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# 1. Executive Summary

The Third Pacific Resilience Meeting (2023 PRM) was held **from 11 to 13 October 2023**, and was hybrid in nature with an online platform linking the 15 national hubs from around the Pacific region. The meeting was **attended by over 1700 participants** from various stakeholder groups from across 88 countries, including 20 Pacific Islands Countries and Territories.

*The **Youth Forum** which preceded the 2023 PRM on 6<sup>th</sup> October reaffirmed the critical role of young people in **leading engagement and action for resilience** further reinforcing the importance of integrating priority areas as highlighted in the FRDP, namely: **climate change, disaster risk management, low carbon development, and strengthening disaster preparedness, response, and recovery.***

The Pacific Resilience Meeting held every 2 years, is a key component of the Pacific Resilience Partnership (PRP) governance arrangements as described in *the Framework for Resilient Development in the Pacific: An Integrated Approach to Climate Change and Disaster (FRDP) 2017 – 2030*.

Though this is only the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) PRM, it has [again] demonstrated its **value in strengthening coherence and coordination** of the resilience agenda through exchange of information and learning, enabling dialogue and networking across a **broad and diverse group of stakeholders**. It has also demonstrated itself as a regional platform to elevate Pacific led initiatives that are benefitting peoples and communities as well as created a **structured space for all stakeholders and sectors to come together to discuss issues** facing the Pacific region and in the process **explore opportunities to collaborate going forward**.

Some **key achievements included elevating some sectors** that have not been prominent in the climate change and disaster risk reduction dialogue but are critical to ensuring the resilience of our communities and peoples. The PRM also demonstrated its extensive outreach beyond the region with the **potential for new partnerships** and also strengthened linkages at the national level through aligning with resilience related national events.

The diversity of the issues covered demonstrate that **resilience building needs to take a coordinated approach** that is cognizant of the cross-cutting nature of issues so that resources and beneficial outcomes are maximized. It has also highlighted the need to continue to build on and strengthen meaningful and genuine partnerships, as well as continue to **ensure that efforts are Pacific led and reflect the Pacific context**. To highlight Pacific context, the 2023 PRM ensured that the **voices of the community** were well represented across most sessions.

**Cook Islands** as the Chair of the Pacific Islands Forum led the opening session through the Cook Island National Hub. It featured attendance and performances from their youth.





## 2. 2023 PRM's Key Achievements

The PRM continues to demonstrate that it is **THE** regional platform advocating for an integrated approach to address climate change and manage disaster risks, which means elevating issues across sectors and stakeholders. It also meant recognizing the need to elevate some sectors that have not been prominent in the climate change and disaster risk reduction dialogue but are critical to ensuring the resilience of our communities and peoples. For 2023 PRM, this included highlighting the need to **accelerate water security action as a critical component of resilience, that addressing food systems is everyone's business, the need to also consider the psychological impacts of climate change and disasters and enhancing resilience in the education sector with a focus on school safety.**

The 2023 PRM also positioned itself with a forward looking agenda that aligned with the priorities identified under the 2050 strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent including **human mobility, climate finance, loss and damage, importance of disability-inclusive resilience, disaster risk finance, women empowerment and knowledge brokering**, recognising that the Pacific needs longer-term and whole of sector thinking and approach to accelerate action on critical issues facing the region and how as a collective we can promote efforts for impactful and beneficial outcomes.

The PRM continued to exceed industrial standards in the context of online platforms with over 55% logging in at any point in time to the PRM online platform and particularly at a time when the novelty of online meetings has declined. This continues to emphasize the value of shared leadership in putting the PRM sessions together which contributes to its relevance and authenticity of content capturing the interest and attention of participants. It is also an indicator of the agility and resilience of the PRM, learning from the impacts of COVID-19 in terms of making the most of digital technology to connect the region as well as continue to ensure stakeholders at the national level feel included particularly with the meeting resources being shared across the 15 national hubs.

Over 88 countries registered including 20 Pacific Island Countries and Territories (PICT's). This demonstrates the **extensive reach of the PRM with the opportunity to elevate Pacific issues and efforts** to an audience beyond the Pacific region that can potentially result in new partnerships. In addition, participants reflected a broad spectrum of stakeholders as well as age group underscoring the inclusive approach to the PRM with the content and set-up enabling diverse representation. It is the one unique feature of the PRM that facilitates and supports equal participation of all stakeholders including youth which in the process emphasizes we are accountable and have a role to play in resilience efforts across sectors and at all levels of implementation.

In 2021, 11 national hubs were set up with over 200 attending at the national level. For 2023, **the national hubs were increased to 15 with over 500 in total attending from the national level.** Some of the countries used their national hubs to showcase nationally led initiatives with examples including Fiji using the Fiji PRM Hub to promote Fiji National Disaster Awareness Week bringing over 300 participants that are directly involved as first responders to the aftermath of disasters. Kiribati used the last day of the PRM to launch their Resilience Week while Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) used their national hub to showcase activities in Chuuk. New Caledonia used their national hub to showcase nationally led disaster risk reduction initiatives partnering with one of their academic institutions. This momentum needs to be maintained for future PRM ensuring that the national stakeholders see the PRM as integral to their nationally led efforts and initiatives. It has the potential to strengthen the linkages between regional and national structures. Feedback after the 2023 PRM has indicated overwhelming support to continue with this hybrid model for future meetings.







## 3. 2023 PRM Theme and Objectives

### 3a. 2023 PRM Theme

The 2023 Pacific Resilience Meeting was about: **Our People, Our Strength: Securing Our Pacific Future.**

The 2023, PRM emphasised the inbuilt strength of our communities, built through enduring and adapting to some of the world's most challenging environments. The meeting was co-designed to ensure that we, in the Pacific, take conscious steps to secure our future rather than simply enduring the challenges that we are being thrown into, including natural disasters, climate change, water in-security, economic downturns, pandemic and social disruptions.

Stories of strength and resilience were shared highlighting the long-term strength, adaptability, and sustainability of Pacific communities and ecosystems in the face of adversity. Building resilience to secure the future of the region through proactive measures, collaboration, and the preservation and promotion of cultural heritage and knowledge were at the core of discussions at 2023 PRM.

### 3b. 2023 PRM Objectives

The 3<sup>rd</sup> PRM was aligned to the five objectives co-designed by the Organising Committee in 2021 and reconfirmed for 2023. The objectives were to:

1. **ENGAGE** the audience, Pacific Leaders, decision-makers and international partners/donors to hear local, home-grown and enduring resilience actions (making content engaging, inclusive, representative, culturally sound and inspiring).
2. **CONNECT** the Pacific resilience community to collaborate, partner, learn, act and be heard on the successes, work and future challenges facing the region in an inclusive and localised manner – leading to new partnerships / technical working groups.
3. **DEMONSTRATE** the progress of FRDP and its principles and standards that integrate, inform, include and sustain towards the aspirations of the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific.
4. **INSPIRE** and connect the resilience community and broader stakeholders through innovative, practical, and successful learnings across the Pacific in actions.
5. **ELEVATE** resilience work, challenges and opportunities to our Pacific Leaders, decision-makers, global institutions, and international/donor agencies towards Pacific-led resilience and well-being.

## 4. How the PRM was designed

This section sheds lights on the collaborative efforts over the design and planning process of the PRM23, with the guidance of the Pacific Resilience Standards and an overarching system thinking approach, both of which played pivotal roles in shaping the objectives and agenda of the PRM. The proactive outreach aimed not only to engage a diverse array of stakeholders but also to foster a sense of collective ownership in the preparation process. By involving a broad spectrum of contributors, the intention was to ensure that the PRM truly represented the collective aspirations and expertise of those invested in its success. The section also provides detailed information on the hybrid modalities that were strategically employed for the meeting, blending in-person and virtual components.

### 4a. Oversight and Guidance

The PRP Taskforce provided guidance on how the 2023 PRM should be delivered with the Taskforce members agreeing to replicate the 2021 hybrid modality and also contributed feedback to the theme for the 2023 PRM. A PRM Organizing Committee was established (refer to Annex 5 for more details), chaired by SPC, that drew representation from the PRP Taskforce as well as stakeholders that had actively engaged in the PRP including through the PRP Technical Working Groups. The Organizing Committee ensured that the design and structure of the 2023 PRM complied with the objectives, aligned with the Pacific Resilience Standards and was inclusive in terms of the content and delivery.

Expressions of interest were called for the session content and stakeholders that submitted their interest were encouraged to work together particularly around similar and overlapping issues. This is part of the PRP efforts to strengthen coordination and genuine partnerships across the different actors.

The Organizing Committee also ensured that the sessions focused on issues drawing on examples of good practices from around the region as part of the PRM's objectives of knowledge sharing, learning and driving innovation.

### 4b. Pacific Resilience Standards

The 2023 PRM design was aligned to the four Pacific Resilience Standards<sup>1</sup> and PRM pillars:

- **Integrate:** climate change and disaster risk are mainstreamed into development
- **Inform:** open and ready access to traditional and contemporary information
- **Include:** Inclusive resilient development underpins all actions
- **Sustain:** incorporation of ecosystem-based services, function, unity, and conservation.

### 4c. The 2023 PRM Online Platform

The 2023 PRM online was designed for easy access by all participants and provided a link across the region and beyond the region. It featured not only the sessions across the 3 days but also showcased 28 booths set up by the different partners directly engaged in the 2023 PRM planning and organization. The additional feature of the 2023 PRM was to have booths dedicated to the national hubs so they could upload videos and pictures of what they were doing at the national level. The online platform also allowed for interactivity and networking among participants as a means to generate new networks and link participants from around the region and beyond the region with each other. There was also an attempt to make the most of the Meeting Room feature of the platform with the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI) organizing a meeting on the 2023 PRM online platform to reach out to Pacific stakeholders as a means to inform their next round of grant projects under their Infrastructure for Resilient Island States (IRIS) initiative. Varysian was the firm contracted to build and manage the 2023 PRM online platform and similar to what they did for the 2021 PRM, they provided all support required to ensure the 2023 PRM sessions ran smoothly including managing any connectivity issues given attendees were across 88 countries.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.resilientpacific.org/en/pacific-resilience-standards>

## 4d. 2023 PRM National Hubs

Efforts were made to ensure that the full 16 Forum Pacific Island Countries and Territories (PICTs) were linked to the 2023 PRM through a dedicated national hub. This involved providing venues and other logistics to support national participation. The national hubs were also a means to address connectivity issues particularly in cases where individual participants have no access to internet or laptops. It also provided a means for stakeholders at the national level to interact and network among themselves.



**15 national hubs were set up in:**



Cook Islands



Federated States of Micronesia in Chuuk



Fiji



Kiribati



Nauru



New Caledonia



Niue



Palau



Papua New Guinea



Republic of the Marshall Islands



Samoa



Solomon Islands



Tonga



Tuvalu



Vanuatu

Only French Polynesia was not able to host a national hub due to scheduling conflicts with targeted stakeholders. Given the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of the 2023 PRM fell on International Disaster Risk Reduction (IDRR) Day on 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2023, efforts were also made to align with national events coinciding with IDRR. For the 2023 PRM, over 800 participants registered to attend through the national hubs with over 500 actual attendance across the region.

Feedback was very positive from the national hubs including strong support to continue with the hybrid modality. Establishing the national hubs enabled broad outreach to all stakeholders who normally would not have been able to attend similar regional meetings held in one centralized location. Greenhouse Fiji was the firm contracted to handle all the logistics for the establishment of the national hubs and their commitment, patience and willingness to support in any way they could really contributed to the success of the hybrid modality and 2023 PRM success.





## 5. Participation breakdown

This section offers a comprehensive overview of the meeting's participant demographics, highlighting both the quantity and diversity of attendees.

The data presented here has been gathered during the registration process, providing a valuable resource for detailed analysis.

This information allows for a nuanced disaggregation based on various criteria, including stakeholder groups, gender, age, and country of origin. Understanding the composition of participants provides insights into the varied interests and perspectives contributing to the meeting.

Furthermore, the meeting fostered a more inclusive and participatory environment with the interpretation into both French and sign language. This inclusion of multiple languages ensures that a broader audience can actively engage with the discussions.

