

**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*

**Special Session 2: Progressing Rio+20 Outcomes in particular SIDS 2014
Conference, Sustainable Development Goals and the links with the Post 2015
development agenda.**

Introduction

1. With the **Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) set to expire in 2015**, global discussions are well underway on what is to replace the MDGs, termed the 'post-2015 development agenda'. The UN Secretary General appointed a High Level Panel (HLP) to provide advice on the post-2015 agenda and the Panel released their Report in May 2013.
2. In a parallel process, the **Rio+20 Summit recognised the importance and utility of developing a set of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)** that would be coherent and integrated with the post-2015 development agenda. A 30-member SDGs Open Working Group (OWG) was set up to define a process that would ultimately result in a Report proposing a set of SDGs.
3. Most countries, including Forum Leaders, have called on the **merging of these two processes into one intergovernmental track by this September at the 68th United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)**.
4. A key related global process called for at the Rio+20 Summit, was the convening of a **Third International Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (SIDS) in Samoa, 1-4 September, 2014**. One of the key objectives of the Conference is to identify SIDS priorities for consideration in the elaboration of the post-2015 development agenda. The preparatory process for, and the **SIDS 2014 Conference therefore offers an excellent platform for SIDS to distill their position to feed into the joint Post 2015 development/SDG process**.
5. Since the Forum Leaders mandate to build a Pacific position on the post-2015 agenda/SDGs, several Pacific focused discussions at global, regional and national level have been conducted and are ongoing. The Joint Platform meeting provides a good opportunity for **climate change and disaster risk managers to contribute** climate change and disaster risk management perspectives to the **SIDS 2014 preparations and to the emerging Pacific position on the post-2015 agenda/SDGs**.

Purpose

6. The session will provide an overview of the processes involving the SIDS 2014 preparations (Pacific preparations in particular), the global processes evolving in developing the Post 2015 development/SGD agenda and discuss the opportunity for key decision makers to participate, share their views and experiences and agree on key issues, priorities and challenges that the Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction community wants to highlight in these key global processes.

7. This should include the benefits and challenges of adopting a joint DRM-CC approach in the Pacific, and identify opportunities for improving joint DRM and CC action that will maximize the benefit for communities. This session will also look at ways in which political leadership can spearhead and strengthen integrated approaches at the national and regional level.

Discussion

8. Discussions will be centered around key priorities and implications of CCA and DRR regards the sustainable development of SIDS. This should include the role of key decision makers in guiding and carrying forward the implementation SIDS sustainable development plans of action at regional, national, subnational and community level, to ensure effective action and results on the ground. It should also consider the merits of supportive global policies and development targets such as MDG's, SDGs and Global SIDS Programmes of Action on Sustainable Development, and partnerships to progress resilience building and lasting development gains for SIDS.

Intended Outcomes

- Decision makers are given insights to how they would lead and support national sustainable development initiatives that implement the global and SIDS plans of action.
- Highlight CC and DRR issues to be presented at the Pacific Regional Preparatory Meeting for the 2014 SIDS Conference
- Begin a process to consider how the Post 2015 agenda/SDGs might reflect fairly the implications of climate change and disaster risk reduction on SIDS ability to seek lasting development.

Format

The session will include a presentation followed by a moderated panel discussion and Q&A session with plenary

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