

REGIONAL WATER & SANITATION TECHNICAL MEETING

1-3 July 2013

Tano International Hotel, Nadi Fiji

Introduction

The 4th Session of the Pacific Platform for Disaster Risk Management and Pacific Regional Water and Sanitation Consultations held in New Caledonia from the 17th – 21st September 2012 enabled the water and sanitation community from the Pacific region to come together after almost ten years with the intended purpose of achieving three main objectives:

- To consider and contribute to an agreed framework for the management of water and sanitation across the Pacific which will form the basis for a revised and updated Pacific Regional Action Plan on Sustainable Water Management (Pacific RAP)
- To consider and contribute to the dialogue, knowledge and understanding of Disaster Risk Management, Climate Change and Water security with a view to strengthening relationships between these communities
- Providing sectoral input to the process of developing the post 2015 Integrated Regional Strategy on Disaster Risk Management and Climate Change

The 2013 Joint Meeting of the Pacific Platform for DRM and Pacific Climate Change Roundtable will provide a further opportunity to continue the dialogue and development of the revised Pacific Regional Action Plan on Sustainable Water Management and gather additional inputs towards the development of the Integrated Regional Strategy on Disaster Risk Management and Climate Change.

Purpose

The technical meeting on Water and Sanitation scheduled from the 1-3 July 2013 is to facilitate the further development of the revised Pacific RAP by Pacific island countries working with representatives of partner organisations. . This meeting will define the Pacific RAP format and discuss preliminary ideas on content and plans for further population by counterparts with a view to having a draft in place towards the end of 2013. The submission of the final document is planned for the 2014 Forum Leaders meeting.

A second purpose of the meeting is to provide an opportunity for the Pacific water and sanitation community to discuss and share experiences with stakeholders and interest groups attending other technical meetings as well as the Joint Meeting of the 2013 Pacific Platform for Disaster Risk Management and Pacific Climate Change Roundtable

Intended Outcomes

- Renewed and increased understanding of the current status and future needs and prospects of the water and sanitation sector in PICTs
- Ideas and perspectives for the development of the revised Pacific RAP (format and content) are discussed and recorded.

- Plans for the full development of the Pacific RAP with related resourcing plan (Partners, funding etc.) for further action are discussed and recorded.
- Key message(s) that will inform the overall outcomes statement for the Platform

Format

The technical sessions will comprise of presentations of topical issues and plenary and group discussions.

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