



## **Pacific Resilience Meeting “Youth Futures in a Resilient Pacific”**

**1-3 May, 2019**

**University of South Pacific, Suva, Fiji**

### **INFORMATION NOTE**

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#### **The Pacific Resilience Meeting**

The Inaugural Pacific Resilience Meeting (PRM) will be held at the University of the South Pacific, Suva, Fiji from 1 to 3 May 2019.

Themed *Youth Futures in a Resilient Pacific*, the PRM is a multi-sectoral, multi-stakeholder meeting that will take stock of progress and review and strengthen operational processes relating to the implementation of the three goals of the Framework for Resilient Development in the Pacific (FRDP).

The programme will allow online participation through USP’s ICT facilities, which include USP campuses across the Pacific. A youth information session will be held prior to the PRM on 30 April at the Japan ICT Centre.

The PRM will be held in collaboration with the European Commission's Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development (DG DEVCO) Global Climate Change Plus flagship initiative (GCCA+) meeting.

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#### **Background – the FRDP and the PRP**

In 2016, the Pacific Forum Leaders endorsed the *Framework for Resilient Development in the Pacific (FRDP): An Integrated Approach to Address Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management*. The Framework provides stakeholders with high level strategic guidance to enhance resilience to climate change and disasters and thereby contribute to sustainable development.

The Pacific Resilience Partnership (PRP) is a unique partnership to support the implementation of the FRDP’s goals. Comprised of representatives from countries and territories in the region; civil society and private sector; and regional organisations and development partners.

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#### **Meeting Objectives**

The PRM seeks to support the effective implementation of the FRDP Goals:

Goal 1: Strengthened integrated adaptation and risk reduction to enhance resilience to climate change and disasters.

Goal 2: Low-carbon development.

Goal 3: Strengthened disaster preparedness, response and recovery.

The PRM will follow and showcase principles of the FRDP that:

- Put risk and resilience into a development perspective;

- Protect human rights;
- Build genuine and enduring partnerships;
- Prioritise the needs of those most vulnerable;
- Integrate gender and social considerations;
- Regard culture, faith and traditional knowledge as valuable resources;
- Focuses on sustainability;
- Focuses on building resilience in the Pacific.

The PRM will achieve the following overall outcomes through tailored sessions:

1. Showcasing status of progress against FRDP and consolidating the Pacific region's contribution to our national, regional and global commitments.
2. Identifying the gaps for more effective and efficient implementation of the FRDP and strengthening the PRP processes.
3. Inspiring leadership, partnership and ownership of the FRDP – taking ownership of our future by engaging young people and multiple stakeholders in decision-making and innovations.
4. Providing key outcome messages to inform high level Pacific political dialogues and decision-making.

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## Meeting Structure and Sessions

The PRM will be co-facilitated by representatives of the various key stakeholders under the PRP model (government, civil society/private sector and development partners), the GCCA+ and other relevant experts, through a shared leadership approach.

The meeting will host 300 practitioner level representatives from all Pacific stakeholder groups and relevant regional and international actors engaged in FRDP related activities. Online participation will also be available.

Pacific Youth (volunteers and University students) will be engaged to support each of the sessions. A Pacific artist will document the sessions through visual journalism.

*The meeting will be plastic free and promote good practice in health and environment. Accessibility needs will be catered for through venue arrangements and established criteria for presenters and facilitators.*

An outline of the sessions is provided here.

### **Youth Information Session**

A preparatory/information session will be held on Tuesday 30 April, at the Japan-Pacific ICT Centre to provide youth with an opportunity to learn more about the FRDP and its implementation. This will be led by the Pacific Youth Council with support of partner agencies.

### **Opening Function**

The formal opening function will be held at the Oceania Pavilion on Tuesday 30 April together with the launch of the GIZ and UN-OCHA photographic exhibition. Invitations to the opening session will be shared closer to the date.

### **Laying the Foundation**

An **Ignite Stage** session will open the meeting in plenary, with a focus on youth, gender and inclusion in resilience-building activities in the Pacific. This will be followed by an **interactive ‘interview-style’** session with panel members representing PRP stakeholder groups. The two sessions will help create a sense of common purpose and focus for the meeting, as one component of the whole partnership.

### **Technical Sessions**

The second half of day one and all of day two will be split into **technical sessions under the FRDP Goals and in collaboration with the EU GCCA**. These sessions will involve practitioner level presentations and discussions aligned with the stated meeting outcomes. Session concept notes will be made available online by 30 March 2019.

#### **Day 1 (pm)**

Goal 1: Strengthened integrated risk reduction and adaptation to enhance climate change and disaster resilience: *Island solutions and Community-based approaches; Strengthened governance for resilient development; and Nature Based Solutions.*

#### **Day 2 (am)**

Goal 2: Low carbon development: *Island solutions; Community-based and Private Sector approaches; Legislative and Policy frameworks; Nationally Determined Contributions.*

#### **Day 2 (pm)**

Goal 3: Strengthened disaster preparedness, response and recovery: *Island solutions; Early Warning, Early Action and Effective Response; Legislative and Policy frameworks; Protection, gender and inclusion; and Climate Security.*

The final day focus on facilitating the full effectiveness of the PRP through discussion of technical working groups, networking, building and strengthening resilience partnerships, and consolidating the outcomes of the meeting. The final afternoon will also provide an opportunity to learn more about the GCCA+ global and regional action through a specific session dedicated to the initiative.

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### **Meet your Taskforce Representative**

Stakeholders will have an opportunity to meet with their stakeholder representative on the Pacific Resilience Partnership taskforce in informal facilitated sessions.

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### **Film Festival and Exhibits**

In line with the theme of the meeting, a **film festival** will be held on the final day, to showcase youth actions in community resilience across the Pacific.

An **exhibit space** at the Oceania Centre Pavilion will highlight resilience in the Pacific islands. The photographic exhibitions, hosted by GIZ and UN OCHA, will be launched at the Opening of the PRM on Tuesday 30 April and will be open to the public from 1 May.

**Exploring boundaries – Voyagers of the Islands, a Photographic Journey of Migration in the Context of Climate Change** will highlight issues relating to human mobility brought about by climate change. Through the photographs, The Voyagers of the Islands will tell stories that provide a deeper insight into the lives of those communities affected by the onset of climate change in Fiji.

The **#Pacific #HumanitarianHeroes** exhibition recognises the contribution and work of humanitarian workers in the Pacific. The **#Pacific #HumanitarianHeroes** highlights Pacific humanitarian heroes who have prepared for and responded to emergencies and disasters in Pacific Island countries in 2017 - 2018, which included TCs Gita, Josie and Keni.

**Posters and poetry** by school students across the Pacific on the theme “*Youth futures in a strong Pacific*” will be displayed and a **3D virtual reality** will show what a climate resilient future in the Pacific will look like.

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### **Side Events**

*Side events that align with the theme of the PRM are encouraged and the list of side events will be announced shortly. The organisation and logistics for side events will be the responsibility of the side event convenors. Information on available venues will be provided separately.*

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### **Funding Support**

The PRM is a jointly organised initiative with the PRP Taskforce stakeholders sharing resources towards running the meeting. Official invitations and travel funding is available to the following country delegates:

- Sendai National Focal points – via ISDR/OCHA
- Climate Change National Focal points – via CAPP/GCCA+.

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