

Pacific Regional Disaster Resilience Meeting

Meeting Statement

WE, the representatives of Australia, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, French Polynesia, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu, Timor Leste, referred to herein as the Pacific Island Countries and Territories, civil society organisations including the private sector, regional organisations and development partners attending the Pacific Regional Disaster Resilience Meeting in Suva, 26 – 27 October, 2015;

MINDFUL, of the challenge of strengthening the climate and disaster resilience of the Pacific islands region in the context of sustainable development;

MINDFUL, of the outcomes from the Third UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction, United Nations Sustainable Development Summit and the Third International Conference on Small Island Developing States, as well as climate change related frameworks;

COMMIT to an ongoing inclusive and collaborative effort involving all stakeholders and ensuring that the needs of the people disproportionately affected are given paramount consideration;

IN relation to the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015 - 2030:

1. **ENDORSE** the concept of reducing disaster risks and preventing creation of new risks;
2. **RECOGNISE** that preventing and reducing disaster risks, including prevention of creating new risks require whole-of-society institutions' engagement and leadership.
3. **ACKNOWLEDGE** the contributions of the Hyogo Framework for Action (2005-2015) and the Regional Framework for Action (2005-2016) in assisting the Pacific region to build stronger and more resilient communities to hazards.
4. **RECOGNISE** that, persons with disabilities, men and women and LGBTIQ persons, the elderly, children, youth, migrants and volunteers the private sector, NGOs, CSOs, faith-based organisations are all agents for change and their unique skills, knowledge and experience must be incorporated into disaster risk management and climate change adaptation planning and action to ensure holistic and sustainable approach to reducing risk and more effective response to hazards in the Pacific.
5. **RECOGNISE** traditional knowledge in complementing scientific knowledge for increasing preparedness and resilience of communities.

6. **ENCOURAGE** the reporting on progress of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction to be linked with any other relevant frameworks in the Pacific, being mindful of national reporting obligations and capacity.
7. **ACKNOWLEDGE** the need for the monitoring and reporting of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction in the Pacific region to also be useful for planning purposes at the local, national and regional levels.
8. **ACKNOWLEDGE** the outcomes from the Fiji indicators Pilot report and request UNISDR to facilitate where relevant with Pacific island countries and territories.
9. **RECOMMEND** that Pacific island countries and territories and partners take relevant steps to improve their understanding of disaster risk, including the drivers of the generation of new risks in the region, including strengthening risk identification.
10. **ACKNOWLEDGE** the need for a common database with the ability to collect baseline and monitoring disaggregated data (by age and gender), and consider capacity building exercises to improve the reporting into the system, and to improve data output from the system to reflect reporting requirements.
11. **RECOMMEND** collaborations and partnerships developed under 'Building the Resilience of nations and Communities to Disaster' reinforced and strengthened to improve disaster risk governance.
12. **ENCOURAGE** synergies between public sector, including local governments, communities, faith-based and private sector to place coherent policies and enforcing mechanisms to promote risk sensitive investment.
13. **RECOGNISE** the need for regional collaboration to enhance the monitoring and review mechanism of disaster risk reduction and to explore with Pacific island countries and territories and partners effective modalities for regional cooperation, coordination with development partners, to implement the Sendai Framework. In this regard, UNISDR is **REQUESTED** to coordinate production of a plan with timelines and resource requirements for the implementation process by 2017 to best support Pacific island countries and territories.
14. **REQUEST** Pacific Island Countries and Territories and development partners to further develop mechanisms for public and private investment on disaster risk reduction including public-private partnerships which acknowledge the need for the private sector to be actively engaged in the decision making process.
15. **RECOMMEND** all stakeholders at the global, regional, national, and local levels to integrate disaster risk reduction into response and preparedness, and also "Build

Back Better” by integrating disaster risk reduction into recovery.

16. **DEVELOP** national and regional targets and indicators for the Sendai Framework that reinforce and support global targets and indicators and in consideration with that of other frameworks, including SDGs and climate change frameworks.
17. **ACKNOWLEDGE** the dedication and contribution of Pacific island countries and territories and partners over the past ten years in implementing the Hyogo Framework for Action.

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