

Inaugural Regional Meeting of Pacific Islands Disaster Managers, Fire and Emergency Services and Police

Building Strategic Alliances in Disaster and Emergency Preparedness and Response in Pacific Island Countries 2013 – 2017

3rd - 5th July 2013

Tanoa International Hotel, Nadi, Fiji

AGENDA

Purpose

The purpose of the meeting will be to examine a common 'doctrine' to improve the interoperability of emergency services providers (Disaster Managers, Fire and emergency services and Police)

Intended Outcomes

- Improved understanding of the challenges and needs for improving inter-operability of fire and emergency services.
- Improved understanding of emergency management trends
- Assessment of regional and international best practice examples including appropriate tools and methodologies to strengthen inter-operability of key emergency/disaster response agencies
- Clarity on the key issues hindering an "all risks – all hazards" approach to risk preparedness and response.
- Consensus on principles for defining a common incident management system.
- Identified potential 'twins' for Pacific Islands Fire and Emergency services and NDMOs with AFAC (Australasian Fire and Emergency Service Authorities Council) member agencies.
- Established Steering Committee of key stakeholders to provide leadership and guidance for the Strategic Alliance and to coordinate the development and implementation of twinning arrangements

Wednesday 3rd July, 2013

Time	Agenda	Responsibility
1.30pm	<p>Session 1: Opening</p> <p>Opening Prayer</p> <p>Appointment of the Chair and Meeting Rapporteur</p> <p>Official Opening</p> <p>Mr. Inia Seruiratu Minister for Agriculture, Provincial Development and National Disaster Management, Fiji</p> <p>Keynote Address</p> <p>Stuart Ellis, Chief Executive Office, Australasian Fire & Emergency Services Authorities Council (AFAC)</p>	<p>Mosese Sikivou, SPC/SOPAC Jill Edwards, AFAC</p>
2.30pm	<p>Session 2: The Role of Key National Disaster/Emergency Response Agencies</p> <p><u>Presentations:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The changing role of NDMOs in relation to DRM: what the future holds (from NDMO meeting earlier in week). Loti Yates, Director Solomon Islands NDMO • The Police in Disaster/Emergency Management, PICP representative TBC • Fire and Emergency Services in the Pacific: Future Direction, Isaac Silas, PNG Fire Service & Chair of the Pacific Islands Fire Services Association 	<p>Mark Reid, SPC/SOPAC Mosese Sikivou Jill Edwards</p>
3.30pm	<p>Afternoon Tea</p>	
4.00pm	<p>Session 3: Lessons Learned from National Responses to Emergencies/Disasters in 2012 and 2013</p> <p>Panel Discussion</p>	<p>Mosese Sikivou Mark Reid</p>

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	Moderator: Sune Gudnitz, UNOCHA <u>Panellists:</u> Loti Yates - Solomon Islands Earthquake and Tsunami February 2013 Filomena Nelson - Samoa Tropical Cyclone Evan, December 2012 Nga Jessie and Charles Carlson - Cook Islands Domestic Fires, 2012 Qld – Floods 2012/2013 (TBC)	
5.30pm	End of Day 1	
6.30pm	Welcome Reception Hosted by AFAC	Jill Edwards, AFAC

Thursday 4th July, 2013

Time	Agenda	Responsibility
8.00am	Recap and Pre-Session Announcements	
8.30am	Session 4: The Strategic Alliance Concept <u>Presentation:</u> Building Strategic Alliances in Disaster and Emergency Preparedness and Response in Pacific Island Countries 2013 – 2017 Mark Reid, SPC/SOPAC & Jill Edwards, AFAC	Mosese Sikivou
9.00am	Session 5: Partnerships in Action Panel Discussion Moderator: Alan Mearns, Former Manager Community Risk Programme, SOPAC <u>Panellists:</u> Tipaula Laupue, Samoa Isaac Silas, PNG Leveni Aho, Tonga (TBC) Panellists will discuss their experience in terms of existing partnerships for emergency preparedness and response.	Jill Edwards, AFAC Mark Reid, SPC/SOPAC
10.00am	Morning Tea	
10.30am	Session 6: Regional Cooperation – Support to the Pacific Region for Disaster Response Coordination <u>Presentations</u> Support to the Pacific Region for Disaster Response Coordination, Ben Negus,	Mark Reid, SPC/SOPAC

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	UNOCHA Intra-Regional Support for NDMOs – SPC Facility, Moses SIKIVOU SPC/SOPAC	
11.30am	<p>Session 7: Strengthening Partnerships for the Future</p> <p><u>Presentations (11.30am – 12.30pm):</u> Potential partnership arrangements for Cook Islands, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu and Nauru</p> <p><u>Group Discussion and Side Meetings</u></p> <p><u>Group Discussion (1.30 – 3.00pm including reporting back)</u> The focus should be for future partnerships in disaster/emergency response.</p> <p><u>Group Feedback</u></p> <p><u>Side Meetings</u> To discuss in detail the partnerships that can be established or strengthened on a bilateral level.</p>	Mark Reid, SPC/SOPAC Moses SIKIVOU, SPC/SOPAC Jill Edwards, AFAC
12.30pm	Lunch	
1.30pm	Session 7 (Cont'd)	
5.00pm	End of Day 2	

Friday 5th July, 2013

Time	Agenda	Resource Persons
8.00am	Recap and Pre-Session Announcements	
8.30am	<p>Session 8: The Mechanics - How do we make the Strategic Alliance work?</p> <p><u>Presentation:</u> An outline of the institutional arrangements developed to support the Strategic Alliance under a new proposed name: Pacific Islands Emergency Management Alliance</p> <p><u>Group Discussion:</u> Discussion to obtain feedback on the following questions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The proposed name – Pacific Islands Emergency Management Alliance 2. The role and objectives of the proposed Alliance 3. How will proposed Alliance inter-relate with the PICP? 4. What should be the composition of the Steering Committee and objectives for the proposed Alliance? 5. Is the draft Charter for the proposed Alliance acceptable? <p><u>Group Feedback</u></p>	<p>Mark Reid, SPC/SOPAC Mosese Sikivou, SPC/SOPAC Jill Edwards, AFAC</p>
10.00am	Morning Tea	
10.30am	Session 8 (Cont'd)	
11.30am	<p>Session 9: Key Outcomes</p> <p><u>Presentation:</u> Draft Key Outcomes statement for the meeting is presented by the Chair with the support of the Meeting Rapporteur</p>	<p>Mark Reid, SPC/SOPAC Mosese Sikivou, SPC/SOPAC Jill Edwards, AFAC</p>
12.30pm	Lunch	
1.30pm	<p>Session 10 : Closing</p> <p>Final Remarks by SPC, AFAC and PICPS Closing Address by Fiji</p>	<p>Mark Reid, SPC/SOPAC Mosese Sikivou, SPC/SOPAC Jill Edwards, AFAC</p>

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2.00pm	End of Meeting	