

Agenda Item 2: Transforming energy systems in Asia and the Pacific for a just and sustainable future

Statement by the Delegation of the Federated States of Micronesia

The Federated States of Micronesia wishes to express its appreciation to the secretariat for the comprehensive analysis and valuable insights provided in the document on transforming energy systems in Asia and the Pacific for a just and sustainable future.

As a small island developing State, FSM faces unique challenges in achieving Sustainable Development Goal 7, particularly in expanding access to clean and affordable energy, increasing renewable energy deployment, and improving energy efficiency. Our dispersed geography, limited grid infrastructure, and vulnerability to climate change impacts underscore the critical importance of accelerating the energy transition in a manner that is both sustainable and equitable.

FSM has made progress in increasing access to electricity across its islands, yet access to clean cooking fuels and technologies remains limited, with many households still reliant on traditional biomass. We recognize the urgent need for greater investment and targeted policies to promote clean cooking solutions that are culturally appropriate and affordable for our communities.

Renewable energy, especially solar photovoltaic systems, has become a cornerstone of our national energy strategy. However, challenges such as high upfront costs, limited financing options, and technical capacity constraints continue to hinder the scale-up of renewable energy projects. We welcome the emphasis in the document on innovative financing mechanisms, regional cooperation, and technology transfer, which are essential to overcoming these barriers.

Energy efficiency improvements are also a priority for FSM, particularly in the building sector and public infrastructure. We acknowledge the need for stronger regulatory frameworks, capacity building, and access to green financing to support energy-efficient technologies and retrofitting initiatives.

Furthermore, FSM supports regional efforts to enhance power grid connectivity and cross-border cooperation, recognizing that such collaboration can help optimize renewable energy resources and improve energy security for island nations.

In closing, FSM calls upon ESCAP and member States to continue prioritizing support for small island developing States through tailored technical assistance, capacity development, and financial support. We look forward to working closely with regional partners to ensure that the energy transition is inclusive, resilient, and aligned with our sustainable development and climate goals.

Thank you.