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# Major Public Policies in New Caledonia



## Energy Transition

New Caledonia is characterized by the presence of energy-intensive industrial plants, which are pillars of its economy. Their competitiveness makes the energy transition essential: addressing the climate emergency, reducing dependence on raw materials, and securing energy supply at a controlled cost.

The Government of New Caledonia has adopted the **Energy Transition Master Plan of New Caledonia (STENC 2.0)**. This strategic framework drives ambitious and innovative public policy, positioning the territory at the forefront of a successful insular transition model.

With solar, wind, and eco-activities, the territory is developing high-potential sectors and strengthening its role as a model for energy transition in the Pacific.

### OBJECTIVES

- **Reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 70%** by 2035.
- **Decarbonize industry and metallurgy.**
- Develop a **hydrogen sector** with quantified targets.
- Improve **energy efficiency** in buildings and promote **low-carbon mobility**.

### KEY FIGURES

- More than **10,000 rooftop photovoltaic installations** (households and businesses).
- Since 2023, a 25 MWh battery has been stabilizing the New Caledonian grid around the clock.
- In 2024, 680 GWh were produced from renewable sources (photovoltaic excluding self-consumption, wind, hydropower, biogas).
- **Renewables are projected to represent 65%** of the energy mix by 2025.





# Ocean Economy

New Caledonia has a major asset: a maritime zone of nearly **1.5 million km<sup>2</sup>**, much of which includes a lagoon listed as a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**. This natural wealth forms the foundation of a diversified and future-oriented **blue economy**.

## OBJECTIVES

- Develop tourism linked to the sea and safeguard the lagoon.
- Promote responsible fishing and expand sustainable aquaculture.
- Strengthen maritime and port infrastructure.

## KEY FIGURES

- The Port of Nouméa ranks as the **second-largest French overseas port**, after Réunion, in terms of total import and export volumes (largely due to ore transport).
- In 2023, the blue economy represented 3% of total employment in the territory (2,281 jobs out of 68,048).
- In 2023, the maritime transport sector in New Caledonia generated XPF 16.4 billion in revenue and involved more than 300 companies.
- The OECD forecasts that the added value of the blue economy will double by 2030. The aquaculture sector in New Caledonia already demonstrates this potential for sustainable growth.

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# Digital Economy

As a true driver of transformation and diversification, the digital sector is emerging as a key area for the future. New Caledonia aims to become a genuine **regional digital hub**, making technology a powerful lever for competitiveness, innovation, and social transformation.

## OBJECTIVES

- Promote **digital inclusion** and reduce territorial and social divides.
- Stimulate **growth among local digital companies** and encourage regional and international partnerships.
- Expand **high-speed and ultra-high-speed broadband infrastructure** to improve territorial coverage and business services.
- Accelerate **the digitalization of public services**.
- Support **training and digital skills development** to anticipate labor market needs.

## KEY FIGURES

- The digital sector represents around **4% of New Caledonia's GDP**, compared to an OECD average of 6%.
- Nearly **400 companies are active in the digital economy**, employing around **2,500 people**.
- **90% of households** have internet access, but there are significant disparities between urban areas (96%) and rural areas (59%).
- **95% of New Caledonians** own a smartphone, but only **62% use it for administrative procedures**.

The regional digital market is expected to reach nearly **XPF 50 billion** by 2027.



# Ecosystem

The implementation of public policies in New Caledonia relies on strategic government leadership and is strongly supported by dynamic public-private partnerships. This close collaboration is a key driver in addressing the economic, environmental, and social challenges faced by the island territory.

## Clusters (business groupings by sector)



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**NOUVELLE  
CALÉDONIE**



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# AQUALONE

Irrigation to improve your business performance and costs savings

## WHO WE ARE ?

### Revolutionizing Irrigation for a Sustainable Future

Did you know that irrigation accounts for 75% of the world's freshwater usage? Aqualone is here to change that with our groundbreaking IoT solution that slashes water and input consumption by over 50%.

Our cutting-edge system leverages patented technology to optimize watering in real-time by measuring soil evapotranspiration, ensuring robust crops while promoting sustainable resource management.

**Innovation Leader:** Aqualone is a game-changing startup, acclaimed in Oceania and awarded in Europe and the USA. **Tackling Pacific Challenges:** Addressing key issues in Pacific countries, Aqualone promotes food self-sufficiency and sustainable freshwater management.

