



SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT

2013 JOINT MEETING OF THE PACIFIC PLATFORM FOR DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT AND PACIFIC CLIMATE CHANGE ROUNDTABLE

The Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC), the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR) and the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) are pleased to confirm the convening of the 2013 Joint Meeting of the Pacific Platform for Disaster Risk Management and Pacific Climate Change Roundtable, on 8–11 July at the Sofitel Resort & Spa, Denarau, in Nadi, Fiji.

In 2011 the Pacific region agreed to develop an integrated regional strategy for disaster risk management and climate change by 2015 to succeed the current separate frameworks: Pacific Disaster Risk Reduction and Disaster Management Framework for Action 2005–2015 and Pacific Islands Framework for Action on Climate Change 2006–2015. As part of the process of developing the integrated strategy, SPC, UNISDR and SPREP agreed to convene a joint meeting bringing together actors in disaster risk management and climate change in 2013 to discuss key issues, challenges and opportunities that can be taken into consideration in the formulation of the integrated strategy.

Both disasters and climate change can impact on sustainable development. In beginning the development of the strategy, the Pacific is the first region in the world to take steps to provide an integrated response to them at the regional, national and sub national level.

The joint meeting will follow a series of separate regional meetings that will be held in Nadi, Fiji on 1–5 July 2013.

The separate meetings include:

- 19th Regional Disaster Managers Meeting, 1–3 July, Tanoa International Hotel
- Pacific Meteorological Council, 1–5 July, Novotel Hotel
- Strategic Alliance Meeting of Pacific Islands Disaster, Fire & Emergency Services and Police, 3–5 July, Tanoa International Hotel
- Pacific Climate Change Roundtable, 3–5 July, Westin Resort
- Pacific Regional Water & Sanitation Consultations, 1–3 July, Tanoa International Hotel

Documents relating to the above meetings are available through a dedicated website:
www.pacificdisasterclimatemeeting2013.net

Through the website you will also be able to:

- Register for the meetings you wish to attend
- Read and download relevant documents concerning the meetings, such as concept notes, a time table and agendas
- Get a better understanding of the administrative arrangements for:
 - participants funded by SPC and SPREP
 - self-funded participants

The documentation may be revised as we get closer to July; you are invited to regularly visit the website for updates. We will collect contact details through the registration process and this will allow us to inform you by email of any updates.

We look forward to meeting you in July this year.

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