In essence, this section not only serves as a record of the meeting's attendance but also underscores the meeting's dedication to inclusivity, diversity, and effective communication.



**1700**  
Participants



**94**  
Speakers



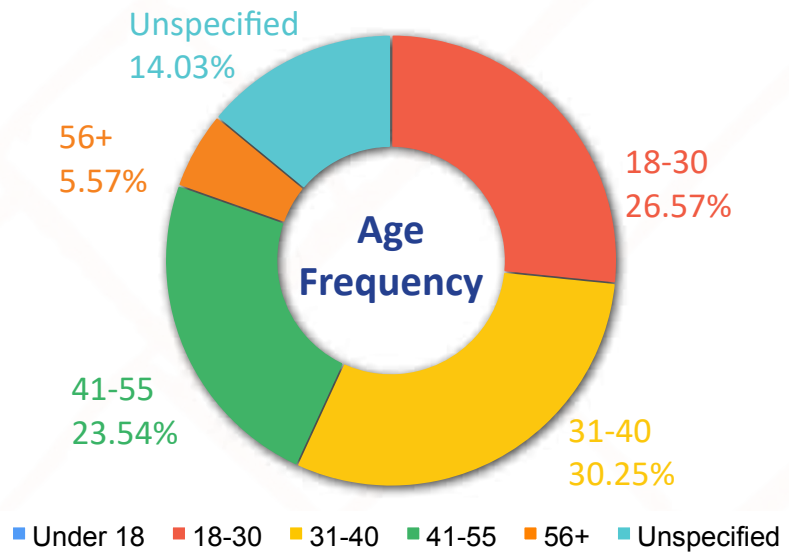
**19**  
Sessions

**28**  
Virtual Booths





A breakdown per age group

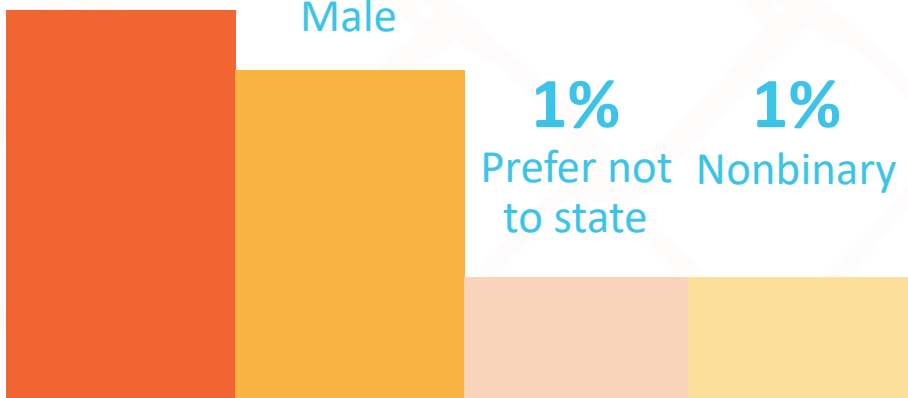


**57%**  
Female

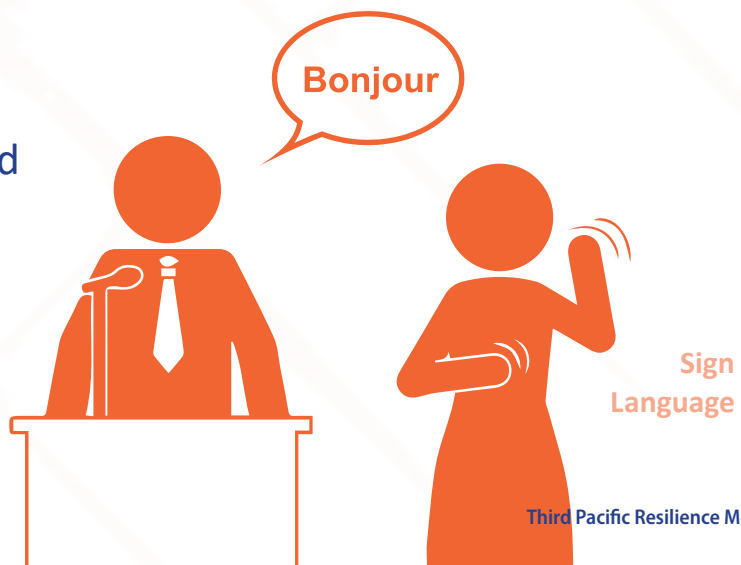
**41%**  
Male

**1%** Prefer not to state  
**1%** Nonbinary

A breakdown per gender



Sessions were interpreted into French and in sign language



A breakdown of participation per stakeholder group (as per the registration)



## Pacific Attendees

A breakdown per countries in the region (20 PICTs)

## 6. Youth Engagement

The Third Pacific Resilience Meeting Youth Forum on 6<sup>th</sup> October and the Pacific Resilience Meeting Youth Plenary session on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2023, were attended by more than 200 young people from across the Pacific Island countries.

Key to the discussions was the concept of ‘Youth Taking Action’, demonstrating that young people are actively taking action in their countries and communities to build resilience communities. The PRM Youth Forum included break-out sessions where participants were able to discuss and deliberate.

The Youth Forum reaffirmed the critical role of young people in leading engagement and action for resilience further reinforcing the importance of integrating priority areas as highlighted in the FRDP, namely: climate change, disaster risk management, low carbon development, and strengthening disaster preparedness, response, and recovery.

Further to this, the Forum reiterated the important leadership role young people play as leaders in Pacific communities with the potential to advance regional action on resilience at the grassroots level. Edrien Walter—youth representative from Vanuatu, who opened the Youth Forum stated that: *“Youth are leaders, advocates, agents of change, educators, and equal partners in the resilience agenda”*; PIFS Secretary General— Henry Puna, *“Your contributions bring a sense of realism, urgency, and fresh perspectives to our policy discussions, resilience is no longer a mere aspiration it is now a necessity for our region”*; and SPC’s Director for Geoscience, Energy and Maritime Division— Rhonda Robinson, *“Young people carry the hopes and ambitions of our Pacific people to lead a resilient and sustainable future”*.

The PRM Youth Forum produced an Outcomes Statement (refer to Annex 3) which was presented during the closing of the 2023 PRM. The statement was generated from dialogue from the break-out session during the youth forum, which included the review of the 2021 youth outcome statement, and the subsequent discussion during the youth plenary session on the 11<sup>th</sup> of October.



## 7. What's next? Looking to 2025...

The PRM 2023's outcomes statement has provided a clear direction for stakeholders in our region to forge a resilient future. Looking ahead to the next Pacific Resilience Meeting in 2025, the interim period presents various opportunities to amplify the voices and acknowledge the concerns voiced during the 2023 PRM. The PRM needs to continue to innovate and evolve to reflect the ongoing discussions and developments at the global, regional and national levels so that it continues to be the regional platform showcasing and, in the process, influencing resilience efforts towards better outcomes.

The PRM can be strategically placed to coordinate Pacific voices going into these global platforms. The 2023 PRM outcomes and session content should provide a good basis for Pacific issues at upcoming 2024 key gatherings such as the Asia-Pacific ministerial meeting for Disaster Risk Reduction in the Philippines, the Pacific Islands Leaders meeting in Tonga, and the UNFCCC Conference of Parties and the UNDR's Global Platform on Disaster Risk Reduction in 2025. This in turn can inform the content and organization for the 2025 PRM including reinforcing the FRDP and PRP as the regional mechanisms translating these global mechanisms to Pacific context and led resilience actions.

Direct funding to the PRP from the European Union funded PACRES comes to an end in January 31<sup>st</sup> 2024 with efforts now focused on resource mobilization to ensure the PRP governance arrangements including the PRM remain active as a platform bringing together all resilience practitioners from across stakeholders and sectors.

There are some action oriented outcomes from the 2023 PRM including the development of a 'water security engagement strategy' that aims to elevate water concerns at the forefront of resilience-building endeavors, and foster cross-sectoral collaboration and mutual benefits. Partners co-leading the sessions have also indicated interest to utilize the PRP mechanisms particularly the PRP Technical Working Groups as a means to continue elevate the issues they are actively engaged in.

The PRM also highlighted, in respect of early warning systems, the need to leverage established mechanisms and fostering collaboration beyond just meteorological services noting it encompasses a multi-hazard, people-centered approach across sectors. This is also the same for the issue of climate related human mobility, where voices from the impacted communities are critical to shape any national and/or regional responses with the session on human mobility inclusive of community voices.

These are a few examples that highlight the depth and focus of the PRM as a means to mobilize the necessary stakeholder collaboration and coordination to strengthen and improve resilience efforts and outcomes. The 2023 PRM Outcomes is attached to this report with further details on the discussions and outcomes from the Meeting.

***NO ONE IS LEFT BEHIND..***





“I learned about this event through a friend who gave me the link, and then I went online to read more about it. Through the stories and experiences, I have learned and heard in this meeting. It has broadened my view of what Pacific resilience really is and how it impacts most of our society in the Pacific.

This event reaffirms to me that climate change is real, and the only thing we need to do is work cooperatively to adapt to or mitigate such issues in our society and our country as a whole.

To me, this meeting is very effective and helpful in many ways. It gives me the ability to prepare for, and respond to hazardous events, trends, or disturbances related to climate. Improving climate resilience involves assessing how climate change will create new risks or alter current climate-related risks and taking steps to better cope with these challenges.”

## Amumule Tasiro

USP student, Bachelor  
in Commerce  
(Double Major) Land  
Management &  
Sociology.



# 8. Daily Summary

## Day 1- Sessions Highlights

### Opening Session

Cook Islands as the current Chair of the Pacific Islands Forum led the [2023 PRM Opening Session](#). It started with a prayer session as is customary in the Pacific with the short sermon focusing on 'Change Now'. It was attended by a youth group as well as some of the community leaders. Despite the challenges with connectivity, the youth of Cook Islands shared some of their cultural items further emphasizing that resilience is about our people and our culture and our future generations.

### Plenary 1: Youth taking action

[Sevuloni Rokomatu](#) | Moderator

[Miliana Carpenter Iga, Sotiana Sorovakatini](#), | Bua Urban Youth, Cogea Project, Fiji

[Olive Mafi](#) | Tonga National Youth Congress, Tonga

[Ikloi Reebelkuul](#) | Palau Red Cross Society, Palau

**Replay of this session:** [2023 PRM Plenary 1: Youth Taking Action](#)

This session heard from the youth who are taking proactive actions in climate change, disaster risk reduction, and disaster preparedness, response, and recovery.

*Key messages:*

- **Pacific island youth are playing active and significant roles** in climate change, disaster risk reduction, and disaster preparedness, response, and recovery at community and national level. They are designing and implementing solutions and should be recognised and respected as an expert group in leading solutions for resilience.
- **Youth are key players in disaster response**, often possessing the stamina necessary for dealing with the pressures inherent in emergency situations.
- Partnerships and engaging with communities is essential and should be strengthened by **improving diversity of representation of different community groups** (elders, women, people living with disabilities, children, youth, LGBTQIA+, etc) on community governance bodies.



*“Nothing can happen until we get our communities to the table where key discussions are happening.”*

**Ms Ikloi Rebelkuul**  
Red Cross, Palau



*“Today’s youth are much more than our ancestors ever hoped for. We are the solution that the Pacific has been waiting for.”*

**Sotiana Sorovakatini**  
Bua Urban Youth, Cogea Project, Fiji

## Session 1:

### Pacific community perceptions and experiences of resilience.

**Replay of this session:** [2023 PRM Session 1: Pacific Community Perceptions and Experiences of Resilience](#)

**Christine Lemau** | Moderator | Program Director, ADRA

**Nete Logavatu** | Fiji Red Cross Society

**Female Community Health Worker & Turaga-ni-koro** | Representatives from Naviyago Village

**Tazrina Chowdhury** | University of Technology Sydney

*Key issues presented and discussed:*

This session shared insights into assessing community resilience in a way that genuinely reflects local Pacific perspectives through highlighting the need for civil society organisations and others working in community development programming to engage with communities, integrate their perspectives, and use participatory methods that represent community's voice. These insights were drawn from the Community Resilience Framework Research done by ADRA Fiji in partnership with University of Technology Sydney.