**Timely Solution:** Our technology optimizes irrigation, tackling the 75% freshwater consumption challenge head-on.

**High ROI:** With a highly successful business model, Aqualone offers customers rapid return on investment in less than a year and competitive edge.

**PacificTech Pioneer:** As part of the PacificTech community, Aqualone meets strategic country challenges and operational needs of irrigators, boosting rural agricultural productivity.

## PRODUCTS

→ Water sports fields and agriculture production

→ Turn irrigation to a business competitive benefit and cost saver

→ Control remotely your irrigation

## INTERESTS

“Interested to find clients, partners and distributors

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# ARBE

## CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRIE, MINE & MAINTENANCE

### WHO WE ARE ?

Arbé is a New Caledonian company founded in 1967. Specialising in the construction and public works sector, it is based in Nouméa, New Caledonia. With an average workforce of 90 people and an annual turnover of 3.5 billion CFP francs (80 million Fijian dollars), Arbé has established itself as a major player in the local construction industry, capable of competing with the large international groups operating in the territory.

Arbé is organised into four complementary sectors: building, civil engineering, marine works and special foundations. This structure enables the company to offer optimised technical solutions tailored to a wide variety of projects: bridges, quays, industrial structures, special foundations, retaining structures, driven piles at sea, lifting operations, buildings of all sizes. Thanks to its comprehensive range of equipment and multidisciplinary teams, Arbé has the capacity to respond effectively to local market needs and seize opportunities beyond its borders, particularly on projects requiring varied expertise and a high degree of adaptability.

### PRODUCTS

- Marine works
- Civil engineering
- Foundations
- Building construction

### INTERESTS

“Expanding through partnerships and sharing our know-how across the Pacific”

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## BCI – Groupe BRED

### BANQUE CALÉDONNIENNE D'INVESTISSEMENT CONSULTING & FORMATION

#### WHO WE ARE ?

Banque Calédonienne d'Investissement» (BCI), member of BRED Group, provides comprehensive banking services to individuals, businesses, and public entities from New Caledonia (headquarter of BCI) to the wider Pacific region, in coordination with BRED Group's subsidiaries like BRED Fiji. Whether you need local financing, cross-border trade support, or advisory services, our team delivers tailored solutions and understands economic environments and stakeholders. We combine local expertise with the international banking standards of a European Group, innovative financial tools, and rigorous compliance to ensure the reliability and the security of your transactions. BCI team is experienced in regional and international operations. Full assistance from A to Z is provided to offer advanced financial solutions, optimize performance, and maximize the return and impact of investments across the Pacific.

#### PRODUCTS

- Corporate & Project Financing
- Cross-Border Trade Support
- Advisory Services

#### INTERESTS

“Interested in new regional clients, business partnerships, and international trade opportunities.



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# CDE

## CALÉDONIENNE DES EAUX

### WHO WE ARE ?

Faced with growing environmental challenges, each day, for more than 160 years, we have been acting in support of our clients and partners to deliver essential services that protect and improve the quality of life wherever we operate.

United by a passion for our work as well as our inclusive culture and team spirit, deeply rooted in our community, we are committed to providing people and the planet with the resources for a common future.

With operations in 40 countries and 40,000 employees, we also enable our customers – whether local authorities or industrial groups – to create value over the entire lifecycle of their assets and services, and to drive their ecological transition, together with their end-users.

Calédonienne des Eaux is the SUEZ subsidiary based in New Caledonia. It has been operating in New Caledonia and the Pacific since 1983 and has been established in Fiji for over 10 years.

### PRODUCTS

**Calédonienne des Eaux has significant expertise in the design and construction of water and wastewater treatment plants:**

→ **Package Plant: UCDs® compact, prefabricated plants, transported in metal containers, which have all the technologies of traditional plants built in concrete.**

→ **Desalinators: standard or tailor-made reverse-osmosis water treatment equipment. These treatment units are easily solarizable.**

### INTERESTS

→ **Renewable energy and climate change**

→ **Business to Business (B2B) and Business to Government (B2G)**

→ **Meeting with Finance Institutions.**

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# CMI

## South Pacific shipping company

### WHO WE ARE ?

Compagnie Maritime des Iles (CMI), founded in 1995 and headquartered in Noumea, New Caledonia, is today a leading provider of maritime transportation services in New-Caledonia.

