



PACIFIC RESILIENCE MEETING - OUTCOMES STATEMENT

WE, participants coming together under the uniting mechanism of the **Pacific Resilience Partnership (PRP)** at the inaugural **Pacific Resilience Meeting (PRM)** in Suva, Fiji, from 1 – 3 May 2019:

1. **Reaffirm** the importance of the Framework for Resilient Development in the Pacific (FRDP) as the coordinating framework document to guide actions aimed at strengthening Pacific resilience at the regional, national and local levels;
2. **Embrace** the principles of the Talanoa Dialogue, reflected in the spirit of collaboration, inclusivity and sharing of this inaugural meeting, and **acknowledge** that our strength as a Partnership lies in our diversity and our determination to work together for the common goal of a more resilient Pacific;
3. **Recognise** the critical role of youth as important stakeholders and actors in Pacific resilience, **commend** their leadership demonstrated across the region and displayed throughout this meeting, and **highlight** the need to better harness their energy, innovation and foresight in PRP planning, decision making and action;
4. **Recognise** the critical importance of the elements of protection, gender and inclusion to the success of humanitarian actions and resilient development interventions, and the need for inclusive gender-responsive decision-making processes and human rights-based approaches that take into account the differing needs of persons of all gender identifiers, ages, disabilities and backgrounds;
5. **Promote** examples of actions that are progressing the goals of the FRDP, including initiatives led by National Governments, civil society, the private sector, regional organisations and development partners, and **recognise** the urgent need for wider and more effective sharing of lessons and good practices at all levels;
6. **Recognise** the ongoing work of our National Governments towards sustainable and resilient development and **encourage** the engagement of finance and planning officials in the efforts of the PRP to ensure that resilient development is embedded in national planning and budgetary processes;
7. **Reaffirm** the need for urgent action at all levels to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and respond to the social, economic, environmental and security impacts of climate change;
8. **Promote** the need for investment in Low Carbon Development as an opportunity for innovation, employment, cleaner environment, and economic benefits to all, and **encourage** sector engagement and the establishment of an enabling environment (including through the Pacific Regional NDC Hub and existing country specific NDC Partnership Plans) to translate international commitments into national actions;
9. **Urge** the engagement of all partners in addressing issues of climate-driven and disaster-induced displacement and planned relocation, drawing on an improved understanding of diverse community needs, experiences, knowledge, capacity and perspectives;
10. **Recognise** the significant potential for nature-based solutions to contribute to resilience while also improving sustainable livelihoods and protecting natural ecosystems and biodiversity;
11. **Recognise** the contribution of indigenous knowledge, culture and experience to the resilience of our region, and urge the consideration and integration of these strengths in the formulation of effective actions for resilient development;

12. **Urge** the PRP to pursue opportunities to strengthen community resilience through the economic empowerment and leadership of women;
13. **Encourage** the strengthening of public-private partnerships through effective enabling environments, incentivisation, and support and training for resilient, green and low-carbon initiatives;
14. **Urge** the use of inclusive and consultative processes to ensure that early warning systems respond to local circumstances, needs and knowledge, and that messaging is accessible, understandable, and actionable by all;
15. **Acknowledge** the importance of effective, appropriate and accessible information and communication, systems and platforms in humanitarian action and resilient development, and **encourage** greater collaboration between the PRP and Pacific media;
16. **Emphasise** the need for legal frameworks and institutional support mechanisms for disaster risk management to be strengthened in order to clarify roles and responsibilities and provide certainty and authority in times of disaster;
17. **Recognise** that better access to locally relevant data and strengthened practical understanding of disaster and climate change impacts are essential to support evidence-based action by governments and communities, and **highlight** the need for greater awareness, coordination and adoption of localized disaster risk and climate financing solutions;
18. **Urge** the collection and utilisation of disaggregated data wherever possible to better understand and respond to the diversity of circumstances, needs and vulnerabilities of Pacific communities;
19. **Urge greater collaboration** with established regional scientific and technical networks and centres for the sharing of data, resources and expertise relevant to the goals of the FRDP;
20. **Urge** the consideration of Technical Working 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;
21. **Encourage** the affiliation with the PRP of all actors in resilience, including non-traditional partners and sectors, and **recognise** opportunities for the PRP to strengthen the coherence of national, regional and global mechanisms;
22. **Commend** progress towards the development of standards of excellence and advancing monitoring and evaluation to guide the implementation, tracking and reporting of results against the FRDP; and

WE, encourage all constituents of the PRP to disseminate and advocate the important messages outlined in this Outcomes Statement and further elaborated in the meeting report to be prepared by the PRP Taskforce.

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