as those found in the Pacific?

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