We ensure delivery of essential goods, including fuel critical for powering vehicles and electricity on remote islands. Our commitment to seamless connectivity supports the daily needs and economic vitality of these communities

Our experienced team of maritime professionals is dedicated to deliver customized end-to-end solutions, from route planning and loading to delivery and maintenance. We uphold rigorous safety standards, environmental compliance, and hold essential certifications for international cabotage.

### PRODUCTS

- Shipping container (dry & refrigerated)
- Bulk & breakbulk cargo
- Vehicles & rolling equipment
- Fuels

### INTERESTS

“Explore growth and partnerships in the South Pacific.”

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# GIEP-NC

## Labour-Market Access and Career Development Group

### WHO WE ARE ?

GIEP-NC (New Caledonia Labour-Market Access and Career Development Group) was set up in 2019 and incorporates EFPA (Adult Vocational Training Centre), EMM (Maritime College) and IDC-NC (New Caledonia Skill Development Institute).

GIEP-NC is truly a New Caledonian economic development asset and skill cluster offering:

engineering services and training geared towards economic and labour-market needs to its corporate and government clients through modular, competency-based, ongoing training.

tailor-made courses to its trainees to help them acquire knowledge, skills, know-how and life skills.

This government institution provides qualifying courses at levels V and IV, i.e. leading to either national Ministry of Labour and Employment or New Caledonian qualifications in vocational areas.

In terms of maritime training, GIEP-NC has both long courses meeting Merchant Navy requirements and short-course certificates for topping up longer courses as well as non-certificate one-week courses for fishermen or future promoters.

### PRODUCTS

**GIEP-NC develops customised training adapted to company needs, from initial skills assessment to tailored modules. Delivered in-company or in realistic training facilities, courses align with workplace practices. Expertise covers Industry, Transport & Logistics, Vehicle Maintenance, Hospitality, and Maritime trades, helping firms define specifications and strengthen workforce competencies effectively.**

### INTERESTS



**One key challenge in hydrogen transport is its unique nature, demanding advanced tube systems, materials, and skills. To address this, GIEP-NC and AFPA launched hydrogen-focused welding training, part of New Caledonia's energy transition, co-financed by the EU Pacific Program by end of 2026.**

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## I2F – Financial and Tax Engineering

Financial Structuring, Advisory, and Funding  
Support for Investment Projects in Fiji, New Caledonia, French  
Polynesia, Australia and New Zealand

### WHO WE ARE ?

I2F is a consultancy firm specializing in financial advisory and structuring services for investors seeking to develop projects in the South Pacific, particularly in Fiji, French Polynesia, and New Caledonia. With headquarters in New Caledonia and French Polynesia, and with BRED bank, SOCIETE GENERALE Bank and SOCREDO Bank among its shareholders, I2F collaborates closely with a network of trusted partners in French Polynesia, New Caledonia, Wallis and Futuna, Australia, New Zealand, and France.

Our core expertise spans project feasibility analysis, business creation or acquisition support, and end-to-end assistance for the preparation and submission of financing applications – whether through private investors, financial institutions, or governmental and international grants or subsidy programs.

At I2F, we are driven by values of professionalism, expertise, and integrity. Through our tailored services, we actively contribute to the economic and social development of the South Pacific region, with a strong focus on sustainability and environmental responsibility.

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### PRODUCTS

- **Feasibility and financial analysis of investment projects**
- **Full support in preparing and lodging credit or grant applications**
- **Facilitation and intermediation with private investors and financial institutions**

### INTERESTS

- **Identifying foreign investors interested in investing in Fiji (several already in portfolio)**
- **Identifying Fijian investors seeking partnerships with foreign stakeholders for joint investment projects in Fiji**
- **Identifying local investors looking to invest in New Caledonia, French Polynesia, Australia, or New Zealand**
- **Developing partnerships with M&A advisors, accounting firms, law firms, and financial institutions interested in collaborating with I2F**





# OASIS Pacific

A resilient network of island-based solutions for a sustainable future

## WHO WE ARE ?

OASIS Pacific is a collaborative alliance bringing together four companies with over 20 years of expertise in sustainability and climate resilience across Pacific islands.

EMR provides environmental engineering from mountain to reef ecosystems.

