





"Science to Services for a Resilient Pacific"

# Fifth Meeting of the Pacific Meteorological Council (PMC-5) Working Papers

7-9 August 2019 Apia Samoa

## Agenda Item 7.0: Framework for Resilient Development in the Pacific and the Pacific Resilience Partnership

#### Purpose:

1. To update members on progress in implementing the Framework for Resilient Development in the Pacific (FRDP) and the Pacific Resilience Partnership (PRP) as requested in the PMC-4 in 2017

### **Background:**

- 2. Since the endorsement of the PRP Governance Structure by the Leaders in 2017,
  - a. the PRP Taskforce and the Support Unit are operational and have established three working groups on (1) Affiliation and Standards; (2) Communication and (3) Pacific Resilience Meeting;
  - b. the inaugural Pacific Resilience Meeting (PRM) held in May 2019 at USP Laucala Campus, brought together over 300 practitioners showcasing transformational and innovative approaches to addressing issues that undermine our resilient development. The PRM planning and design was founded on the core principles of the PRP which, among other things, emphasized inclusivity, and strong and open-ended multi-stakeholder engagement. Participation reflected the diversity of stakeholders and approaches that contribute towards resilience building. The theme emphasised and embraced youth innovation, energy, and their role in shaping a resilient future. The Outcome Statement of the Meeting is Annexed for your reference.
  - c. Noting the appetite for change, the PRP Taskforce and the Support Unit is working closely with partners through a multitude of initiatives including progressing an affiliation process that aims to strengthen coherence and coordination across stakeholders, processes and sectors, development of resilience standards of excellence and advancing monitoring and evaluation to guide the implementation, tracking and reporting of results against the FRDP and facilitating partnerships for action through the PRP Technical Working Groups (TWG) to address current and emerging challenges and opportunities relevant to the implementation of the FRDP. A regional meeting was held in late June 2019 to discuss the M&E Framework and the Standards of Excellence.
    - i. The M&E tool is being developed to enhance monitoring, evaluation, reporting of and learning from the implementation of the FRDP and the PRP. The development of this tool is being supported by USAID through the ISACC project and the EDF11 Intra ACP GCCA+ Pacific Adaptation to Climate Change and Resilience Building (PACRES) project. A consultant has been recruited to develop the M&E Framework



with the aim of having a draft by early November 2019 before the PRP Taskforce considers the M&E Framework at its meeting later this year. The M&E Working Group will meet in early August to review progress of the development of the M&E, examine the interlinkages with the Standards of Excellence and discuss potential pilot countries.

- ii. The Standards of Excellence is a tool that will enable the realisation of the FRDP Guiding Principles as key underpinning of resilience action. The development of this tool is being supported by the World Bank through the Pacific Resilience Project (PREP). A consultant has been engaged and have had consultations with countries and stakeholders in the margins of the inaugural Pacific Resilience Meeting. Draft Standards have developed under four pillars (1) 'Sustained' (2) 'Integrated' (3) 'Informed' and (4) 'Inclusive'. The draft standards reflect on the groupings of ten FRDP Guiding Principles. The first draft of the Standards of Excellence will be available for wider consultation by late July. The final draft will be submitted together with case studies to the meeting of the PRP Taskforce later in the year.
- iii. Pacific Resilience Partnership Affiliation is aimed at enhanced commitment to the goals and principles of the FRDP through the efficient and effective delivery of resilient development actions in the region. Being affiliated, will make your organisation become part of the broad and inclusive partnership representing governments, civil society, private sector, academia, multilateral development banks, UN Agencies and other development partners. A public call for to affiliate has been issued for interested organisations for submissions.
- iv. Technical Working Groups can be established by the Taskforce from time to time to address specific issues to advance the implementation of the FRDP and the PRP. At the conclusion of the inaugural Pacific Resilience Meeting, Member Countries and Territories, stakeholders and partners "urged the consideration of technical work groups to support the work of the PRP, including on: climate and disaster risk financing, science and research, information and knowledge management and climate driven and disaster-induced displacement". To date, there has been general support to establish the Information and Knowledge Management Technical Working Group. A Terms of Reference for the IKM technical working group has been consulted and being circulated for comments from countries and other stakeholders.
- d. the Secretariat is finalising the recruitment of the FRDP/PRP Coordinator who will be its representative to work with PIFS and SPC in the Support Unit.
- e. The Communications Working Group undertook a successful PRM communications campaign in May through the support of communications specialists representing members of the Pacific Resilience Partnership. Activities spanned a social media campaign; regional media training followed by media coverage, live graphic illustration, development of a PRM resource booklet, coordination of promotional materials for distribution and the opening Ignite X session to showcase Pacific resilience stories with the support of partners. At the conclusion of this a range of activities were listed for this working group to undertake before the end of the year inclusive of continuation of communications experts that implemented the PRM comms with a ToR, development of social media policy concept, new website formation paper, and a concept for travelling exhibition showcasing Resilience. Once the PRP processes in point B have been finalised, these will provide the guidance and direction of a Communications Strategy to raise awareness and implementation.

#### Recommendations:

- 2. The Meeting is invited to:
  - Note the Outcome of the Inaugural Pacific Resilience Meeting 2019;
  - > Note the progress to date on the development of the M&E Framework, Standards of



- Excellence, Affiliation and the establishment of the IKM Technical Working Group;
- **Encourage** the strong involvement of the Pacific Meteorological Council through its members, the National Meteorological and Hydrological Services in the implementation of the FRDP and PRP;
- Request Pacific Resilience Partnership Taskforce to recognise and formalise the PMC Panels as Technical Working Groups to address issues pertaining to the functions of the PMC Panels.

#### Links

http://gsd.spc.int/frdp/assets/FRDP\_2016\_Resilient\_Dev\_pacific.pdf

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