*Key messages:*

- The need to **recognize, enhance and work with existing community structures or governance structure, focusing on community strengths and actively involving the community in decision-making and evaluation processes.**
- The need to **strengthen stakeholder engagement**, including communication within NGOs, national and local government agencies, and community-based organizations, which would enable communities to access available resources and establish positive working relationships.

## Session 2:

### Enhancing Resilience in the Pacific Education Sector: Implementation of Comprehensive School Safety in the Pacific.

**Replay of this session:** [2023 PRM Session 2: Enhancing Resilience in the Pacific Education Sector](#)

**John Lilo** | Moderator | *Save the Children*

**Selina Kuruleca** | *Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education, Heritage and Arts, Fiji*

**Christopher Sakiri** | *Deputy Secretary Education Services, Ministry of Education Human Resource Development, Solomon Islands*

This session raised awareness and understanding of the importance of school safety and the integration of DRR and CCA in Education sector systems and mechanisms. It also raised awareness on the need to foster collaboration among the regional and national stakeholders (i.e., educators, students, policymakers, community leaders, and NGOs), as key to inspire innovative approaches, and promote the scaling up of school safety initiatives across the Pacific region.

*Key messages:*

- **The need to place children at the centre of our focus for improving school safety**, including child-centered approaches and practices to enhance their resilience.
- **The need for information-sharing and learning exchanges among Pacific nations on school safety programming** which can ultimately contribute to the development of resilient education systems that can better withstand future disasters and climate change challenges.
- **Build partnerships with and support Ministries of Education** to incorporate climate resilience, disaster risk management and disaster risk education as part of their core business and functions.

## Session 3:

# Reimagining capacity-building to scale-up and accelerate climate finance mobilisation in the Pacific and risk-informing public finance with climate budget tagging (CBT).

**Replay of this session:** [2023 PRM Session 3: Capacity building to scale up and accelerate climate finance mobilization](#)

**Asif Shah** | *UNDP* | Moderator

**Yemesrach Workie and Laetitia De Marez** | *Ministry of Finance Solomon Islands*

**Tobias Bule** | *Ministry of Finance and Treasury Solomon Islands*

**Sivoki Lavemaau** | *Ministry of Finance, Tonga*

**Jale Samuwai** | *Rocky Mountain Institute*

This session spotlighted the discussion on both access to finance and ensuring value for money in investments. It included reflections on the innovative capacity building approaches on climate finance access that are currently being implemented, and strategies on how they can be leveraged to ensure sustained capacity in the region.

*Key Messages:*

- **Climate finance capacity building initiatives should be demand-driven, hands-on, regionally specific and emphasize practicality and sustainability** including localisation of advisers to ensure that the required expertise is trained and retained in the region.
- **Trainings should take a holistic approach by focusing on both hard and soft skills** to ensure that participants are able to develop bankable proposals and collaborate effectively with key stakeholders throughout every stage of the project development process.
- **Reforms of Public Financial Management (PFM) need to be better coordinated rather than working in silos** and given the complexity and the whole of government approach needed, it is important to take a long-term view including building on and strengthening the existing systems and allow it to improve as capacities are strengthened with time.
- **One size doesn't fit all** was a clear message and this is because the level of sophistication of the public financial management system varies in countries that reiterates the earlier message regarding building on and strengthening the local context.





## Session 4:

# Community-driven Nature-based Solutions: Build Resilience and Sustainability.

Replay of this session: [2023 PRM Session 4 Community Driven Nature Based Solutions](#)

**Ludovic Branlant** | Nature-based Solutions Mainstreaming Advisor, Pacific Community (SPC) | Moderator

**James Tremlett** | Pacific Islands Roundtable for Nature Conservation (PIRT)

**Kevin Egu** | Coral Gardener, Papua New Guinea

**Ratu Ovini Bokini** | Community representative from Ba

**Reminvai Vitau** | President of the Women's Association, Semo Village, Nadroga Province

**Thomas Yalu** | Community Engagement Officer, Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) Solomon Islands

The session emphasized the central role of communities in driving and implementing natural-based solutions drawing from specific practical experiences that included hearing from Papua New Guinea coral gardener, community engagement in Ba Community and Semo Village from Fiji and Solomon Islands.

### Key Messages:

- **The importance of healthy biodiversity in building resilience** against climate change was emphasized and as in the case of Papua New Guinea coral restoration work, there was significant growth and return of marine life to impacted areas benefitting the surrounding communities.
- The importance of **ensuring the community is resilient through self-reliance and disaster preparedness training and equipping the community with resources and skills**, including farming for food security, handicraft skills for income generation, and providing essential kits like radio, batteries, and torch lights as well as information sharing to other communities.
- The importance of **community outreach and information transfer** particularly on best practices that can assist villages facing the same issues and involving the communities in decision-making, acknowledging the importance of their ideas, consent, and project benefits, with a focus on gender risk assessment and community involvement in Nature-based Solutions (NbS) like Protected Areas (PA).



*"I grew up in the coastal Tubusereia village where I spent most of my time swimming around the reefs with my friends, and fishing with my grandparents, parents and uncles. We used to see a lot of fish and coral near the shore but people go out far to look for fish and we lost many of our fisherman in the sea, including my grandfather. After losing him, I stopped going out to the sea. Around 2018, one of my uncles doing his PhD came to the village to do a coral restoration project. He said, "we are going to plant coral!". I was confused because I didn't know that rocks can grow. A few months later, we saw the corals grew twice in size! I was surprised to see the progress; there were lots of small fish swimming in and out of the coral. I became really passionate about coral gardening to save our marine ecosystem."*

### **Kevin Egu**

Master Coral Gardener in Papua New Guinea



*“Our people are facing hard time to improve their livelihoods in the face of increased climate change challenges. Protecting biodiversity on our islands is very important to maintain the ecosystem and sustain livelihoods.”*

**Thomas Yalu**

Community Engagement Officer,  
Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) Solomon Islands



*“Due to the impact of sea level rise on two sides and a devastating flood in 2012, we had to relocate to another community for months before we could return to our village. PACRES equipped us with the resources and skills so we are able to live on our own when disaster strikes. Women have been trained in backyard farming for fresh vegetables, tie-dye, screen printing, and sewing courses to run their own businesses, support their families, maintain their livelihoods, and beautify their homes in Semo.”*

**Reminvai Vitau**

Reminvai Vitau President of the Women’s Association  
of the Semo Village in Nadroga Province (Fiji)

**SO AS A FOCAL POINT IN THE COMMUNITY, I HAVE THE ABILITY TO TACKLE MORE SOLUTIONS...**



## Learning Lab 1:

### Understanding the Knowledge Brokerage Journey – *From Information and Knowledge to Decision-Making and Action.*

Replay of this session: [2023 PRM Learning Lab 1 Knowledge Brokering](#)

**Rachel Nunn-Crichton** | *Pacific Climate Change Centre, Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)*

**Nicollette Goulding** | *Australian Pacific Climate Alumni Network*

This session explored the concepts behind knowledge brokerage, including definitions, processes, and the journey. The knowledge brokerage journey is one that starts with information that is turned into knowledge; the knowledge is then used to make informed decision making that leads into (climate) action. Having a greater appreciation of the journey will support participants in identifying opportunities for better information and knowledge synthesis and translation, dissemination, and ability to make critical decisions tailored for the Pacific.

*Key messages:*

- Knowledge brokering connects the **information**, the **learner**, and the **new knowledge** and includes: i) **enabling access to information and its use**; ii) **turning information into knowledge in decision-making**; and iii) **facilitating innovation and change**.
- The 5 highly-rated key qualities that participants identified as having as a Pacific Knowledge Broker were: i) **patience**; ii) **approachable**; iii) **inclusive**; iv) **listener**; and v) **respectful**;
- Knowledge Brokerage is not a one-person feat - It requires many **supportive, helping** hands, each with their own **unique qualities** and **skill sets** that fit together like pieces of a puzzle.

**AMPLIFYING THE VOICE OF THE COMMUNITY...**



## DAY 2 – Sessions Highlights

### Plenary 2: Resilience lies on water: the role of water security in Pacific resilience

Replay of this session: [2023 PRM Plenary 2 Resilience Relies on Water](#)

**Nathalie Andre** | Moderator | Pacific Regional Lead – Adaptation and Nature Based Solutions, Global Green Growth Institute

**Dave Hebblethwaite** | Water Security and Governance Coordinator, Pacific Community

**Lusia Sefo-Leau** | Chief Executive Officer Pacific Water and Wastewater Association

**David Hiba Hirasia** | Director, Solomon Islands Meteorological Service

**Navara Kiene** | Program Director, Water Aid PNG

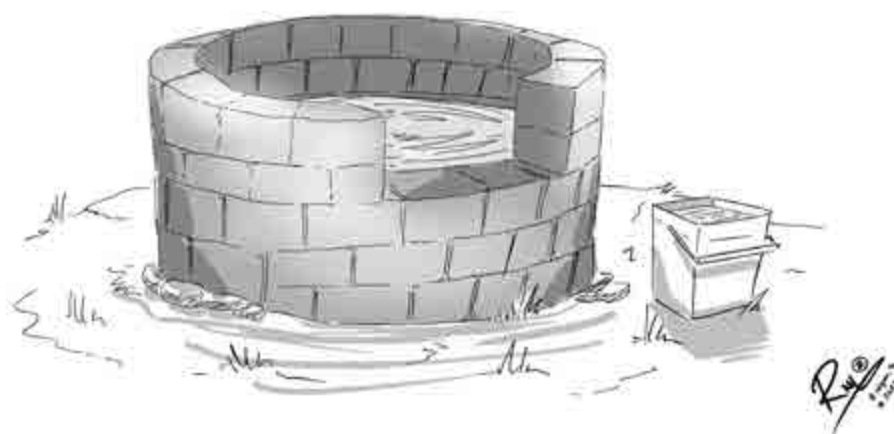
**Everlyn Mikasimo** | Markham Project Coordinator, Menstrual Hygiene Champion, World Vision Papua New Guinea

This plenary session highlighted that water is essential to the survival of humans and ecosystems. It highlighted how the Pacific is performing in progressing sustainable development goal 6 and its related targets, how climate change and disaster risks are impacting water security, water-related disasters, water stress areas, financing gaps, and opportunities for improving Pacific Islands' water security. It brought together the different stakeholders and agencies that have a role to play in strengthening water security including Pacific Water and Waste Water Association (PWWA), a representative from a Government Meteorological Services agency and the end users of water like girls and women in terms of menstrual hygiene.

*Key messages:*

- The Pacific is **progressing on SDG 6** however, **gains are being offset by ongoing climate and disaster impacts** on gains made emphasizing the **need for all sectors to engage in water security** including increasing more climate adaptation and risk reduction investments in water as it connects to building resilient communities and is really becoming a resilience issue if not addressed.
- **Water Security is the multi-dimensional 'Connector'** to achieving other SDGs.
- The need to **ensure meteorological information is translated to easy-to-use products for communities** to enable them to prepare better in securing their water, lives and livelihoods.
- The importance of **including end users of water** and the issue of access and availability of water drawing on the example of water for girls and women in terms of menstrual hygiene.

*NOT ONLY A SOURCE OF WATER, BUT  
ALSO A SOURCE OF HOPE...*





## Session 5 :

### The Building blocks to a resilient food system

Replay of this session: [2023 PRM Session 5 The Building Blocks to a Resilient Food System](#)

**Alisi Tuqa** | Moderator | Food Systems Programme Lead - SPC

**Philippe Couraud** | Director of Agriculture, Government of French Polynesia

**Dorah Wilson** | PhD Candidate Food Systems Vanuatu

**Michaela Cosijin** | Team Leader Livelihoods and Adaptive Environments CSIRO

**Minoru Nishi** | Managing Director – Nishi Trading Tonga and President, Pacific Farmers Organisation

This session showcased that addressing food systems challenges and deficiencies in light of resilience and preparedness is everyone's business, through science and information, community and private sector engagement. The session heard from those driving efforts at the national level, from an academic and research perspective and from private sector and food producers.