Ecolobblue NC deploys solar-ready atmospheric water generators for safe drinking water.

HAKA structures climate adaptation strategies / projects, training and financing.

Swiss Pacific Trading drives circular economy through ferronickel slag valorization for resilient construction.

Together, we deliver practical, locally owned solutions that strengthen access to water / food security and infrastructure resilience, ensuring fast and cost-effective deployment with strong community ownership.

## PRODUCTS

→ **Water Security:** deploying solar-ready atmospheric water generators for schools, clinics, communities...

→ **Food Security:** developing farming containers & active rainwater harvesting systems.

→ **Construction:** valorizing ferronickel slag for concrete, blocks, roads & coastal protection.

→ **Consulting:** providing environmental studies, climate adaptation, project financing.

## INTERESTS



We aim to connect with European and Pacific partners to finance and scale fast, cost-effective and locally owned projects. Our goal: visible impact for donors and trusted support to island governments in structuring and delivering resilience initiatives.

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# Pacific Peering

## for a SMART future

### WHO WE ARE ?

Founded in 2020, Pacific Peering is a pioneering force in international connectivity and digital development across the Pacific region.

With offices in Nouméa, Paris, and Washington DC, we bridge continents to deliver innovative solutions that strengthen digital sovereignty and resilience for island nations and coastal communities.

Beyond connectivity, we are driving a new frontier in deep-sea monitoring through the deployment of SMART submarine cables — Science Monitoring and Reliable Telecommunications.

These next-generation cables, equipped with embedded scientific sensors, not only provide robust and secure telecommunications, but also deliver real-time seismic and climate data from some of the world's most at-risk regions.

At Pacific Peering, our mission is to combine technology, sustainability, and ocean science — shaping a digital and environmental future that benefits both people and the planet.

### PRODUCTS

➔ **Pacific Peering Services Platform is an advanced solution dedicated to the collection, storage, and distribution of SMART data in real time.**

### INTERESTS



**Pacific Peering works to promote SMART technology. We are also active in seeking financing and in providing technical and financial support**

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# SOCADIME

## A SONEPAR COMPANY

### WHO WE ARE ?

SOCADIME is a company specialising in the distribution of electrical equipment and air conditioning systems, established in New Caledonia since 1983.

With a heritage spanning more than 60 years through the ZYMANSKI and SPOT brands, it has established itself as an essential partner for electrical professionals working in the residential, tertiary, industrial and climate engineering sectors. With offices in Nouméa and Koné, SOCADIME offers a wide range of products and technical solutions tailored to local needs.

SOCADIME is expanding its activities beyond New Caledonia to cover the Pacific region. Its services are aimed in particular at the markets of Vanuatu, Papua New Guinea, Fiji and the Solomon Islands.

### PRODUCTS

- **Electrical equipment**
- **Process & industrial control**
- **Power distribution & Renewable Energy**
- **HVAC system**

### INTERESTS



**Establishing connections within the hospitality, construction, and engineering sectors, as well as with leading local and international stakeholders, to address requirements in electrical equipment and air conditioning engineering solutions.**

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# SOCALAIT

Food & beverages manufacturer and distributor

## WHO WE ARE ?

Our Caledonian company was established on March 1st 1973. It is specialized in the production and distribution of dairy products such as cheeses, yoghurts and in the wholesale of fresh, dry and frozen products. We market our products throughout New Caledonia and we also export to Wallis, Vanuatu and Tahiti.

Our products such as yoghurts (under Yoplait license), ice creams (under Miko license) and chocolate (local brand Lapita) are produced locally.

Socalait is a distributor in the pacific of major cheese manufacturers such as BEL and LACTALIS.

## PRODUCTS

- Fresh Dairy Products Creams
- Cheeses
- Butters & Margarines
- Beverages
- Chocolates
- Ice creams Desserts

## INTERESTS

Interested to find clients as well as distributors in Fiji

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# Syrius Solar Industry

Solar Water heater manufacturer

## WHO WE ARE ?

Syrius Solar New Caledonia manufactures, delivers, installs, and commissions solar water heaters. Whether you are individuals or professionals, our team is committed to provide you with tailored and turnkey solutions from the design to the delivery and technical support to concretize your project. We use quality materials and state-of-the-art solar heating technology. We integrate strict quality control into our manufacturing process as witnessed by the SolarKeymark certification and the 10 years warranty on our products.

