

The Pacific Platform for Disaster Risk Management – Concept Note

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Session number and title:

No. 8a : Local Government Resilience

Date and time: Wednesday 26 October, 09.00

Length of session: 1.5 hours

List of Speakers:

1. Moortaza Jiwanji, UNDP (Facilitator)
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3. Ana Bing Fonua, CEO Ministry Internal Affairs, Tonga
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Objectives:

- To understand the important role of local government in implementing the Sendai and Regional Framework for Resilience Development (FRDP)
- For regional and international partners to collectively understand and commit to supporting local government in resilient development
- To provide recommendations for collective action by partners and local government.

Background:

Cities and towns in the Pacific have a critical role to play in building their resilience to disasters and climate change. However the role of local governments in relation to other levels of government and agencies is often not clearly delineated, and the capacity of local governments to reduce disaster risk and to lead response and recovery for their communities is often overlooked and can be very limited. This session will explore the 'niche' occupied by towns and provinces in delivering disaster risk reduction measures and identify opportunities for international agencies to support this role.

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