*Key messages:*

- Climate Change and premature death caused by Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) are two existential threats facing the Pacific: Climate change is threatening Pacific communities, ecosystems, and species; whilst premature deaths from NCDs result in loss of productivity and adversely impact the economy and therein lies the **opportunity of the climate-food nexus**.
- Addressing these 2 issues jointly requires that we embrace climate and disaster risk, disaster response and rehabilitation, collaboration and partnerships, food security, and building resilience, underpinned by **Pacific-led solutions founded on strengthening Pacific human capital, capabilities and capacities**.
- A huge part of this resilience effort lies in our resources – the **Blue Pacific continent, and terrestrial resources** – both for our food and livelihoods; both of which are intrinsically linked to Pacific identities, cultures and economies. Indeed the **“Pacific coastal food system”** and **“indigenous food system”** are both crucial in building community resilience.
- **Private sector and communities are key building blocks** in building a resilient food system, supported by conducive policies. Research is also key, and it is important to bridge the gap between policy makers, and the practitioners. This also can facilitate innovation, pushing boundaries and doing things differently.
- **People first – private/public partnerships** are important especially farmers/farming communities and organisations as they are core to for food resilience support, and front liners.

**PEOPLE WHO HAVE LESS ACCESS WILL DO WHATEVER IT TAKES...**



## Session 6:

### Building Resilient Water Systems at the Community Level

Replay of this session: [2023 PRM Session 6: Building Water Resilient Water Systems at the Community Level](#)

**Akmal Ali** | Moderator | *Co-Chair Pacific Resilience Partnership Water Security Technical Working Group and Project Coordinator of the Facility Aiding Locally Led- Engagement (FALE) of the Pacific Islands Alliance for Non-Government Organisation (PIANGO)*

**Anawaite T. Vuetaki** | *Scientific Officer (Hydrogeology), Geological Services Division, Mineral Resources Department, Ministry of Lands and Mineral Resources, Fiji*

**Frances Qounadovu** | *FEMlink Central FEMLINK Women's Weather Watch Convenor.*

**Pualua Paneva** | *Assistant Engineer, Water and Sanitation Division – Ministry of Line and Phoenix Islands Development, Kiribati*

**Sally Rimon** | *Disaster Risk Reduction Officer, Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management Division, Kiribati*

With the climate crisis, there is an urgency to accelerate access to sustainable, safe, and reliable water systems. This session brought real community experiences and stories on innovative approaches to building resilient water systems at the community level.

Key messages:

- Building reliable and resilient water system requires **everyone to play their part because water is a 'connector' to building resilient food systems, health, human and ecosystems wellbeing.**
- **Investing in water resources management, meaningful collaboration and partnerships, and traditional knowledge** are critical to building reliable and resilient water systems that are fit for purpose.
- **Data on groundwater and rainwater and impact-based information** are important for disaster risk management preparedness and response purposes as well as early warning and early action around drought and flood management.
- **Water interventions should centre around the needs of communities involving their engagement from planning, investments and practices** and should also ensure that people's access to water is secured in time of disasters through resilient sustainable water sources to avoid disruption.



*"There's a lot of vulnerabilities with disaster recovery. Building the groundwater system at the source is enabling remote communities that fear not having access to water following a disaster, to feel safe and secure in having a more sustainable water source. At the end of the day, it is about the communities being able to withstand any challenge."*

#### **Anawaite Vuetaki**

Scientific Officer (Hydrogeology), Mineral Resources Department,  
Ministry of Lands and Mineral Resources, Fiji



*“Effective water management requires a dual-pronged approach. While the supply side is crucial, community involvement is equally critical. Along with efficient water supply management, we need to engage in conservation efforts and prevent unnecessary wastage to ensure long-term water security.”*

**Pualua Paneva**

Water & Sanitation Division, MLPID Kiritimati, Kiribati



*“We need communities to learn how to preserve food and water and read natural signs of disasters. Due to climate change, rural women are now reviving traditional knowledge to do this in order to sustain livelihoods.”*

**Frances Qounadovu**

FemLink Central FEMLINK Women’s Weather Watch Convenor





## Session 7:

# Resilience Amidst Rising Tides

Replay of this session: [2023 PRM Session 7: Resilience Amidst Rising Tides](#)

**Maraia Tabunakawai** | Moderator | Gender & Partnership Coordinator, Shifting Power shifting voice program, Oxfam in the Pacific

**Ellena Kelly** | *People with disability Solomon Islands (SICAN)*

**Allan Thaman** | *Santo Sunset Environment (VCAN)*

**Carolyn Kitione** | *Shifting the Power Coalition.*

From the lens of Loss and Damage building an understanding of the crucial work undertaken by Pacific Island women to shaping locally women-led response to the climate crisis through an intergenerational and intersectional lens that showcase how women are engaging in innovative ways to link their lived realities to commitments made towards women's rights in climate policy and political decision-making at all levels

### KEY MESSAGES:

- The need to ensure **inclusive resilience and addressing the barriers to access services, improve economic empowerment through increased accessibility to vital services in health, education, and workforce** for people with disabilities including women and girls.
- More efforts are required to **build the capacity for people living with disabilities, not to limit them because of their disability but recognize and build on their ability to do things in their unique way.**
- **Women need to have equal representation in disaster response committees** in their communities and lead in implementation of disaster response and capacity development in disaster assessment and reporting to development partners and their governments.
- **Diverse Pacific women-led, and intergenerational programs** are contributing to inform gender inclusive climate change policy and planning by supporting young women leaders to engage in climate change and related crisis in their own organisations, communities, and business.

IN THE DISTANT FUTURE...

THANK OUR ANCESTORS FOR CHOOSING TO  
MOVE FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR PEOPLE...





## Session 8:

# An Equitable Shift: From ‘Empowering Pacific Women’ to Recognition, Inclusion and Investment in Pacific Women-led Resilience Strategies

**Replay of this session:** [2023 PRM Session 8: An Equitable Shift From Empowering to Recognition, Inclusion & Investment in Women](#)

**Sharon Rolls-Bhagwan** | Moderator | *Co Chair Gender & Social Inclusion Technical Working Group and Regional Representative GPPAC Pacific & Programme Manager Pacific Women Mediators Network*

**Selai Korovusere** | *Director, Ministry of Women, Children and Social Protection, Fiji*

**Noelene Nabulivou** | *Executive Director, DIVA for Equality, Fiji*

**Naomi Tai** | *Disaster Risk Reduction Officer, People with Disabilities*

**Carolyn Kitione** | *Learning Coordinator, Shifting the Power Coalition, Fiji*

This session shared ways in which women, girls, and gender non-binary people lead local and global climate justice work and how they prepare for and recover from disasters including reframing discussions around gendered roles in the climate justice and disaster risk resilience space.

*Key messages:*

- **Political will is central to addressing patriarchy and harmful social norms** and to advance gender equality and the rights of people with disabilities, and diverse gender in the Pacific.
- People need an enabling environment where national systems and institutional structures (legislative, policies, strategies, and plans) for disaster risk reduction and climate change **recognise the voice, agency and leadership of all Pacific women and ensure** their knowledge, skills and contributions to resilience strategies are mainstreamed and integrated.
- To be more inclusive, DRR and climate change policies and programs need to ensure **meaningful and active engagement of persons with disabilities in planning, implementation and monitoring of DRR actions, and climate change adaptation and mitigation activities**. Comprehensive accessibility including for communications and universal design is necessary to ensure disaster relief and recovery measures are fully accessible to all, including persons with disabilities.
- Multiple existing strategies and sets of work being carried out by **feminist coalitions for gender and climate justice, and feminist funding models grounded in gender equality principles should be recognized, scaled and resourced**, including exploring possibilities for regional gender and climate change proposals that include funds for governments and feminist CSOs.
- **Capacity building for women must be backed by flexible grant-based funding** to enable women in the community to advocate and influence decision making and policy settings.



*“Persons with disabilities are not just a “vulnerable group” but we are also capable of participating in and leading DRR efforts. I, myself, am an example of that. So please do include us as the experts and contributors we are.”*

**Naomi Tai**

People With Disability Solomon Islands



*“Resilience is important to affirm and to cultivate. **AND** it has limits..... Women must be represented in all areas of leadership. We all must be able to live lives without violence and with decent work, rest and leisure in a social, cultural, economic and physical environment that is just, clean, safe and ecologically balanced. Then we can face whatever challenges arise. **That is resilience.**”*

**Noelene Nabulivou**  
DIVA for Equality Fiji



*“Resources isnt just about money but it is about access, information and opportunities that highlight the impact of lived experiences. We need to be working directly with communities to really resource Pacific women innovation.”*

**Carolyn Kitone**  
Shifting the Power Coalition

**WE WORK BETTER WHEN WE MIX  
TOGETHER...**



## Learning Lab 2:

### Measuring water security for Pacific Resilience

Replay of this session: [2023 PRM Learning Lab 2 Water Security Indicators](#)

**Exsley Taloiburi** | Deputy Director – Disaster and Community Resilience Programme, Pacific Community

**Dave Hebblethwaite** | Water Security and Governance Coordinator, Pacific Community (Overview of Water Security – Post-Disaster Needs Assessments)

**Bronwyn Powell** | Water and WASH Specialist, International Water Centre – (Asian Water Development Outlook)

**Misileti Satuala** | Development Project Coordinator, Pacific Water and Wastewater Association (PWWA Benchmarking Indicators: challenges and successes, gender benchmarking)

**James Robertson** | UNICEF Pacific

This session looked at water security definitions, measures, and indicators, and how these relate to Pacific contexts and resilience. It considered community water management governance and building on traditional knowledge and Pacific strengths and how to incorporate in water security measurements going forward.

Key messages:

- There is a pivotal need to **establish targeted goals specifically tailored for water security in the Pacific reflecting the Pacific unique context** and with the understanding that water security stands as a linchpin for climate and disaster resilience across the Pacific region.
- Insufficient data, a lack of data coordination, and difficulties in applying some global indicators to the Pacific context mean that water security is not always well measured in our region emphasizing **the need to improve data collection** for better reporting, especially around other SDG 6 targets such as water for the environment and ecosystems, and water and disaster-related indicators.
- **Understanding the essence of water security** indicators and actively seeking ways to enhance them entails not only understanding their significance but also actively working on improving them to accurately gauge and elevate the region's water security status and how water security is relevant to the resilience of Pacific communities.
- While the Pacific has made considerable progress in applying global and locally developed monitoring platforms for water security, much more can be done to support these efforts and fully utilise the information to measure our progress, identify needs, and inform investments.
- There is a need to **coordinate information on water security indicators**, as in the Pacific they are measured using different frameworks:
  - The Asian Development Outlook measures water security using five dimensions: rural water security, economic water security, urban water security, environmental water security, and water-related disaster security. These all contribute to national water security.
  - The Joint Monitoring Report (JMP) is important as a data collection tool used by the UNICEF/WHO to measure water security on SDG 6, especially the water, sanitation and hygiene targets.
  - Data sources for the JMP are drawn from the national censuses and national surveys.
  - PWWA – conducts a benchmarking exercise in measuring water security indicators which is contributing to achieving SDG 6 targets plays an important role in the region.

# DAY 3 – Sessions Highlights

## Plenary 3: The Power of Partnerships for Early Warning, Early Action in the Pacific

Replay of this session: [2023 PRM Plenary 3 Power of Partnerships for Early Warning, Early Action in the Pacific](#)

**Litea Biukoto** | Moderator | *Pacific Community (SPC)*

**Katie Greenwood** | *International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies*

**Ms Tala Mauala** | *Samoa Red Cross Society*

**Jonathan Tafiariki** | *Solomon Islands National Disaster Management Office*

**Flora Vano** | *Action Aid Vanuatu*

This session highlighted that while early warning systems have traditionally been the focus of national meteorological and hydrological services in the Pacific, there is growing recognition that it goes beyond one agency or one sector mandate to deliver multi-hazard, end-to-end, and people-centred early warning early action.

