

The Pacific Platform for Disaster Risk Management – Concept Note

24-26 October 2016 | Venue: Holiday Inn - Suva, FIJI



Session number and title:

No. 1: FRDP – Outcome of Pacific Leaders Meeting 2016

Date and time: Monday 24 October 1100-1230

Length of session: 1.5 hours

Chair: Mr Scott Hook – PIFS

Film: A Resilient Future

List of Speakers:

Key Note Address:

Mrs Cristelle Pratt – Deputy Secretary-General, Pacific Island Forum Secretariat (PIFS)

Panel: 5-10 mins each + Q & A Session:

- Ms Filomena Nelson, National Disaster Management Office Director, Government of Samoa
- Dr Neta Pelesikoti, Director of Climate Change, Secretariat of Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)
- Ms Finau Limuloa, Pacific Disaster Law Delegate, International Federation of the Red Cross (IFRC)
- Mr Howard Politini, Chair of Pacific Island Private Sector Organisation (PIPSO)
- Mr Jesus Lavina, Head of Infrastructure, Natural Resources, Environment & Energy Section, European Union Delegation's for the Pacific

Objectives:

- Inform stakeholders of the recent process and decision of Pacific Leaders to endorse the new *Framework for Resilient Development in the Pacific* (FRDP);

- Provide broad overview of key messages of the FRDP including vision, goals, integrated approach, all stakeholder approach, human rights approach and mainstreaming into sectors and development processes.
- Provide perspectives on the FRDP in relation to support for existing and future actions to build resilience from different stakeholders including Pacific Island countries, the private sector, donors, civil society, and regional organisations.
- Provide a forum for Question and Answer from the audience to facilitate a better understanding of the key messages of the FRDP and what it means for the region.

Note that Session 2: *Synergies between Global and Regional Strategies on DRR and Resilience* (13:30 – 15:00) will provide stakeholders with an overview of how the FRDP links with other global strategies and agreements, and of the next steps for the regional coordination of the FRDP through the proposed Pacific Resilience Partnership (PRP) Working Group to be established.

Background:

The *Framework for Resilient Development in the Pacific: An Integrated Approach to Address Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management* (FRDP) 2017 – 2030 was endorsed by Pacific Island Leaders on the 11 September 2016 in Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia. The Pacific Island Leaders agreed for the Framework to be fully elaborated and operationalised upon the entry into force of the Paris Agreement and recognised its potential to support coordination and action on a number of key issues related to climate change and disaster risk management.

The Framework provides high level strategic guidance to different stakeholder groups in the Pacific Islands region on how to enhance resilience to climate change and disasters, in ways that contribute to and are embedded in sustainable development. The FRDP provides guidance of relevance to national and subnational governments and administrations, civil society, communities, the private sector, regional organisations and development partners.

The framework applies an all stakeholder approach, a human rights approach and guidance to integrate climate change and disaster risk management actions where possible. The framework also identifies the need for integration of risk reduction and adaptation considerations into development planning processes including finance and budget processes. Climate change and disaster risks are cross-cutting and action must therefore take place at the sectoral level. Development sectors (such as health, education, water and sanitation, social assistance, energy, agriculture, fisheries, forestry, tourism, mining, culture, transport, environment and infrastructure) are recognized as having a particularly important role to play in owning and implementing resilient development measures.

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