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VOTER AWARENESS COLLABORATION ACTION BETWEEN SIEC-SECSIP and SOLRICE

PRESS CONFERENCE

30 July 2018

Venue: SolRice warehouse (protected area)

Subject

The Solomon Islands Electoral Commission (SIEC) and SECSIP II (Strengthening the Electoral Cycle in the Solomon Islands Project Phase II) have established an agreement with rice wholesaler SolRice to collaborate in the distribution of voter awareness leaflets throughout Solomon Islands.

As of Monday 23 July, 110,000 leaflets informing voters that they must register and check the Provisional Voter List for omissions and corrections have commenced to be distributed throughout the country utilizing SolRice networks.

The Association of People with Disabilities (PWD) has also collaborated in this innovative action inserting the leaflets into the self-adhesive envelopes which will be adhered to the 40lb bags of rice.

It is expected that this joint action will enhance outreach of voter awareness information reaching remote parts of the Solomon Islands. This will be followed later in the year by a second round of information on how to vote.

Programme

9.45 Arrival of guests and media

10.00 Welcome and introduction – Ms. Olga María Rábade, UNDP SECSIP II

10.05 Opening – Mr. Nicholas Ellis, SolRice General Manager

Speakers:

Mr. Moses Saitala, Chief Electoral Officer, Solomon Islands Electoral Commission

Ms. Naomi, Association of People with Disabilities of Solomon Islands

H.E. Roderick Brazier, High Commissioner of Australia

Ms. Elena Mendez-Adalid, EU Chargé d'Affaires

10.30 Media questions

10.45 Photos



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