*Key messages:*

- **We need to further leverage the multistakeholder approach provided under the Pacific Resilience Partnership (PRP) to benefit our collective Early Warning Early Action (EWEA) efforts in the Pacific.** Partnerships with international technical agencies that conduct/support forecasting, monitoring and information sharing is important to receive timely warnings and disseminate to the community members. Partnership with the private sector is also important when disseminating warnings, such as mobile network providers, who are crucial in reaching out people in remote areas and islands.
- **Early Warning Systems (EWS) should be multi-hazard, end-to-end and inclusive.** EWS should reach the last mile and **we should put people at the centre of our work** and listen to them.
- **Everyone has a role to play in designing and implementing early warning initiatives.** They should empower local communities and recognise their capacity to prepare for, mitigate and protect their lives and livelihoods from disasters. Furthermore, women and disability-led initiatives should be encouraged to be the drivers of locally led early warning systems.
- **Communication and dissemination** play a key role in reaching the last mile. Bringing EWS to the community level using local capacity and awareness raising will greatly support community led EWEA. This includes understanding that language is important whilst disseminating warnings. **Using local dialects and clear language** will ensure that the message is understood and reaches everyone.



*Our country is connected by water so we have to work with our meteorological department providing weather information and early warning to ensure our people travel safely*

**Jonathan Tafiariki**

Director, Solomon Islands National Disaster Management Office



## Session 9:

### Preparing our Vaka for the Future of Climate (im)Mobility

Replay this session: [2023 PRM Session 9: Preparing our Vaka for the Future of Climate Mobility](#)

**Adi Litia Nailatikau** | Moderator, Conciliation Resources programme officer

**Jone Mahemahe** | Representative of Nanuku settlement, Fiji

**Ben Salacakau** | Representative of Vunisavisavi village, Fiji

**Bedi Racule** | Youth climate activist working with Pacific Conference of Churches

This session highlighted the need to consider the broad spectrum of impacts from climate related mobility including recognizing the need for communities to stay in-situ as a choice and expression of community agency as well as recognizing 'returning home' as a choice and that relocation in the context of climate change should only be an option of last resort.

*Key messages:*

- **Efforts to stay should be supported** through urgent and impartial risk assessments, and anticipatory action which is cost-saving in the long-run.
- The social impacts of relocation, even within customary land boundaries, should never be underestimated. **Lessons from the diaspora and informal settlements** including the **trauma and impacts of twice displaced communities** can prove to be valuable for relocated communities. There are already some examples of progress in the Pacific region that may be scaled up or replicated.
- Participants identified the following concrete actions to address climate (im)mobility:
  - Ensuring advocacy (including youth advocacy) on curbing carbon emissions
  - Supporting water security and flood management
  - Pathway for climate finance to support locally led relocation and advocacy amongst Australia and New Zealand to support climate (im)mobility.
  - Identification of priority communities for relocation
  - Establishment of early warning systems
  - Climate change adaptation projects at local levels
  - Strategic urban planning that incorporates local knowledge
  - Awareness of communities and also awareness on migrants needs and vulnerability.
- The most urgent requirements towards addressing climate (im)mobility are funding; awareness, including free prior and informed consent; consultation and involvement of communities and youth; community and government ownership; collaboration; traditional and indigenous knowledge; science and data; policies; government engagement, including local governance; advocacy.
- The key stakeholders that should be involved include affected communities, governments, donors, youth, traditional leaders, women, displaced and diaspora communities, marginalized groups (LGBTQIA+ communities), local and indigenous experts, local organizations, major emitters.



*"A young woman from Bikini Atoll said, 'Before, we were asked to relocate for the good of mankind. Now, we need to relocate because of mankind'."*

**Bedi Racule**

Youth Activist, Pacific Conference of Churches

## Session 10:

# Financial Protection Against Disasters: Strengthening Our Community Focus in the Pacific

**Replay of this session:** [2023 PRM Session 10 Financial Protection Against Disasters Strengthening our Community Focus](#)

**Karlos L Moresi** | Moderator | Pacific Islands Forum

**Vimal Dutt** | Chief Executive Officer, Fiji Sugar Cane Growers Council

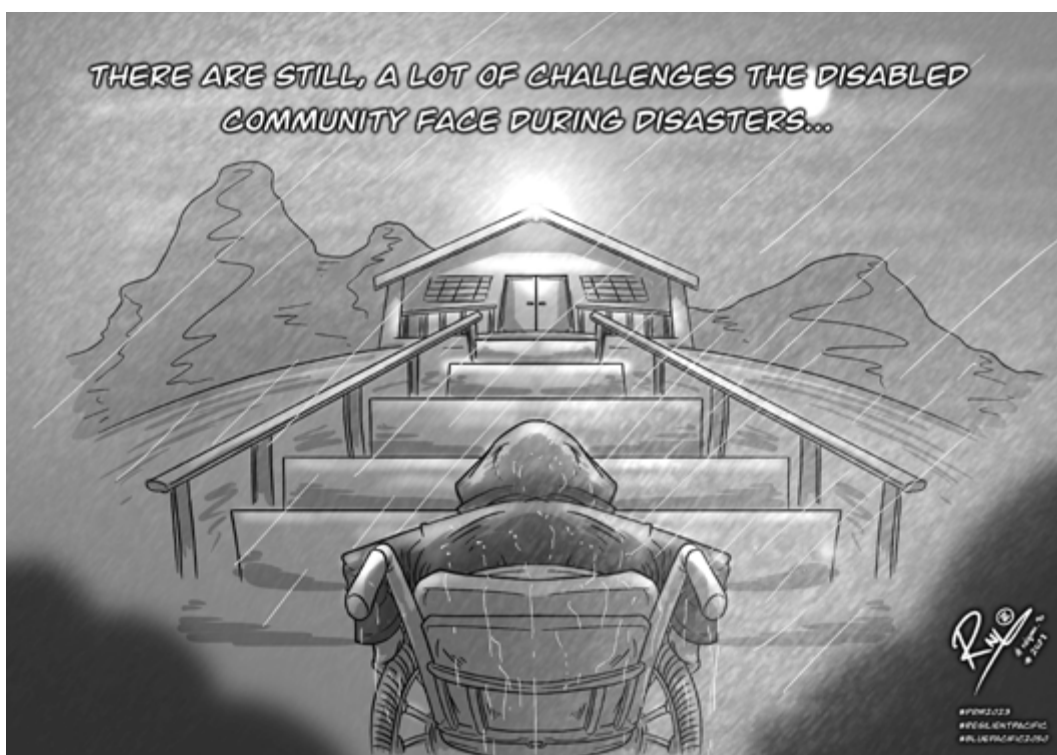
**Silia Tupou** | Tonga Development Bank

**Saane Lolo** | Ministry of Finance, Tonga

The session was a key regional opportunity to build momentum to support the implementation of the Pacific Regional DRF Roadmap (Roadmap) and Guideline for Developing National DRF Strategies (Guideline) as approved by the 2023 FEMM in August.

*Key messages:*

- the **value of community-level/focused Disaster Risk Finance (DRF) products** in enabling financial protection against disasters and share experiences and lessons from innovative pilot activities in the region.
- the need to **improve awareness/outreach and communication to promote understanding of DRF products available to communities and in particular women and other vulnerable groups.**
- the need to **raise awareness of and access to DRF products** (including trigger events) at the community level.
- the need for **governments and partners to ensure better collection, use and sharing of disaggregated data to better inform and contextualize DRF products** to different disasters, countries and community needs.
- insufficient government and private sector collaboration in support of community efforts, as a major impediment to meaningful engagement of DRF at the community level.
- FRDP's relevance as the implementing framework integrating Climate Change and with the goals of the FRDP remaining relevant beyond 2030.



## Session 11: Inclusive Resilience for ALL

Replay of this session: [2023 PRM Session 11 Inclusive Resilience for ALL](#)

**Ruci Senikula** | *AHP Coordinator with Pacific Disability Forum* | Moderator

**Naomi Navoce** | *Co-Chair and member of Spinal Injuries Association of Fiji*

**Sera Osbourne** | *Office Manager Psychiatric Survivors Association- Fiji*

**Ana Lumoni** | *Member of United Blind Persons Association of Fiji*

**Veronica George** | *Woman with hearing impairment - DRR Officer for Cook Island National Disability Council*

This session was not only about increasing awareness but also about catalysing action, fostering empathy, and aimed at creating a ripple effect of positive change that extended beyond the session into participants' professional and personal lives. It sought to drive a cultural shift towards greater inclusivity in resilience effort, inspiring attendees to take action in their respective fields.

Key messages:

- **Prioritising the rights and needs of those in vulnerable situations, including women, children, youth, LGBTQIA+ and people with disabilities;** and recognise their voice, agency and leadership in determining and implementing resilience-building actions.
- **Supporting the engagement and participation of women and girls, people with disabilities and non-binary people in decision-making fora** and acknowledging their contribution as active agents of change and experts leading resilience and disaster risk reduction efforts, and in locally-led early warning systems.
- **Committing to act in our respective fields to promote inclusivity in resilience efforts** through raising awareness of the importance of disability-inclusive resilience efforts.
- **Recognising that there are people with different forms of disabilities with specific needs**, which must be considered and addressed in disaster risk reduction and response planning.
- **Supporting the development of community based inclusive support services, systems and accessible infrastructures, information and services** to enable the full participation of people with disabilities in everyday life.



*“Let’s make sure that authorities and community leaders are including people with psychosocial disability, not just during, but before times of natural disaster. Only they can tell their story - let’s not assume we know their needs.”*

**Sera Osbourne**  
Office Manager, Psychiatric Survivors Association Fiji



*“We need to be proactive and establish policies that promote change. Accessibility is crucial.”*

**Naomi Navoce**  
Co-Chair and member of Spinal Injuries Association of Fiji

## Session 12: Resilience of our Mental Health

Replay this session: [2023 PRM Session 12 Resilience of our Mental Health](#)

**Nacanieli Bolo** | *Regional Advisor- Disaster Displacement (IDMC)| Moderator*

**Filimone Ralogaivau** | *Climate Adaptation Specialist, Climate Change Division, Office of the Prime Minister, Fiji*

**Prof. David Sattler** | *Professor, Climate Change Researcher, Western Washington University*

**Michael Copland** | *Chief of Child Protection, UNICEF*

**Michael Armstrong** | *Head of Social Responsibility, Oceania Football Confederation*

This session explored the issue of mental health resilience through sharing examples of communities impacted by disasters, including some examples of innovative ways these have been addressed. Mental health issues are a blind spot in global climate discussions despite their importance, as highlighted in various global disaster policy frameworks. The psychological impact of climate change and devastating climatic events is not always visible nor given adequate attention. But it is a risk that needs to be better understood in the varying forms that it manifests so that targeted interventions and responses are adequately built into our resilience efforts. This session showcased some practical solutions to this issue.

*Key messages:*

- **Coping mechanisms such as support from NGOs, appropriate counselling, local support, alternative livelihoods, and storytelling**, play a pivotal role in easing mental health challenges.
- Post-traumatic growth can lead to a better understanding and willingness to take action against climate change, highlighting indigenous knowledge's significance in addressing these challenges.
- **Existing community-based structures including extended family care systems, school, and religious and traditional leaders** play a critical role in supporting children's resilience, mental health and wellbeing in the Pacific, which is a strength that can be built upon.
- There is a need for **investment in highly specialised services for children that are sustainable and grounded in local understanding**, in response to climate induced emergencies.
- **Sports is an opportunity** to support the mental health and recovery of children and communities across the Pacific; utilising play-based interventions to engage with and help children understand what they've gone through; and leveraging the sport network for localised response.

**CLIMATE MOBILITY... IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK.**



  
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## Learning Lab 3: Integrated Approach for DRM and Climate Change

Replay this session: [2023 PRM Learning Lab 3 Future of Integrated Approaches to Disaster Risk Resilience](#)

**Dr Viliamu Iese** | Senior Research Fellow, University of Melbourne

**Anna Saxby** | Executive, Humanitarian Advisory Group

**Anais Rouveyrol and Dibyashree Datta** | Pacific Community (SPC)

The FRDP is a guiding document for the region has articulated the need and value for integration of Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) and Disaster Risk Management (DRM). However, with seven years remaining till the end of FRDP in 2030, it has been experienced that integration may mean different things for different actors and entails its own challenges.

