



SECOND PACIFIC MINISTERIAL MEETING ON METEOROLOGY

Theme: "Sustainable Weather, Climate, Hydrological, and Ocean Services for a Resilient Pacific"

18 of August 2017

Pacific Islands Fisheries Forum Agency Conference Centre, Honiara, Solomon Islands

CONCEPT NOTE

INTRODUCTION

1. The 2nd Pacific Ministerial Meeting on Meteorology (PMMM-2) is the second gathering of Ministers responsible for meteorology. The meeting is being held back to back with the Fourth Meeting of the Pacific Meteorological Council (PMC-4) hosted by the Government of the Solomon Islands on 18 of August 2017 at the Pacific Islands Fisheries Forum Agency Conference Centre.
2. The PMMM-2 provides the opportunity for Ministers to be briefed on, and have discussions on the role of National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs) and their contributions to both national and regional sustainable development.
3. While NMHSs have benefited from considerable investment in the Pacific region over the years by national governments, development partners, collaborating organisations and institutions and Council of Regional Organisations in the Pacific to build capacity and train meteorologists, develop infrastructure, and improve services; the demand for continuous monitoring and reliable service require continuous investment and support.
4. There is also increasing requirements for NMHSs to support disaster risk reduction and climate change services as well as hydrological and ocean services. The PMMM-2 will also address the NMHSs necessary contributions to the implementation of regional and international frameworks such the Framework for Resilient Development for the Pacific (FRDP); the Sendai Framework on Disaster Reduction 2015-2030; and the United Nations Framework on Climate Change including the Paris Agreement.

OBJECTIVES

6. The main objectives of the PMMM-2 are as follows:
 - a. Engagement of Ministers in the development of sustainable meteorological (weather and climate), hydrological, and ocean services in the Pacific;
 - b. Discuss opportunities including financial resources for strengthening the operations and provision of services by the NMHSs, and their role in contributing to resilient development; and
 - c. To provide political support and direction for the development of the NMHSs.

DURATION AND FORMAT

7. The meeting will commence with an official opening ceremony, presentations/statements followed by comments and discussions.
8. The provisional agenda will be circulated in due course.

MAIN OUTCOMES:

9. Strengthened engagement with Ministers through discussion of the Pacific Roadmap for Climate Services, the Pacific Islands Meteorological Strategy (2017-2026) and the Pacific Climate Change Centre
10. Provide political support and direction for the development of NMHSs including hydrology