



Pacific Platform for Disaster Risk Management 2016

Outcome Statement

WE, the representatives of and participants from Australia, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Nauru, New Zealand, Niue, Republic of Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Timor-Leste, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu, civil society organisations including the private sector; international and regional organisations; and development partners attending the Pacific Platform for Disaster Risk Management in Suva, 24 – 26 October, 2016;

MINDFUL of the challenge of strengthening the climate and disaster resilience of the Pacific Islands region in the context of sustainable development;

MINDFUL of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, the Sustainable Development Agenda and the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, as well as related international and regional frameworks including the Framework for Resilient Development in the Pacific (FRDP);

MINDFUL of the outcomes from the Pacific Regional Disaster Resilience Meeting 2015;

1. **REAFFIRM** commitments to implement the new Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (2015-2030) and the Framework for Resilient Development in the Pacific (FRDP) (2017-2030) to build a stronger and more resilient region to disasters and climate change.
2. **ACKNOWLEDGE** the role of the FRDP to guide implementation of the Sendai Framework, the Paris Agreement and the Sustainable Development Goals at the regional and national level.
3. **ACKNOWLEDGE** the role of the FRDP to enhance resilience and address climate change and disaster risk through risk informed development and mainstreaming into sectors by all stakeholders ensuring inclusive participation of the most vulnerable.
4. **RECOGNISE** the need to fully integrate climate change and disaster risks into development, instead of simply adding on risk on to development. Risk governance provides the enabling environment for risk informed development through people, mechanisms and processes.
5. **IMPLEMENT** Goal 4 of the Pacific Framework for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities 2016-2022, recently adopted by Pacific Leaders, into national frameworks

and ensure the full and effective participation of persons with disabilities in the process.

6. **RECOMMEND** that Pacific Island countries and territories and partners take relevant steps to improve their understanding of climate and disaster risk, including through
 1. Collection of data and analysis of risk factors such as gender, age, land rights, human mobility and socio-economic status.
 2. Sound science and technology, including through capacity building and research, with the support of UNISDR Science and Technology Advisory Group (STAG) and explore the development of a Pacific Science and Technology Advisory Group to coordinate science and evidence base sharing for implementation.
 3. Documentation and application of traditional and local knowledge systems.
7. **COMMEND** the commitment by the Governments of Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu to be School Safety Champions for the Pacific region and School Safety Leaders as part of the Worldwide Initiative for Safe Schools (WISS), and to report back on achievements, progress and challenges. Encourage governments of other Pacific Island nations to also commit to WISS.
8. **RECOMMEND** that Ministries of Education lead in the identification of a sustainable mechanism for regional coordination to promote progress in achieving school safety, through synergies and economies of scale. Call for a greater investment in knowledge exchange, shared learning, and technical support.
9. **RECOGNISE** the critical role the private sector plays in the effective implementation of the FRDP through building resilience within business as well as supporting government and communities; and the need to strengthen governance arrangements through leadership, coordination, and partnerships.
10. **COMMIT** to placing the protection of core human rights including the right to life, safety, dignity, and non-discrimination at the center of all actions related to climate change and disasters. Enhance inclusive approaches to ensure the needs, capacities and priorities of all people including those disproportionately impacted are duly considered.
11. **REAFFIRM** that reporting for the FRDP will utilize existing monitoring and reporting commitments under relevant international frameworks including the Sendai Framework, Paris Agreement and Sustainable Development Goals.
12. **RECOMMEND** Pacific Island countries and territories coordinate stakeholders, collect data and report under the Sendai Framework, and this information is used for informed national decision making and priority setting.
13. **REQUEST** UNISDR to facilitate and support Pacific Island countries and territories where relevant in the monitoring and evaluation process for the Sendai Framework, including support towards building databases at the national level with the ability to

collect baseline and monitoring disaggregated data (sex and age), and consider capacity building exercises to improve the reporting into the system.

14. **RECOGNISE** the need to strengthen the institutional mandate for local government to solidify its role in building resilient communities and as a conduit between community and partners at local and national levels.
15. **SUPPORT** the professionalization of the resilience sector through capacity building and the establishment of Pacific Regional Federation for Resilience Professionals (PRFRP).
16. **ACKNOWLEDGE** the need for the region to follow International Health Regulations and support the WHO Safe Hospital Programmes.
17. **RECOMMEND** that 'build back better' and safer principles integrate cultural dimensions and knowledge including in the areas of non engineered and heritage architecture, intangible skills and environmental sustainability to bolster the resilience of infrastructure, societies and communities in the Pacific.
18. **RECOMMEND** Pacific Island countries and territories and development partners to further develop multi hazard early warning systems and mechanisms for disseminating warnings at national and local levels in a reliable and timely manner.
19. **ACKNOWLEDGE** the importance of making agriculture, water and food systems resilient and adapt to the effects of climate change and disasters.
20. **REQUEST** UNISDR to facilitate Pacific stakeholder inputs to the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction 2017, including transmission of outcomes from the Pacific Platform for Disaster Risk Management 2016 and the organisation through a working group of a Pacific Delegation to participate in the Global Platform.
21. **REAFFIRM** the role the Pacific Resilience Partnership (PRP) should have in bringing together the Pacific Climate Change Roundtable and the Pacific Platform for Disaster Risk Management.
22. **RECOGNISE** the value of collaborative regional meetings for bringing together humanitarian and disaster risk management stakeholders, and acknowledge the support of development partners for these meetings.
23. **REAFFIRM** the dedication and contribution of Pacific Island countries and territories and partners to reducing disaster and climate risk and enhancing resilience.

Endorsed and adopted on 26 October 2016.