*Key messages:*

- Some challenges remains such as: 1) Lack of political will, leadership, guidance, understanding (level of complexity), trust, access to information, sectors involvement, coordination; 2) Having little coherence and synergies between the Paris Agreement and the Sendai Framework at the global level is counter-productive to the integration agenda in the Pacific; 3) Siloed ways of working remain prominent across the Pacific; 4) Lack of two-way information exchange limits opportunities for holistic community participation and effective leadership in decision-making processes.
- Some benefits and opportunities mentioned by the audience were:
  - Overcoming these challenges **requires coordinated efforts involving multiple stakeholders and a recognition that DRM and CCA are complementary approaches to enhancing resilience and addressing environmental risks**, even though they have distinct priorities. Successful integration should aim to create synergy between the two fields while addressing unique challenges and opportunities, with a focus on long-term planning and community involvement.
  - Integration is not a linear process: it is multi-way, and solutions can be found by **staying true to the integration agenda and involvement of stakeholders from different sectors, organisation types and governance levels, including the empowerment of everyone within communities** to respond to disasters and climate change.
  - **Long-term partnerships and trust** are key to building sustainable change.
  - **Traditional knowledge can guide and support** approaches to building resilience.
  - **Bottom-up approaches have the potential to leverage local initiatives and empower communities and people** to understand risks and address them holistically.
  - The benefits of integration at the national and regional levels are such that the region can't move away from using integrated approaches in the Pacific – considering the incremental risk of climate change.



*“Integration isn’t a linear alignment. When we integrate, we weave. We come together like a mat and hold each other. Integration doesn’t remove complexity and chaos, but can make it beautiful.”*

**Lau Dr Viliamu Iese**

Senior Lecturer in Disaster Risk Management, Pacific Centre for Environment and Sustainable Development, University of the South Pacific

## 9. Conclusion and Recommendations

The 2023 PRM has not only reaffirmed its significance but has also showcased its capacity to strengthen coherence and coordination in the resilience agenda. By providing a platform for information exchange, learning, and extensive networking, it has become a cornerstone in the FRDP's governance structure.

The diverse array of issues covered emphasized the need for a coordinated approach to resilience building, recognizing the interconnected nature of challenges. The 2023 PRM highlighted the importance of genuine partnerships, Pacific-led initiatives, and contextual relevance, evident in the active representation of community voices throughout the sessions.

The design of the 2023 Pacific Resilience Meeting (PRM) reflects a commendable alignment with the four Pacific Resilience Standards. This strategic adherence to the principles of integration, information, inclusion, and sustainability has not only shaped the structure of the event but has also embedded resilience at its core:

- The commitment to **integrating** climate change and disaster risk into development practices underscores a forward-looking approach. By mainstreaming these considerations, the PRM not only addresses immediate challenges but also positions itself as a catalyst for sustainable and resilient development across the Pacific region.
- The emphasis on providing open and accessible information, both traditional and contemporary, aligns with the principle of **'Inform.'** This commitment ensures that knowledge flows freely, fostering a dynamic environment where participants can draw on a rich array of insights to inform their strategies and decisions.
- **'Include'** stands out as a guiding principle, emphasizing the importance of inclusive resilient development. By prioritizing inclusivity, the PRM acknowledges the diverse perspectives and experiences within the community, recognizing that resilience must be built collectively, leaving no one behind.
- The incorporation of ecosystem-based services, function, unity, and conservation encapsulates the **'Sustain'** pillar. This holistic approach acknowledges the interconnectedness of ecosystems and human well-being, emphasizing the need for sustainable practices that preserve the environment for future generations.

### **Recommendations**

Recommendations for future editions included:

- **Hybrid delivery:** surveys and after-action review showed that PRM shall continue to be delivered in a hybrid manner – to enhance the outreach to all PICTs and give equal chance for individuals to participate in the meeting at the local level.
- **National hubs:** feedback was given to allow for more time and resources for the national hubs to have their own national events on the margin of the PRM sessions.
- **Planning:** allowing stakeholders to contribute content through expression of interest has shown to be very successful to foster a sense of collective ownership.
- **Enhanced Integration:** Strengthen efforts to integrate resilience priorities in all developmental aspects, aligning with the Pacific Resilience Standards. This ensures a holistic approach that embeds climate change, disaster risk management, low carbon development, and disaster preparedness across all sectors.
- **Youth Engagement:** Build on the momentum generated by the Youth Forum, encouraging active youth involvement in resilience efforts, and recognizing the pivotal role of young leaders in shaping the future resilience landscape.

By incorporating these recommendations, future PRMs can further amplify their impact, fostering resilience that is integrated, informed, inclusive, and sustainable across the Pacific region.

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### OUTCOMES SUMMARY

#### Pacific Resilience Meeting 2023

#### ‘Our People, Our Strength: Securing Our Pacific Future.’

The 3rd Pacific Resilience Meeting (PRM) was held from 11 to 13 October 2023. The biennial meeting is a key component of the Pacific Resilience Partnership (PRP) governance arrangements, to demonstrate relevant Pacific-led resilience actions in line with the *Framework for Resilient Development in the Pacific: An Integrated Approach to Climate Change and Disaster (FRDP) 2017 – 2030*.

The PRM provides a platform that brings together all stakeholders within the resilience space to inspire genuine learning and connection through diverse and inclusive approaches from our home to the global stage.

The 2023 PRM convened over 1700 participants via a regional virtual platform and 15 physical national hubs. Participants included national and subnational governments and administrations, civil society, communities, the private sector, academia, development partners, national, regional, and international organisations. The meeting provided interpretation facilities, including sign and closed caption viewing.

The 2023 PRM convened under the theme **Our People, Our Strength: Securing our Pacific Future** and was aligned to the four ‘standards’ for resilience, namely **Integrate, Include, Inform, and Sustain**. The standards share regionally agreed effectiveness and behavioural values for guiding and enhancing resilience building in the Pacific.

The opening ceremony was hosted by the Cook Islands. Participants were reminded that the PRM 2023 theme links well with the 2050 Strategy for a Blue Pacific vision for moving forward collectively towards a resilient and prosperous Pacific. Our people should always be at the centre of all our actions and approaches, and we should build from positions of strengths to elevate actions to meet our development aspirations.

The PRM highlighted actions taken, shared lessons learned and outlined next steps for partners and stakeholders. It urged members from across the PRP including national and subnational governments and administrations, the private sector, civil society and communities, regional organisations and development partners to **reaffirm the importance of:**

1. The FRDP as enabling cross-sectoral efforts in climate change adaptation and disaster risk management, as well as locally led guidance on integration and providing partners with a model to align with.
2. Recognising that the FRDP remains the guidance on how to integrate the cross-cutting concepts of Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and its significance cannot be undermined. The FRDP is included in the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent (under



the Climate and Disaster Pillar). The goals and principles of the FRDP remain relevant beyond 2030 and should be embedded within the 2050 Strategy.

3. Acknowledging that, while FRDP is a big first step in the right direction, operational and conceptual barriers continue to hinder the progress of integration and a more holistic approach, based in collective actions for systemic changes might be required to realize the ultimate objective of integration.
4. Recognizing the critical need to invest time and efforts in more holistic thinking and apply systems approaches to enable meaningful cross-sectoral partnerships, break down siloed behaviours and accelerate action to meet the pressing needs of water security and building resilient food systems, health, and human and ecosystem well-being.
5. Recognising that people are at the centre of all resilience efforts and co-designing solutions and responses to climate and disaster impacts with affected communities, building on their perceptions of resilience and ensuring that all sectors of community are involved.
6. Recognising, and incorporating traditional knowledge and practices in resilience plans that are contextualized to the Pacific.
7. Embracing spirituality and faith, traditional knowledge and respect as cornerstones of effective partnerships and meaningful engagement.
8. Prioritising the rights and needs of those in vulnerable situations, including women, children, youth, LGBTQI+ and people with disabilities; and recognise their voice, agency and leadership in determining and implementing resilience building actions.
9. Disseminating this PRM Outcomes Statement and PRM Youth Forum Outcomes Statement annexed hereto, as a consolidated 'perspective of the Pacific' to positively influence transparent and accountable policy and practice at the national, regional, and global level.

The PRM focused discussions and recommendations based on experiences and lessons learned from partnerships and initiatives in the region. **The meeting urged all stakeholders to:**

#### Youth, Cross-sectoral collaboration and partnerships:

1. Commit to encouraging greater cross-sectoral engagement and partnerships, and bringing actors from other functions, such as WaSH, Health, Environment, Social Inclusion, Infrastructure, Finance, Education, etc to the table discussing integration of DRM and CCA.
2. Further support and encourage the role of youth in driving and leading advocacy and action for disaster risk management, climate resilience and as first responders in times of disaster.
3. Invest in community-led and community-driven DRM and CCA initiatives, including for water resource management, from the design phase, based on community perceptions of resilience, respectful of traditional/customary practices and supported by scientific information and technical expertise.
4. Build partnerships with and support Ministries of Education to incorporate climate resilience, disaster risk management and disaster risk education as part of their core business and functions.

#### Resilient water systems and water security:

5. Recognise the important role of the Pacific Water and Wastewater Association in progressing SDG 6 with its members.
6. Promote committed focus and investment in access to water for girls and women in terms of menstrual hygiene.
7. Elevate recognition of issues such as gender-based violence that impact access to water for vulnerable groups, including girls and women.
8. Scale up efforts in developing and applying locally relevant monitoring platforms for water security, including building country capacity in data collection and coordination and to

support these efforts and fully utilize the information to measure our progress, identify needs, and inform investments.

#### Nature-based solutions and food system for resilience:

9. Recognise that resilient food systems impact on all aspects of the national economy, including human health and the environment, and commit to investing in improved understanding of food systems to enable development of effective policies to support transition to local food production.
10. Reaffirm the integral role of healthy ecosystems and biodiversity conservation in building resilience and support communities in driving and implementing robust, science-informed nature-based solutions for disaster risk management and building resilience.
11. Recognise the potential role of the Pacific Islands Roundtable for Nature Conservation as a key advocacy partner alongside the Pacific Resilience Partnership.

#### Early Warning and Early Action:

12. Promote early warning such as impact-based forecasting on likely impacts of water-related disasters on community water security and resilience and strengthen national capacities to conduct groundwater and rainwater monitoring as the key means to improving disaster risk management preparedness and response.
13. Commit to increased investments to strengthen localised early warning systems, including for earthquakes, tsunami, floods and drought at national and community level to ensure information reaches the remotest communities.
14. Recognise the role of traditional knowledge in enhancing community resilience including in reading natural signs of disasters, and food and water preservation.
15. Continue to support and encourage the translation of meteorological information into easy-to-use products communities can use to prepare better in securing their water, lives and livelihoods.
16. Leverage multistakeholder approaches for early warning and early action at regional and national and local levels including through the establishment of a Technical Working Group for multi-hazard early warning systems under the Pacific Resilience Partnership.

#### Meaningful Inclusion:

17. Commit to act in our respective fields to promote inclusivity in resilience efforts through raising awareness of the importance of disability-inclusive resilience efforts.
18. Recognise that there are different forms of disabilities with specific needs, which must be considered and addressed in disaster risk reduction and response planning.
19. Support the development of community-based inclusive support services, systems and accessible infrastructures, information and services to enable the full participation of persons with disabilities in everyday life.
20. Encourage and actively support the engagement and participation of women and girls, people living with disabilities and gender and non-binary people in decision-making fora and acknowledge their contribution as active agents of change and experts leading resilience and disaster risk reduction efforts, and in locally-led early warning systems.

#### Climate Justice:

21. Acknowledge the need to improve understanding of the psychological impacts of climate change and devastating climatic events and the various ways in which these manifest to enable targeted interventions and responses to be built in our resilience efforts.

22. Ensure the protection and practice of the rights, cultural values and heritage and traditional knowledge of Pacific peoples in global and regional protocols for climate and disaster risk reduction, and mobility including relocation, migration, and displacement.
23. Recognise and invest in the multiple existing strategies and sets of work being carried out by feminist coalitions for gender and climate justice and explore possibilities for regional gender and climate change proposals that include funds for governments and feminist CSOs.
24. Scale up feminist funding models that build capacity and ensure resources reach women in affected communities in disasters and humanitarian crises.

