

## The Pacific Platform for Disaster Risk Management – Concept Note

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### Session number and title:

***No. 3a: Pacific Framework for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities – stakeholder consultations for DRR***

Date and time: 15.30 – 17.00, Mon 24 Oct

Length of session: 1.5 hours

### List of Speakers:

- Mr Setareki Macanawai (Pacific Disability Forum)
- Mr Laisiasa Merumeru, PIFS
- NDMO Fiji (TBC)
- Mr Katabwena Tawaka, Pacific Disability Forum (chair)

### Objectives:

To launch the Pacific Framework for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities: 2016 – 2025, and to facilitate a discussion around the achievement of Goal 4: Include persons with disabilities in climate change adaptation measures and disaster risk management plans and policies

### Expected Outcomes:

Specific steps are proposed in which to realise the 2 outcomes of Goal 4.

### Background:

The Pacific Framework for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities: 2016 -2025 (PFRPD) follows the Pacific Regional Strategy on Disability: 2010- 2015 (PRSD) which was endorsed by the first Forum Disability Ministers' Meeting (FDMM) in Cook Islands in 2009 and by PIF Leaders in August 2010. A review of the PRSD highlighted the need to address a number of priorities through a new regional Framework on the rights of persons with disabilities, taking into account the United Nations (UN) Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

(CRPD) as well as a range of other regional and international instruments, including the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The PFRPD follows the definition of disability as outlined in Article 1 of the CRPD: “disability results from the interaction between persons with impairments and attitudinal and environmental barriers that hinders their full and effective participation in society on an equal basis with others”. The CRPD promotes a human rights approach to disability and enshrines the social model of disability as the spirit of the Convention. All persons with disabilities are included in this definition – men, women, children, youth and older persons. Women with disabilities are recognised as a particularly vulnerable group and in response to the PIF Leaders call for more focus on the needs of women and girls with disabilities in 2013, their rights are specifically addressed throughout the PFRPD: 2016-2025.

The purpose of the PFRPD is to:

- Support Pacific governments to promote, protect and fulfil the rights of persons with disabilities as outlined in the CRPD; and
- Provide a regional modality to strengthen coordination and collaboration in support of national initiatives.

Disaster Risk Management is a key pillar of the PFRPD, with Goal 4 listed as “Include persons with disabilities in climate change adaptation measures and disaster risk management plans and policies”. This links to the Sendai Framework for DRR, as well as Goals 11 and 13 of the SDGs. The 2 strategies to achieve this goal are:

- a. Promote the development of regional guidelines for disability inclusive disaster risk management plans; and
- b. Promote awareness of disability inclusive climate change resilience programmes and disaster risk management plans.

The 2 expected outcomes are:

- i. All national climate change adaptation strategies, disaster risk management plans, and legal frameworks specifically address the needs of persons with disabilities, especially women, children and older persons (CRPD Article 11; Incheon Target 7.A);
- ii. Post-disaster needs and sectoral assessments conducted in the region are inclusive of persons with disabilities (Incheon Target 7.B);

This session will propose several guiding questions to facilitate a discussion around the specific steps required to achieve the 2 outcomes and Goal 4 of the PFRPD.

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