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Green Productivity important, says Planning Director

Participants hear of solar plans for Rooster Chicken, Radisson Blu Resort

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Green Productivity and the stimulation of green productivity awareness are of crucial importance to achieving sustainable development.

Those were the words of Chief Guest, Director, Town and Country Planning, Ministry of Local Government, Housing and Environment, Losana Rokotuibau, during the Asian Productivity Organisation (APO) Training Course on Green Productivity at Tanoa International Hotel Nadi.

She said the focus on addressing Green Productivity reflects on some of the strategies that are required to accelerate development while enhancing our ability to utilise natural resources in a sustainable and climate-resilient manner.

Mr Rokotuibau thanked the APO for continuing to spearhead the Green Productivity movement in the Asia-Pacific and for choosing Fiji as your venue for the training.

“An important training such as this is not only very beneficial to us but to all other member countries whose representatives are here today,” she said.

“No one will argue with the fact that Green Productivity, and the stimulation of green productivity awareness is of crucial importance to achieving sustainable development.

“Green technologies, eco-products and eco-services, and green innovations are critical for the promotion of green economic growth in the region and strengthening the eco-competitiveness of businesses.”

She added that the Government of Fiji strongly supports this initiative and last year the Prime Minister launched the Green Growth Framework. This sees sustainable development as being supported by three pillars; society, environment and economy.

“Cyclone Winston aftermath

Last month the country was hit by the devastating Cyclone Winston that left many without homes, water and electricity.

“The extent of the damage to infrastructure means that it may take a while before services like electricity is restored. Many in affected areas have resorted to solar energy as a convenient substitute.

“Currently Fiji’s energy demand is characterised by a high reliance on imported fossil fuels for producing electricity and transportation.”

“Several projects are in the pipeline such as the 12 Megawatt Biomass Power Plant in Nadroga due to be completed by the end of 2016.”

Future plans

In the near future, Rooster Poultry is set to become Fiji’s first solar powered poultry operations along with Radisson Blu Resort Fiji, who will have the Pacific Islands’ largest roof mounted solar system for a resort.

The programme ends on Friday.

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