



NATIONAL DISASTER AWARENESS WEEK Launch | 2017

Theme: BE TSUNAMI READY

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National Disaster Awareness Week

The 2017 National Disaster Awareness Week (NDAW) will focus on increasing understanding and preparation for tsunamis. The week launch also coincides with the UNISDR International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction on October 13, where the focus for 2017 is to reduce the number of affected people by disaster by 2030.

This is also one of the key focuses of the Fijian Government given its importance towards the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, the Paris Agreement, and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction.

Tsunami preparedness activities for 2017 will culminate in a National Tsunami Drill.

The key objectives of the National Disaster Awareness Week are:

- ◆ To build and test functional systems for warnings, evacuation, and response
- ◆ To enhance and expand working relationships between key stakeholders
- ◆ To increase Fiji's preparedness for tsunami events nationwide.

Disaster awareness week activities are being spearheaded by the Divisional Commissioners in the 4 divisions beginning on the 13th of October, 2017.

NDAW Launch Programme

Time	Activity
9:30-10:00	Guests and public to be seated
10:20-10:30	Arrival of Chief Guest
10:30-10:35	National Anthem
10:35-10:40	Garlanding of Chief Guest
10:40-10:45	Opening Prayer
10:45-10:50	Introductory Remarks
10:50-11:10	Official Opening
11:10-11:20	Cake Cutting
11:20-11:30	Launching of National Humanitarian Policy and National Tsunami Response Plan
11:30-12:00	Remarks by UNISDR Representative Presentation by Key Agencies
12:00-12:30	* Mineral Resources Department * Fiji Meteorological Services
12:30-13:00	Refreshment and Entertainment
13:00-14:00	Presentation by Fiji Disabled Peoples Federation
14:00-14:10	Entertainment
14:10-14:30	Presentation by Save the Children
14:30-14:40	Entertainment
14:40-15:00	Presentation by Ministry of Women, Children, and Poverty Alleviation
15:10-15:40	Presentation by Fiji Red Cross
15:40-15:50	Entertainment
15:50-1600	Closing Remarks by PS MRMDNDM&MS, Meleti Bainimarama