**Disaster and Climate Finance mobilisation and public sector reforms:**

25. Acknowledge the needs of remote affected communities and support community-led recovery efforts through resource mobilisation and on-ground support.
26. Accelerate climate finance mobilisation through targeted, localised, hands-on/practical and cross-sectoral capacity building efforts.
27. Support public sector reforms aimed at developing risk informed, climate budget tagging, while recognising the complexity of reforms agenda and focusing on working with existing systems.
28. Encourage government and private sector collaboration to support meaningful engagement of Disaster Risk Finance (DRF) at the community level and note the approval by Forum Economic Ministers of the Pacific Regional DRF Roadmap and Guideline for Developing National DRF Strategies.
29. Encourage governments and partners to ensure better collection, use and sharing of disaggregated data to help inform and contextualize DRF products to different disasters, countries and community needs.

**Finally, the PRM provided an opportunity to underscore to partners and developed countries the necessity for revitalized and reinforced endeavours to:**

1. Fulfil their commitment to the 100bn pledged for climate finance.
2. Reduce greenhouse gas emissions in line with international agreements and scientific recommendations.
3. Allocate resources to research and development for innovative climate solutions and technologies.
4. Strengthen international cooperation and partnerships to address cross-border climate challenges.
5. Empower and support local communities in disaster and climate risk mitigation and adaptation efforts, sustainable land use, conservation of biodiversity, and protection of ecosystems.
6. Prioritize climate justice and equity in decision-making processes, ensuring that the most vulnerable populations are not disproportionately affected.
7. Increase public awareness and education on climate change impacts and the importance of collective action.

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OUR PEOPLE, OUR STRENGTH: SECURING OUR PACIFIC FUTURE

## Annex 2

# Chair's Summary

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Pacific Resilience Meeting 11-13 October 2023

Bula, Malo e lelei and a very good afternoon to you all.

My name is Siale Ilolahia, Executive Director of PIANGO and on behalf of the PRP Taskforce Chair and as co-chair representing Civil Society and Private Sector, it is my pleasure to provide a brief summary of the key takeaways from this third Pacific Resilience Meeting, which started on Wednesday preceded by a PRP youth forum on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

But before I do so, I take this opportunity to thank you all for your participation at this event. A special mention to our main donor – the European Union through the PACRES project, our partners, our speakers, Pacific youth, community representatives and the 2023 PRM organizing committee including our team from Varysian responsible for the amazing PRM online platform and Greenhouse Studios who did a great job with setting up the national hubs, - your contribution and commitment has made this a very successful event.

I acknowledge the government of the Cook Islands and, specifically, the Foreign Affairs and Climate Change Division for organising a beautiful opening ceremony and reminding us of the need to embrace our traditional and cultural knowledge, keeping people at the centre of our actions and approaches while working collectively towards our vision for a resilient and prosperous Pacific. Spotlighting the youth as part of the opening ceremony really emphasizes why securing our Pacific Future is so important.



The 3<sup>rd</sup> Pacific Resilience Meeting has brought together over 300 participants hailing from government, the private sector, civil society organisations, development agencies, local/ national/ regional and international organisations, youth and community representatives. It has been heartening to have new sectors participating this year, not least, representation from the education sector, Water Utilities, a focus on our food systems and reaching communities outside of our capital areas including Chuuk in the Federated States of Micronesia and Kiritimati in Kiribati.

A little over two years ago, through necessity, we convened the PRM virtually. This year we wanted to build on the virtual platform arrangement and provide opportunity for greater participation through 15 physical hubs across the region. While this has not been without its challenges, it has been pleasing to see the numbers of participation through the 3-day meeting. Many of these participants may not have been able to attend a physical meeting if we had held it in a single regional venue. As I emphasized when I invited everyone to attend, your voices and feedback matter.

The PRM is unique in that it is a space for equal participation and equal voice by all stakeholders, through which we can all share our actions and experiences that together contribute to implementing the Framework for Resilient Development in the Pacific (FRDP).

The 2023 PRM theme Our People, Our Strength: Securing our Pacific Future has been highlighted through the examples being showcased with many actors coordinating, collaborating and advocating across sectors to mobilise resources and engage communities to take action at local and national level for their own benefit – it starts with us and is about us – Our People, Our Strength.

The programme was aligned around the four pillars of Pacific Resilience: Integrate, Inform, Include and Sustain with plenary sessions setting the scene for each day.

Day 1 started with the first plenary session led by our youth. The region has seen many disasters in the past two years, and we were reminded that our first responders are in the main, young people aged between 24 and 35 years old. Youth are leading much of the action in disaster risk management and response.

The Technical Sessions focused on different sectors that contribute to our resilience including a focus on community resilience and their central role in driving nature-based solutions, advancing school safety, climate finance and ensuring value for money in investments. The Learning Lab gave us an insight into what knowledge brokering was about and how it can assist with critical decisions tailored for the Pacific.

Day 2 plenary centred the discussion on water security – water is the essence of life and what is dignity when there is no water, no toilet? And despite the fact that our region faces a myriad of water security issues, life goes on because as one of speakers reminded us – our people make the most of what they have. As the Pacific goes into an El Nino phase, we need to prepare for both too little water and too much of it. Building water security requires investment in water resources management and building reliable and resilient water systems that are fit for purpose with everyone having a part to play because water is a Connector to building resilient food systems, health, human and ecosystems wellbeing.

The Technical Sessions highlighted the need to address issues in a wholistic manner. Our Food systems underscored coordination across sectors including the private sector, understanding different needs and challenges and diversity of end users and to build on scientific as well as community knowledge for more effective Food systems. In addition, while much progress has been made in many areas, we must continue to support the engagement and participation of women and girls, people living with disabilities and gender and non-binary people in decision making. The Learning Lab provided an insight into our water security indicators and what that means and what can be done to improve such indicators.

On Day 3, the Plenary session reminded us of the importance of partnerships and how it can enhance our work towards resilience, with the understanding that partnerships are made up of people, of all of us working together. We are stronger together.

The Technical Sessions highlight the different issues that this region faces – through climate mobility or immobility – the ties to the land even if people are no longer residing on their ancestral lands and the desire to stay rather than move. Financial protection to ensure we are able to recover effectively from disasters and the need to provide more awareness/outreach and communication to promote understanding of and accessibility to DRF products. More collaboration is needed between the Government & private sector to support community efforts. The different impacts on people with disability including emphasis that accessibility isn't just

related to the built environment, it also applies to access to information and services and the need to make sure that authorities and community leaders are including people with psychosocial disability, not just during but before times of natural disaster.. The psychological impacts including post-traumatic stress from disasters but at the same time not assuming all people are impacted the same, the power of sports for both physical and mental health and the fact that children are not responsible for the impacts of climate change but one of the most impacted – a very clear case of climate justice. Greater awareness and understanding should help guide more focused and effective approaches. The Learning Lab offered an opportunity to reflect on the past and future of integrated approaches to disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation in the context of the review of the Framework for a Resilient Development in the Pacific.

### **Concluding Remarks**

The PRM has successfully brought together committed individuals, representing a wide range of sectors and interests. Together we have had a chance to share, explore and discuss ideas and best practices in building a resilient Pacific. Importantly, we have heard many great stories of endurance and hope – communities and individuals experiencing great shocks and change and rising above these while helping others to do the same. Our People, Our Strength – Securing our Pacific Future. We are stronger together.

With these words, I now bring the 3rd Pacific Resilience Meeting to a close. Thank you.



### OUTCOME STATEMENT

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Pacific Resilience Meeting Youth Forum

06 October 2023

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Pacific Resilience Meeting Youth Forum on 06<sup>th</sup> October and the Pacific Resilience Meeting Youth Plenary session on 11<sup>th</sup> October were attended by more than 200 young people from across the Pacific Island countries and territories, under the PRM theme of ***“Our People, Our Strength: Securing our Pacific Future”***. Key to the discussions was **‘Youth Taking Action’**, demonstrating that young people are actively taking action in their countries and communities to build resilience communities. The PRM Youth Forum included break-out sessions where participants were able to discuss and deliberate. The PRM Meeting Plenary Session on Youth Taking action included highlights of youth actions and an interactive question and answer session.

**The PRM Youth Forum began with a statement delivered by youth representative, Edrien Walter from Vanuatu.** He emphasizes that youth are leaders, advocates, agents of change, educators, and equal partners in the resilience agenda. **Children and youth are the future custodians of our Pacific region**, hence their involvement at all levels is paramount to ensure that we secure our Pacific future which is reinforced by this year's PRM theme of “Our People, Our Strength, “Securing Our Pacific Future”.

**The Secretary General of the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat PIFS, the Honourable Mr. Henry Puna,** in his address, highlights the pivotal role that youth leadership plays in shaping the future. “Your contributions bring a sense of realism, urgency, and fresh perspectives to our policy discussions”. Resilience is no longer a mere aspiration; it is now a necessity for our region. We are committed to supporting and amplifying youth voices.

**The Director for Geoscience, Energy and Maritime Division of the Pacific Community SPC, Ms. Rhonda Robinson** in her address emphasized that indeed the role of young people is critical to realizing the theme for our 2023 Pacific Resilience Meeting, “Our People, Our Strength: Securing our Pacific Future”. Young people carry the hopes and ambitions of our Pacific people to lead a resilient and sustainable future.

The Youth Forum focused its discussions around the four pillars of resilience, that is; **Integrate, Include, Inform, and Sustain, and to this end;**

- **Urge** provision of capacity development support to local communities for the integration of policies, programs, and projects in climate change and disaster risk management.
- **Recognize**, center, and incorporate traditional knowledge and practices in resilience plans that are contextualized to the Pacific.
- **Encourage** the engagement of faith-based organizations in the disaster risk management and climate change space including in the provision of support and care of key vulnerable groups.
- **Promote** green, low-carbon recovery that will contribute to sustainable, environmentally friendly communities thus reducing the impact of climate change and disasters.



- **Ensure** proper tracking mechanisms are in place to monitor progress for the inclusion of key vulnerable groups such as children, youth, women, PWD, and the LGBTIQ community in the resilience space.
- **Call** for channeling funding support to support actions.
- **Call** for equitable opportunities is provided for young people in rural communities to actively participate in national, regional, and global fora to ensure that the voices of grassroots communities are heard.
- **Promote** and encourage the alignment and mainstreaming of the FRDP with other regional frameworks, policies, and strategies such as the Pacific Youth Development Framework and the Pacific Gender Declaration.
- **Promote** the use of digital platforms and social media in accessing information about disasters and climate change including the provision of educational campaigns.
- **Support** the development of youth leadership and advocacy to ensure that young people continue to be the voice of the region in championing resilience to climate change and disaster risk reduction.
- **Urge** the promotion of community engagement and accountability that will promote community dialogue and active participation in disaster risk management, climate change, and low carbon.
- **Call** for the provision of community resilience funds to aid community-based adaptations and plans to reduce the risk of communities to the impacts of climate change and disasters.
- **Urge** the promotion of clear and coherent intergenerational communication and learning between young people, government, CSOs, and other stakeholders that will encourage stronger collaboration in the resilience agenda.
- **Encourages** the engagement of children and youth in the promotion of local and nature-based solutions to resilience.
- **Ensure** monitoring and evaluation mechanisms are in place including information and data management to capture and report on progress and achievements made under the Framework of Resilient Development in the Pacific including the PRM Meeting outcomes and youth outcome statements.
- **Call** on donors and partners to provide resources to the youth resilience hub while supporting existing relevant Pacific climate and disaster risk hubs as a mechanism to strengthen resilience action in the Pacific.

Young people recognize the importance of realizing and supporting the implementation of the **Framework of Resilient Development in the Pacific** in order to harness **climate change and disaster risk action, low carbon and disaster preparedness, response, and recovery** in the region.

We encourage all constituents of the Pacific Resilience Partnership to disseminate and advocate the important messages outlined in this Outcomes Statement, recognizing its link to the overall PRM Meeting outcomes and its subsequent inclusion in the meeting report by the PRP Taskforce.

*Delivered by Sevuloni R on behalf of PRM youth on:  
13 October 2023 at closing of 2023 PRM.*

# Annex 4

## Taskforce membership diagram (updated in September 2023)



## Annex 5: Organising committee Members and Principles

An organising committee (multi-stakeholder in nature) was established by the Taskforce and was voluntary in nature. This organising committee drove timely and consensual decisions with the support of the PRP Support unit and the technical support of three consultancy firms: Varysian & Greenhouse Fiji, as well as Footprints in the Sand (Fiji).

