

Concept Note and Agenda

STAKEHOLDER MEETING ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND DISASTER DISPLACEMENT IN THE PACIFIC, 27-28 MARCH 2019, SUVA, FIJI

I. Background

In 2018 leaders of the Pacific Islands Forum endorsed the Boe Declaration, which in line with previous Declarations (the 2008 Niue Declaration, as well as the 2017 Forum Communiqué) recognizes climate change as the single greatest threat to the livelihoods, security, and wellbeing of the peoples of the Pacific. The Framework for Resilience Development in the Pacific (FRDP) outlines strategic objectives reiterated in the Boe Declaration, specifically as it intends to improve the capacity of Pacific Island Countries and Territories (PICT) to prepare for emergencies and disasters as well as to build resilience in order to successfully manage and address disaster risk and the adverse effects of climate change.

In response to such grave concerns and in support of the strategic objectives outlined by the Pacific Governments, the Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (IDMC), International Organization for Migration (IOM), Platform on Disaster Displacement (PDD), and the United Nation High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) are supporting the governments in the Pacific in building capacity to understand, prepare, and respond to disaster-related human mobility (e.g. migration, displacement and planned relocation).

As part of these efforts IOM, IDMC, PDD, and UNHCR will be hosting a stakeholder consultation on the action document and project proposal on *Understanding and enhancing preparedness and response to risks of disaster displacement in the Pacific* from 27-28 March in Suva, Fiji. The proposed project aims to reduce the risk and impact of disaster displacement on persons at risk of being displaced in small island developing states in the Pacific, so that targeted populations would not be displaced at all, less affected, or better assisted and protected when displaced and compelled to move in the context of disasters and the adverse effects of climate change.

The two-day stakeholder meeting will engage leading government and non-government organizations, regional organisations, civil society, UN agencies, donors, and others in the Pacific in support of the strategic objectives outlined in the FRDP so as to respond to the threats posed by climate change and disasters linked to natural hazards in the Pacific.

II. Proposed Participants and Workshop Sessions

In addition to two government representatives from each of the 10 PICTs, the stakeholder meeting will include **participants** from across the Pacific including: PIFS, Regional organisations (CROP Agencies), CSOs, UN agencies, donors, and affected communities

The stakeholder consultation will provide an opportunity for IDMC, IOM, PDD and UNHCR to seek feedback in order to validate the project design. The consultation will facilitate discussions on the objectives, expected results, activities and geographic scope. Participation from government and local authorities will help deliberate the best steps in project implementation. Moreover, the consultation will help identify countries interested in and committed to engage in and support the project. Together the consultation will discuss coordination with regional



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bodies (e.g. Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat) and inter-governmental agencies (e.g. Council of regional Organisations agencies) and present an opportunity to adjust and/or align planned activities, if needed.

Expected results from the consultation include:

- Validation of the proposed action and of its relevance to the Pacific region
- Refinement of geographic scope of action and scope of work (e.g. activities)
- Identification of partner countries and partner organisations, and commitment to engage and coordinate in project implementation (e.g. develop letter of intent/expressed interest)
- Establishment of stakeholder groups/reference groups
- Strengthened synergies and reduced risks of duplication or overlap of action with other initiatives, including on development, in the region
- Establishment and agreement of coordination with relevant programs and initiatives at regional and national level
- Strengthened prospect for sustainability (institutional and policy) and increased national ownership of the project

III. Partners

The meeting will be held back to back with the launch of the project, *Enhancing Protection and Empowerment of Migrants and Communities Affected by Climate Change and Disasters in the Pacific region* on 26 March 2019.

The Stakeholder Meeting will be organised by PDD, IDMC, and IOM and the costs for the stakeholder meeting will be shared among partners.

IV. Agenda

Wednesday, 27 March 2019	
08:30 – 09:00	Registration
09:00 – 10:00	<p>Welcome and Introduction</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Alisi Vosalevu, Regional Adviser for the Pacific, Platform on Disaster Platform</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Taitusi Vakadravuyaca, Permanent Secretary for Ministry of Infrastructure, Transport, National Disaster Management & Meterology, Government of Fiji • Mr. Christoph Wagner, Head of Cooperation, EU Delegation • H.E Ambassador Sujiro Seam, Embassy of France to Fiji, Kiribati, Nauru, Tonga and Tuvalu, Vice-Chair Platform on Disaster Displacement. • Prof. Walter Kaelin, Envoy of the Chair, Platform on Disaster Displacement (Video Message). • Mr. Atle Solberg, Head of Coordination Unit, Platform on Disaster Displacement • Mr. Justin Ginnetti, Head of Data and Analysis, Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (IDMC) • Mr. Pär Liljert, IOM Chief of Mission for Australia and the Coordinator for the Pacific



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10:00 – 10:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>
10:30 – 11:00	Presentation by Fiji and Vanuatu on national achievements, lessons learned, best practices Ms Irene Isabelle Prasad, In-Country Coordinator, ASCE, Ministry of Economy Mr. Mike Waiwai, Director Climate Change, Government of Vanuatu
11:00 – 12:00	Presentation and Discussion of Objectives, Expected Results, Activities and Geographic Scope draft Project Proposal Facilitator: Justin Ginnetti, IDMC, to provide presentation of project.
12:00-13:30	Lunch
13:30-15:00	Group work: Stakeholder mapping in the Pacific and identification of key priority areas Facilitator: Emmanuel Murwisi/Sabira Coelho, IOM
15:00-15:30	Report back on group work
15:30 – 16:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
16:00 – 16:30	Wrap-up of Day One Justin Ginnetti, IDMC,
Thursday 28 March 2019	
8:30	Welcome – coffee
9:00-11:00	Group Work on Specific Objectives and Outputs draft Project Proposal Facilitator: Atle Solberg, Platform on Disaster Displacement, with all partners for group work
11:00-11:30	Coffee break
11:30-11:45	Report back on group work
11:45-12:30	Plenary Discussion on Partnership, Coordination and Implementation Modalities Facilitator: Atle Solberg, Platform on Disaster Displacement
12:30-14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
14:00-15:30	Plenary discussion, continued - country and partner feedback
15:30– 16:30	Final plenary session, wrap-up and next steps Justin Ginnetti/Emmanuel Murwisi/Atle Solberg