The Syrius Solar Industry team of engineers specialising in renewable energy is proficient in designing turnkey projects, from conception to completion. Assistance from A to Z to offer you the most advanced technology in the sector of solar thermal energy and to obtain the best performance and ROI from your installations.

## PRODUCTS

- Individual solar water heaters
- Collective solar water heaters
- Components

## INTERESTS

Interested to find clients, partners and a distributor in Fiji.

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# UP Construction

## Innovative construction solutions

### WHO WE ARE ?

UP Construction NC is a New Caledonian general contractor founded in 2020 and based in Nouméa. Specializing in reinforced concrete structures, it operates throughout New Caledonia. It offers a wide range of services, from dock and building construction to civil engineering works. It is involved in both new construction and major renovation projects. The company's compact size (between 20 and 30 employees) allows it to be flexible and responsive, enabling it to adapt to specific project environments (occupied sites, industrial sites, time constraints, etc.).

UP Construction works in collaboration with a network of partner companies and design offices. Its small size, experience, and partnerships enable it to respond effectively to the requirements of technical projects and the expectations of its customers.

The development of innovations such as Rise Up formwork will, in the short term, provide effective solutions that are particularly suited to sustainable and resilient development projects in Pacific island territories.

### PRODUCTS

- Reinforced concrete structures
- Buildings/Civil works
- Foundations
- Retaining structures
- Innovative "Design and build" solutions

### INTERESTS



**Providing innovative, constructive solutions to local economic stakeholders. Offering our services to foreign companies and investors wishing to set up operations in Fiji**

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# Vergnet Pacific

Renewable energy solutions provider

## WHO WE ARE ?

Vergnet Pacific, established in New Caledonia for **over 20 years** and operating through its subsidiaries in Wallis and Futuna, Fiji, and French Polynesia, is a **leading player in the energy transition and sustainable resource management** across the Pacific.

The company **designs, develops, and operates innovative solutions in renewable energy** (solar and wind) as well as in the **water sector**.

Recent projects include the installation of a solar power plant in Poutum to **support drinking water production**, the **rehabilitation of water catchments** in Futuna, and the **modernization of public lighting** in Wallis and Futuna.

Vergnet Pacific has also deployed **rooftop solar plants** in New Caledonia and Wallis and Futuna and is preparing the commissioning of ground-mounted solar farms in this territory. The company also ensures the **maintenance of the wind farms** in Prony and Kafeate alongside Alizés Énergie, carries out **relamping projects** in Koné, and leads the repowering of wind turbines in Fiji.

Beyond these achievements, Vergnet Pacific leverages its technical expertise to serve the **wider region**, with missions carried out in Vanuatu, Guam, and Micronesia, thus **contributing to the sustainable and resilient development of island territories**.

## PRODUCTS

- **Wind solutions**
- **Photovoltaic solutions**
- **Hybrid solutions**
- **Water solutions**
- **Solutions to independant power producers**
- **Solutions for electricity supply companies**

## INTERESTS

“ **Interested to find new partnerships and clients in Fiji** ”

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# VOLT NC

## GREEN ENERGY

### WHO WE ARE ?

VOLT NC, a New Caledonian engineering firm founded in 2016, positions itself as a specialist in electricity and renewable energy. The company operates in New Caledonia and across the islands of the South Pacific, such as Fiji, Kiribati, and French Polynesia. VOLT NC offers a full range of services to meet domestic, commercial, and industrial needs. Its services include project management assistance, project supervision, design, implementation, and maintenance of electrical and solar installations. The company also stands out for its development of autonomous solutions designed for remote areas.

Our expertise in island and remote environments is the strength of VOLT NC. Through our projects in New Caledonia and the South Pacific, we have demonstrated our commitment to CSR by actively involving local communities for sustainable development. Furthermore, our company builds on over 25 years of experience in project management and owner's assistance for international industrial projects, ensuring rigorous execution and high-level expertise.

### PRODUCTS

- **Studies/design/implementation of renewable energy production solutions**
- **Distribution of solar pumping equipment and renewable energy production materials**
- **Project management / owner's assistance**
- **Support/advice on selecting and implementing photovoltaic systems**

### INTERESTS

- **Meet potential clients**
- **Showcase VOLT's expertise**

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