

Joint Meeting for Disaster Risk Management and Climate Change

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*Sofitel Hotel, Nadi, Fiji*

SIDE EVENT 7: INFORMATION MANAGEMENT FOR DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE  
– PACIFIC DISASTER NET AND THE PACIFIC CLIMATE CHANGE PORTAL

**CONCEPT NOTE**

**Introduction**

The global and regional frameworks for DRM and CC including the Pacific Islands Framework for Action on Climate Change 2006-2015 (PIFACC) and the Regional Framework for Action on Disaster Risk Reduction and Disaster Management (2005-2015) (RFA) provide guidance on information management with relating activities and expected outcomes.

Information management for Disaster Risk Management and Climate Change in the Pacific Region includes a growing number of initiatives, projects and online systems. Regional portals such as the Pacific Disaster Net (PDN) and the Pacific Climate Change Portal (PCCP) provide access to a range of information.

Many challenges exist to establish and sustain information management and information sharing especially on national level.

The future integrated frameworks on global and regional level pose many questions on future information and its management. Collaboration between the PDN and PCCP as well as national portals is underway to prepare the information for future access and use.

**Purpose of the Session**

The Joint Meeting is an essential opportunity to exchange experiences, strengthen the awareness and understanding of information and its management as well as relating needs and challenges.

The Side event aims to facilitate a dialog about current activities and future plans for different portals on regional and national level with content support and coordination as well as improved interoperability towards 2015, and beyond.

Learning about information needs and opportunities adds to the scope of the session.

An update on information management activities and trends in line with the recent Global Platform for DRR is prepared.

**Discussion:**

- What are information needs and expectations for DRR and CC information towards 2015 and beyond ?
- What are challenges for information management for DRM and CC ?
- How can the PDN and PCCP support information management and information needs towards 2015 and beyond ?
- Which information and services does the Pacific Disaster Net (PDN) provide ?
- Which information and services does the Pacific Climate Change Portal (PCCP) provide ?
- What are potential synergies between both portals and current plans towards 2015 and beyond ?
- What are key messages for information management for the Integrated Regional Strategy for DRM and CC

**Intended Outcomes:**

- Improved understanding of information management challenges and issues as well as needs
- Outlook and awareness of future information management and plans towards 2015 and beyond
- Strengthened awareness and improved understanding of the PDN and PCCP with content and current services
- Contribution to the Integrated Regional Strategy for DRM and CC to strengthen information and its management

**Format:**

The interactive side event will contain exercises, group work, discussions / Q & A and presentations

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