

Pacific Platform for Disaster Risk Management 2011

“Working together to protect Pacific communities from the risks posed by natural and climate related hazards.”

First Announcement

The Pacific Platform for Disaster Risk Management 2011 (Platform) is an opportunity for Pacific island countries and territories to share experiences and knowledge in building the resilience of their island communities to disasters.

The Platform will bring together disaster managers from 23 Pacific island countries and territories, Chief Executive Officers of Ministries of Finance, Planning, Disaster Management as well as members of the Pacific Disaster Risk Management (DRM) Partnership Network. The Platform covers a wide spectrum of stakeholders including government, national, regional and international development partner organisations, donors, civil society and the private sector.

The functions of the Platform as per its establishment in 2008 are to:

- 1. Strengthen coherence and coordination of regional disaster risk management support through joint initiatives and joint work programming, especially in relation to National Action Plans.**
- 2. Exchange information and lessons learned in key thematic and technical areas that have formed for DRM such as Climate Change Adaptation, education, safer hospitals and early warning.**
- 3. Influence and establish policy through advocacy and informed dialogue by recognising and realising the essential links between science and technical levels to the political and policy level. This will contribute to the setting of regional DRM priorities and policy and, establishing linkages with National Platforms, various regional meetings, inter-governmental processes, and the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction.**
- 4. Improve reporting, monitoring and evaluation of progress in DRM at regional and national levels. This will ensure that implementation of the Pacific Disaster Risk Reduction and Disaster Management Framework for Action 2005 – 2015 and the Hyogo Framework for Action 2005 - 2015 analyzed against a minimum set of indicators and benchmarks to accurately gauge progress against the objectives set under the regional and global frameworks, respectively.**

The meeting will be hosted by the New Zealand Ministry of Civil Defence and Emergency Management and will be held in Auckland, New Zealand from 1st – 5th August 2011.

Further information on the venue and arrangements for the meetings will be circulated in the near future.

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