



Sixth Meeting of the Pacific Meteorological Council (PMC-6)

Sustaining Weather, Climate, Water and Ocean Services for a Resilient Blue Pacific

14-16 August 2023, Sofitel Fiji Resort and Spa, Denarau, Nadi, Fiji

Agenda item 11.1: Outcomes of the Joint Meeting between National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHS) and National Disaster Management Offices (NDMO)

Purpose:

1. Update and inform the Sixth Meeting of the Pacific Meteorological Council (PMC - 6) of the Inaugural Joint Meeting between National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHS) and National Disaster Management Offices (NDMO) held from the 10 – 11th August 2023 in Nadi, Fiji.
2. Inform PMC - 6 of the importance of the Disaster Risk Reduction community (national, regional, and global), researchers and the Hydro-Meteorological community as service providers to come together to discuss opportunities for improved climate and multi-hazard early warning system (MHEWS) information in support of robust climate-sensitive decision-making.
3. Request PMC – 6 to endorse the outcomes of the Joint NMHS and NDMO meeting.

Background:

1. After a decade-long, the fourth Joint Meeting between the National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHS) and National Disaster Management Offices (NDMO) took place on August 10th and 11th, 2023 in Nadi.
2. The meeting recognised and recalled the Leaders' endorsement of the Framework for Resilient Development in the Pacific 2017 – 2030, the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent, the 2017 Declaration of the Pacific Meteorological Ministers, and the 2022 Declaration of the Pacific DRR Ministers.
3. The meeting commended the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme through the auspices of the European-Union funded Intra-ACP Climate Services and Related Application (ClimSA) for convening the Joint Meeting of the National Meteorological and Hydrological Services and National Disaster Management Offices along with partners UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction, Climate and Oceans Support Program for the Pacific (COSPPac), the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and the Pacific Regional Climate Center-Network and including agencies and regional actors working in the resilience space.

4. The opportunity presented to Pacific Island Countries to progress the implementation of multi-hazard early warning systems through initiatives like the Weather-Ready Decadal Programme of Investment endorsed by Pacific Leaders in 2021 and the Early Warning for All initiative.
5. The collective responsibilities of NMHS and NDMOs in providing advice on social, environmental, and economic risks related to weather, climate, hydrological, oceanic and geological hazards and the opportunity presented to bring together the Directors of the National Meteorological and Hydrological Services and National Disaster Management Offices and facilitate regional collaboration.
6. The outcome of the Joint meeting is in line with Outcome 12 of the Pacific Disaster Risk Reduction Ministers Declaration:

“We call upon the Council of Regional Organisations in the Pacific (CROP) to strengthen coherence and bring together agencies and regional actors working on resilience and ensure stronger linkages between relevant fora, platforms and networks”.

Recommendations:

The Meeting is invited to endorse the outcome of the Joint Meeting as PMC-6’s recommendation:

- SPREP will work with SPC to **establish a structured** mechanism to foster collaboration and interaction between providers and users of early warning information, which will contribute to building a resilient Pacific.
 - SPREP will work with SPC and invite other regional and international partners to **support** the mechanism.
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