

The Pacific Platform for Disaster Risk Management – Concept Note

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Session number and title:

No. 6: Implementing Frameworks at the national level

Date and time: Tuesday October 25th 2016, 13:30-15:00

Venue: Lali Room, Holiday Inn

Length of session: 1.5 hours

Chair: Dr Neta Pelesikoti, Director of Climate Change, Secretariat of Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)

List of Speakers:

1. Mr Antonio Eliu, Republic of Marshall Islands, Director National Disaster Management Office

Responses to 2012/13 and 2015/16 droughts and how the various DRR interventions have been implemented to enhance the water security and reduce impacts of droughts.

2. Mr Manasa Tagicakibau Commissioner Western, Government of Fiji

Recovery efforts in Fiji following the impacts of TC Winston. How preparedness, response and recovery are strengthened through implemented principles of risk reduction.

Break out session questions:

TBA

Objectives:

The main objectives of the session will be to:

1. Showcase actions at the national level to build resilience to climate change and disasters and implement the *Framework for Resilient Development in the Pacific* (FRDP), in particular Goal 3: Strengthen preparedness, response and recovery, as well as the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction and Paris Agreement on Climate Change.
2. Highlight action particularly in relation to preparedness, response and recovery and how adaptation and disaster risk reduction can be integrated.
3. Identify gaps and opportunities for national level implementation of the FRDP and international frameworks.

The expected outcomes of the session will be:

1. Shared examples and lessons learnt from actions to build resilience to climate change and disasters at the national level particularly through preparedness, response and recovery that work towards implementing the FRDP and international frameworks.
2. Identification of gaps and opportunities for further implementation of frameworks.

Background:

The *Framework for Resilient Development in the Pacific* (FRDP) 2017 – 2030 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.

Goal 3 aims for strengthened disaster preparedness, response and recovery. Pursuing this goal includes improving the capacity of PICTs to prepare for emergencies and disasters, thereby ensuring timely and effective response and recovery in relation to both rapid and slow onset disasters, which may be exacerbated or caused by climate change. Disaster preparedness, response and recovery initiatives will reduce undue human losses and suffering, and minimize adverse consequences for national, provincial, local and community economic, social and environmental systems. Given response will be the focus of the Pacific Humanitarian Partnership (19- 21 October), this session will focus on recovery.

The *Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015- 2030* is the global framework is the first major agreement of the post-2015 development agenda, with seven targets and four priorities for actions with the aim of substantial reduction of disaster risk and losses in lives, livelihoods and health and in the economic, physical, social, cultural and environmental assets of persons, businesses, communities and countries.

The Sendai Framework puts a focus on preventing new disaster risks, reducing existing disaster risks that also strengthen resilience; and calls various measures to prevent and reduce hazard exposure and vulnerability, increase preparedness and recovery. This requires a shift from standalone disaster management or risk management to more holistic risk resilient development practice. This shift of thinking and action from risk management to disaster risk resilient development requires support of regional and international cooperation and thus need to be incorporated in the architecture and thinking of the regional platforms/ ministerial conferences.

The UNFCCC Paris Agreement on Climate Change, adopted in 2015 under the UNFCCC, aims to strengthen the global response to the threat of climate change, in the context of sustainable development and efforts to eradicate poverty. Significant national and regional level work will be required to address the commitments and actions outlined in the Agreement and associated decisions. PICs will need technical support from regional and international agencies to contribute and interact effectively.

Article 2 outlines the global goal to increase the ability to adapt to the adverse impacts of climate change and foster climate resilience and low greenhouse gas emissions development, in a manner that does not threaten food production. Article 7 provides detail on the global goal on adaptation of enhancing adaptive capacity, strengthening resilience and reducing vulnerability to climate change, with a view to contributing to sustainable development and ensuring an adequate adaptation response in the context of the temperature goal referred to in Article 2.

Significant actions to implement the FRDP and international frameworks are being undertaken at the national level across the region.

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