





Sustainable Weather and Climate Services for a Resilient Pacific

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Agenda Item 17.1: Draft Strategy for Climate and Disaster Resilient Development in the Pacific

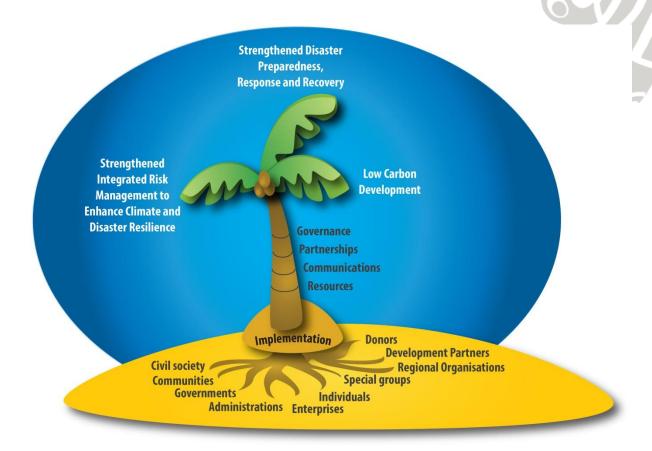
Purpose:

To inform PMC on the progress made in the development of the draft strategy

Background

The Draft Strategy for Climate and Disaster Resilient Development in the Pacific (SRDP) is intended to succeed the previous regional frameworks on climate change and disaster risk management (respectively, the Pacific Islands Framework for Action on Climate Change 2006-2015 and the Pacific Disaster Risk Reduction and Disaster Management Framework for Action 2005-2015).

The overall aim of the SRDP is to strengthen the resilience of Pacific Island communities to the impacts of climate change and disasters by developing more effective and integrated ways to address climate and disaster risks, within the context of sustainable development. To achieve this goal, the SRDP provides targeted high-level strategic guidance to key stakeholder groups that are recognized as having a critical role to play in addressing challenges posed by climate change and disasters in the Pacific. These stakeholder groups include Governments and Administrations, the Private Sector, Civil Society Organisations and Communities, Regional Organisations and other development partners.



Implementation Arrangements

Section 3 of the SRDP outlines an implementation framework which gives direction on the institutional arrangements required to ensure the effective and efficient implementation of the SRDP. The implementation of the SRDP will be supported by a dedicated SRDP support unit whose work will be guided by the SRDP Working Group in collaboration with other stakeholders in climate and disaster resilient development.

The SRDP Support Unit (SRDP SU)

The purpose of the SRDP Support Unit is to provide operational support for the effective and efficient implementation of the SRDP.

Its responsibilities will include:

1. Secretariat to the SRDP Working Group

This task encompasses providing secretariat support to WG meetings which includes but is not limited to: proposing the Agenda for these meetings, preparing meeting papers, organising the logistics, drafting WG minutes and reports, and ensuring the timely and effective implementation of WG decisions.

2. Monitoring, Evaluation, Reporting and Learning

The Support Unit will be in charge of monitoring progress, coordinating reporting and collecting lessons learned on the implementation of the SRDP, under the guidance of the WG, using an agreed results-based management framework.

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3. Communication and Advocacy

The Support Unit will assist the WG in preparing and implementing a Communication and Information Plan for the SRDP. It will also support the WG and other stakeholders to raise the profile of the SRDP with Pacific Island Leaders, through relevant mechanisms, and to advocate for the SRDP and its resourcing.

4. Partnerships coordination and cooperation

The Support Unit will work with the WG to bring together stakeholders from the climate change and the DRM communities, as well as other key stakeholders, to partake in discussions on climate and disaster resilient development at regional level. It will coordinate information and knowledge sharing amongst the existing regional mechanisms and promote coordination and cooperation in support of the implementation of the SRDP.

5. Own Programme Management

The Support Unit will be in charge of its own programme management including establishment, delivery and reporting against a work programme agreed with the WG.

Pacific Resilience Partnership (PRP)

The PRP will bring together the climate change and DRM communities of practice along with other partners and stakeholders to ensure that the implementation of the SRDP is anchored within sectors and other areas of strategic importance. These stakeholders may include, for example, private sector and civil society partners, government stakeholders from central agencies such as Ministries of Finance and Planning, and from different line Ministries.

The PRP will create appropriate spaces for its partners to address jointly areas where they have common and overlapping interests and to address separately their distinct concerns.

Purpose of the SRDP Working Group

The Support Unit is established in PIFS for an initial period of two years. The WG will therefore be established for the same duration. These arrangements will then be reviewed if necessary.

Recommendations

- 1. PMC is invited to note the draft Strategy
- 2. PMC is invited to support the Strategy for Implementation

Attachments

Annex 1 - Draft SRDP