

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

*8<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> July*  
*Sofitel Fiji Resort and Spa, Denarau Island, Nadi, Fiji*

**Side Event 10: EARLY WARNING: ARE WE DOING ENOUGH?**

In 2005, officials attending the 12 Pacific Regional Disaster Management Meeting endorsed “An Investment for Sustainable Development in Pacific Island Countries Disaster Risk Reduction and Disaster Management Building the Resilience of Nations and Communities to Disasters: A Framework for Action 2005 – 2015”, better known as the Pacific DRM Framework. The Pacific DRM Framework, the Pacific’s adaptation of the Hyogo Framework for Action, recognises the region’s need to strengthen its early warning systems, the need to communicate over vast ocean distances both within and between countries, and of generally isolated populations.

As the region looks 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, it is necessary to look back and see what has been achieved and what still needs improvement.

Have we, as a region, done enough to achieve “Effective, Integrated and People-Focused Early Warning Systems”? If not, why not? What needs to be done and how can these be addressed through the Roadmap process?

**Purpose**

The purpose of the session is to identify priorities that can contribute to the formulation of the integrated regional strategy for DRM and Climate Change by 2015 and highlight strategic directions by countries to improve hazard monitoring, warning and response capacities.

**Discussion**

- Over the past 5 years, what have we achieved and learned from?
- Are the current arrangements and resources sufficient? If not, what is needed?
- What can the partners do to support these?
- What is the strategic direction to be considered for end-to-end people focussed EWS and the key issues/messages for the formulation of the integrated regional strategy for DRM and Climate Change by 2015?

**Intended Outcomes**

- Shared lessons learnt and experiences from countries and regions to enhance early warning capacities.
- Agreed direction for the EW working group
- Key messages to include in the overall outcomes statement for the Platform

- Contributions to the dialogue on the formulation of an integrated regional strategy for DRM and Climate Change by 2015

**Format**

The session will involve a series of presentations on key topics followed by a panel discussion on the “The Need for Strategic Change”.

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