



JOINT MEETING of the PACIFIC PLATFORM FOR DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT & PACIFIC CLIMATE CHANGE ROUND TABLE 2013

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

The Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC), United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR) and Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) are pleased to announce the first Joint Meeting of the Pacific Platform for Disaster Risk Management and the Pacific Climate Change Round Table which will be held during the week of **8th – 12th July 2013** in Nadi, Fiji. The purpose of the joint meeting is to progress discussions on the development of an integrated Pacific regional strategy for Disaster Risk Management and Climate Change which is targeted for completion before 2015.

In 2011 the two 'communities' agreed to combine their efforts to develop an integrated regional strategy for Disaster Risk Management and Climate Change by 2015 to succeed the *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 or 'Roadmap' towards the development of the integrated strategy SPC, UNISDR and SPREP agreed to convene a joint meeting for both disaster risk management and climate change in 2013.

The moves to develop an integrated regional strategy for DRM and Climate Change makes the Pacific the first region in the world to take constructive steps towards combining regional, national and sub national efforts to reduce the risks to sustainable national development posed by disasters and climate change.

The Joint Meeting will be preceded by a series of separate parallel meetings to be held during the week of **1st – 5th July** also in Nadi, Fiji. The meetings are:

- 19th Regional Disaster Managers Meeting
- Pacific Meteorological Council
- Strategic Alliance Meeting of Pacific Islands Disaster, Fire & Emergency Services and Police
- Pacific Climate Change Round Table
- Pacific Regional Water & Sanitation Consultations

The **Pacific Platform for Disaster Risk Management** is the annual opportunity for Pacific island countries and territories and development partners and donors to share experiences and knowledge in building the resilience of their communities to disasters. The **Pacific Climate Change Round Table** meets biennially and provides the key regional





platform for networking, coordination and discussions amongst Pacific island countries and territories, donors, and regional and national organisations (inclusive of community level groups, civil society and NGOs) on issues, challenges and opportunities for Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation.

The purpose of this first joint meeting is to leverage the expertise of the DRM and Climate Change 'communities' and canvass the views and aspirations of a range of stakeholder groups in relation to the development of an integrated strategy. The outcomes of the meeting will also contribute to the development of the global Post-2015 Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction and the Post-2015 Development Agenda. We are targeting the involvement of Ministers of Government, Civil Society, Non Government organisations, Local/Municipal Government, Community Leaders, Private Sector, Scientific Community, Donors and other stakeholders.

The objectives of the Joint Meeting in 2013 are:

- Facilitate ongoing interaction between the 'Disaster' and 'Climate Change' communities in the Pacific and provide the opportunity for specific interest groups and sectors to contribute to the formulation of the integrated regional strategy for DRM and Climate Change
- Facilitate the sharing of experiences and 'lessons learned' on DRM and Climate Change between the Pacific island countries and territories and stakeholder groups

Specific details including meeting venues, draft timetable, administrative arrangements including accommodation and travel will be made available in early 2013.

We look forward to your support in making the joint meeting a success in July 2013.

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Director General
Secretariat of the Pacific Community

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Ms Margareta Walstrom
United Nations Special Representative of
the Secretary-General for Disaster Risk
Reduction

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Mr David Sheppard
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