

JOINT MEETING
of the
**2013 PACIFIC PLATFORM FOR DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT &
PACIFIC CLIMATE CHANGE ROUNDTABLE**

8th – 11th July
Sofitel Fiji Resort and Spa, Denarau Island, Nadi, Fiji

OPENING

Introduction

The first Joint Meeting of the Pacific Platform for Disaster Risk Management and the Pacific Climate Change Roundtable is to be held during the week of 8th – 11th July 2013 at the Sofitel Resort and Spa, Denarau Island, Nadi, Fiji. The meeting is co-organised by 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). Participants representing different stakeholder groups are expected to participate: Ministers and other political leaders, civil society, private sector, national government, local government and community representatives, donors, development partners, scientific community and others.

The broad objective of the Joint Meeting is to progress discussions and commitment on the development of the integrated strategy as part of the 'Roadmap' process endorsed by the Pacific region in 2011.

Specifically, the Joint Meeting will leverage the expertise of the DRM and Climate Change 'communities' and canvass the views and aspirations of a wide range of stakeholder/ interest 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 (to replace the current Hyogo Framework for Action) and the Post-2015 Development Agenda (to replace the current UN Millennium Development Goals).

The objectives of the Joint Meeting in 2013 are to:

- Facilitate ongoing discussions between the 'DRM' and 'Climate Change' communities in the Pacific and provide an opportunity for specific interest groups and sectors to contribute to the formulation of the integrated strategy
- Facilitate the sharing of experiences and 'lessons learned' on DRM and Climate Change between the Pacific Island Countries and Territories (PICTs) and stakeholders

The intended outcomes of the Joint Meeting are:

- Improved understanding of the 'Roadmap' process
- Guidance from PICTs and other stakeholders on priority issues and opportunities to be addressed in the integrated strategy

- Commitment for national, sub-national, regional and international collaboration and partnerships between DRM and Climate Change communities

The Joint Meeting will provide stakeholders the opportunity to contribute perspectives and recommendations to provide guidance and substance to the formulation of the integrated strategy. It will be comprised of:

- Special Sessions
- Thematic Sessions
- Side Events
- Side Meetings
- 'Sunset' Presentations

A Declaration will capture the overall outcomes of the Joint Meeting. It will be finalised within one month following the Joint Meeting thus allowing participants a further opportunity to contribute. The finalisation of these documents will be undertaken jointly by the organisers in liaison with the host country.

Purpose

The purpose of the opening session is to introduce the Joint Meeting to the participants and to 'set the scene' for sessions that will follow over the course of the 4-day event.

Format

The session will include:

- Traditional Welcome ceremony by Fiji as the host nation
- Opening Address by the Prime Minister of Fiji, Commodore Frank Bainimarama
- Opening Statements to be delivered by:
 - Dr. Jimmie Rodgers, Director General of the Secretariat of the Pacific Community
 - Ms. Margareta Wahlstrom, Special Representative of the UN Secretary General for Disaster Risk Reduction
 - Mr. David Sheppard, Director General of the Secretariat of the Pacific regional Environment Programme

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