The Organising Committee followed these 'organising principles':

- *Outcome-focused: Each session should provide learning and recommendation that lead to a strengthening of resilience at the community level under the goals of the FRDP;*
- *Action-oriented: Each session should allow participants to interact and rally into new types of practices and partnership;*
- *Inclusive: The event should be organised in a way to maximise the engagement of wider stakeholders and networks;*
- *Customised: Face-to-face and virtual space should be allocated to encourage networking and inspire stakeholders to take forward actions together;*
- *Pragmatic: A preference will be given to case studies and practices that demonstrate aspects of strengthening community level resilience that have the potential for scalability in the region.*

The following are members of the Organizing Committee:

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## Annex 6: Programme

Note: All sessions are provided with sign language interpretation.  
Sessions marked with (\*) are interpreted into French.

<b>Day 1: 11 October 2023</b>			
FIJI TIME	[careful note: the time in this document is UTC +12 - Fiji]		
10:20	<b>HUB TO CONNECT TO THE VIRTUAL PLATFORM FOR ONLINE SESSIONS</b>		
10.30 – 10.50	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>OPENING SESSION*</u></b>  <i>Cook Islands</i>  <b>STATEMENT BY THE PRIME MINISTER</b>  <i>Honorable Mark BROWN</i></p>		
11.00 -11.50	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>PLENARY 1 *</u></b>  <b><u>YOUTH TAKING ACTION</u></b>  <a href="#">2023 PRM Plenary 1: Youth Taking Action</a>                      Sevuloni Rokomatu   Moderator                      Miliana Carpenter Iga   <i>Sotiana Sorovakatini, Bua Urban Youth, Cogea Project, Fiji</i>                      Olive Mafi   <i>Tonga National Youth Congress, Tonga</i>                      Ikloi Reebelkuul   <i>Palau Red Cross Society, Palau</i></p>		
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13.00 -13.30	<b>BREAK</b>	
13.30 - 14.30	<p><b><u>SESSION 3: INCLUDE *</u></b></p> <p><b>Reimagining capacity-building to scale-up and accelerate climate finance mobilisation in the Pacific and risk-informing public finance with climate budget tagging (CBT)</b></p> <p><b>Asif Shah   UNDP   Moderator</b></p> <p><b>Yemesrach Workie and Laetitia De Marez   Ministry of Finance Solomon Islands</b></p> <p><b>Tobias Bule   Ministry of Finance and Treasury Solomon Islands</b></p> <p><b>Sivoki Lavemaau   Ministry of Finance, Tonga</b></p> <p><b>Jale Samuwai   Rocky Mountain Institute</b></p> <p><i>Discussion on access to finance and ensuring value for money in investments. The session will include reflections on the innovative capacity building approaches on climate finance access that are currently being implemented, and strategies on how they can be leveraged to ensure sustained capacity in the region.</i></p>	<p><b><u>SESSION 4: SUSTAIN</u></b></p> <p><b>Community-driven Nature-based Solutions: Build Resilience and Sustainability</b></p> <p><b>Ludovic Branlant   Nature-based Solutions Mainstreaming Advisor, Pacific Community (SPC)   Moderator</b></p> <p><b>James Tremlett   Pacific Islands Roundtable for Nature Conservation (PIRT)</b></p> <p><b>Kevin Egu   Coral Gardner, Papua New Guinea</b></p> <p><b>Ratu Ovini Bokini   Community representative from Ba</b></p> <p><b>Reminvai Vitau   President of the Women's Association, Semo Village, Nadroga Province</b></p> <p><b>Thomas Yalu   Community Engagement Officer, Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) Solomon Islands</b></p> <p><i>Emphasising the central role of communities in driving and implementing natural-based solutions drawing from specific practical experiences.</i></p>
14.45 - 15.45	<p><b>LEARNING LAB *</b></p> <p><b>Understanding the Knowledge Brokerage Journey: From <i>Information and Knowledge</i> to <i>Decision-Making and Action</i>.</b></p> <p><b>Rachel Nunn-Crichton   Pacific Climate Change Centre, Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)</b></p> <p><b>Nicollette Goulding   Australian Pacific Climate Alumni Network</b></p>	
16:00 – 17:00	Explore activity/side-event at country hub	

## Day 2: 12 October 2023

FIJI TIME 10:50	<b>HUB TO CONNECT TO THE VIRTUAL PLATFORM FOR ONLINE SESSIONS</b>	
11.00 - 11.50	<p><b><u>PLENARY 2 *</u></b></p> <p><b><u>RESILIENCE RELIES ON WATER:</u></b></p> <p><b>The role of water security in Pacific Resilience</b></p> <p>Nathalie Andre   Moderator   <i>Pacific Regional Lead Adaptation and Nature Based Solutions - Global Green Growth Institute</i></p> <p>Dave Hebblethwaite   <i>Water Security and Governance Coordinator, Pacific Community</i></p> <p>Lusia Sefo-Leau   <i>Chief Executive Officer Pacific Water and Wastewater Association</i></p> <p>David Hiba Hiriasia   <i>Director, Solomon Islands Meteorological Service</i></p> <p>Navara Kiene   <i>Program Director, Water Aid PNG</i></p> <p>Everlyn Mikasimo   <i>Markham Project Coordinator, Menstrual Hygiene Champion, World Vision Papua New Guinea</i></p>	
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12.00 - 13.00	<p><b><u>SESSION 5: INTEGRATE *</u></b></p> <p><b>The Building Blocks to a Resilient Food System</b></p> <p>Alisi Tuqa   Moderator   <i>Food Systems Programme Lead - SPC</i></p> <p>Philippe Couraud   <i>Director of Agriculture, Government of French Polynesia</i></p> <p>Dorah Wilson   <i>PhD Candidate Food Systems Vanuatu</i></p> <p>Michaela Cosijin   <i>Team Leader Livelihoods and Adaptive Environments CSIRO</i></p> <p>Minoru Nishi   <i>Managing Director – Nishi Trading Tonga and President, Pacific Farmers Organisation</i></p> <p><i>Showcasing that addressing food systems challenges and deficiencies in light of resilience and preparedness is everyone’s business, through science and information, community and private sector engagement.</i></p>	<p><b><u>SESSION 6: INFORM</u></b></p> <p><b>Building Resilient Water Systems at the Community Level</b></p> <p>Akmal Ali   Moderator   <i>Co-Chair Pacific Resilience Partnership Water Security Technical Working Group and Project Coordinator of the Facility Aiding Locally Led- Engagement (FALE) of the Pacific Islands Alliance for Non-Government Organisation (PIANGO)</i></p> <p>Anawaite T. Vuetaki   <i>Scientific Officer (Hydrogeology), Geological Services Division, Mineral Resources Department, Ministry of Lands and Mineral Resources, Fiji</i></p> <p>Frances Qounadovu   <i>FEMlink Central FEMLINK Women’s Weather Watch Convenor.</i></p> <p>Pualua Paneva   <i>Assistant Engineer, Water and Sanitation Division – Ministry of Line and Phoenix Islands Development, Kiribati</i></p> <p>Sally Rimon   <i>Disaster Risk Reduction Officer, Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management Division, Kiribati</i></p> <p><i>With the climate crisis, there is an urgency to accelerate access to sustainable, safe, and reliable water systems. This session will bring real community experiences and stories on innovative approaches to building resilient water systems at the community level.</i></p>
13.00 - 13.30	<b>BREAK</b>	
13.30 - 14.30	<b><u>SESSION 7: INCLUDE</u></b>	<b><u>SESSION 8: SUSTAIN *</u></b>

	<p><b>Resilience Amidst Rising Tides</b></p> <p><b>Maraia Tabunakawai   Moderator   Gender &amp; Partnership Coordinator, Shifting Power shifting voice program, Oxfam in the Pacific</b></p> <p><b>Allan Taman   Santo Sunset Chairman member of the Vanuatu Climate Action Network</b></p> <p><b>Ellena Kelly   People with Disability Solomon Islands (Solomon Islands Climate Action Network)</b></p> <p><b>Elena Seneka   Shifting the Power Coalition - Young Women's Programme Coordinator PNG</b></p> <p><b>Flora Vano   ActionAid Vanuatu (Shifting the Power Coalition)</b></p> <p><i>From the lens of Loss and Damage, building an understanding of the crucial work undertaken by Pacific Island women to shaping locally women-led response to the climate crisis through an intergenerational and intersectional lens that showcase how women are engaging in innovative ways to link their lived realities to commitments made towards women's rights in climate policy and political decision-making at all levels</i></p>	<p><b>An Equitable Shift: From 'Empowering Pacific Women' to Recognition, Inclusion and Investment in Pacific Women-led Resilience Strategies</b></p> <p><b>Sharon Rolls-Bhagwan   Moderator   Co Chair Gender &amp; Social Inclusion Technical Working Group and Regional Representative GPPAC Pacific &amp; Programme Manager Pacific Women Mediators Network</b></p> <p><b>Selai Korovusere   Director, Ministry of Women, Children and Social Protection, Fiji</b></p> <p><b>Noelene Nabulivou   Executive Director, DIVA for Equality, Fiji</b></p> <p><b>Naomi Tai   Disaster Risk Reduction Officer, People with Disabilities</b></p> <p><b>Carolyn Kitione   Learning Coordinator, Shifting the Power Coalition, Fiji</b></p> <p><i>Share ways in which women, girls, and gender non-binary people lead local and global climate justice work and how they prepare for and recover from disasters including reframing discussions around gendered roles in the climate justice and disaster risk resilience space.</i></p>
14.45 - 15.45	<p><b><u>LEARNING LAB *</u></b></p> <p><b>Measuring water security for Pacific Resilience</b></p> <p><b>Exsley Taloburi   Deputy Director – Disaster and Community Resilience Programme, Pacific Community</b></p> <p><b>Dave Hebblethwaite   Water Security and Governance Coordinator, Pacific Community (Overview of Water Security – Post-Disaster Needs Assessments)</b></p> <p><b>Bronwyn Powell   Water and WASH Specialist, International WaterCentre – (Asian Water Development Outlook)</b></p> <p><b>Misileti Satuala   Development Project Coordinator, Pacific Water and Wastewater Association (PWWA Benchmarking Indicators: challenges and successes, gender benchmarking)</b></p> <p><b>James Robertson   UNICEF Pacific</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review water security definitions, measures, and indicators, and how these relate to Pacific contexts and resilience;</li> <li>• Consider community water management governance and building on traditional knowledge and Pacific strengths for water security;</li> <li>• Facilitate participants to share their knowledge base of how to incorporate Pacific traditional knowledge, strengths and community water management governance in water security measurements moving forward.</li> </ul>	
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<b>Day 3: 13 October 2023</b>		
FIJI TIME 10:50	<b>HUB TO CONNECT TO THE VIRTUAL PLATFORM FOR ONLINE SESSIONS</b>	

11.00 -11.50	<p><b>PLENARY 3 *</b></p> <p><b><u>THE POWER OF PARTNERSHIP &amp; INCLUSIVE EARLY WARNING</u></b></p> <p>Litea Biukoto )   Moderator   <i>Pacific Community (SPC)</i></p> <p>Katie Greenwood   <i>International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies</i></p> <p>Ms Tala Mauala   <i>Samoa Red Cross Society</i></p> <p>Mr Ofa Fa'ununu   <i>Tonga Meteorological Service</i></p> <p>Jonathan Tafiariki   <i>Solomon Islands National Disaster Management Office</i></p> <p>Flora Vano   <i>Action Aid Vanuatu</i></p>	
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12.00 - 13.00	<p><b><u>SESSION 9: INTEGRATE *</u></b></p> <p><b>Preparing our Vaka for the Future of Climate (im)Mobility</b></p> <p><i>Adi Litia Nailatikau   Moderator, Conciliation Resources programme officer</i></p> <p><i>Jone Mahemahe   Representative of Nanuku settlement, Fiji</i></p> <p><i>Ben Salacakau   Representative of Vunisavisavi village, Fiji</i></p> <p><i>Bedi Racule   Youth climate activist working with Pacific Conference of Churches</i></p> <p><i>Ensuring the protection and practice of the rights, cultural values and heritage and traditional knowledge of Pacific peoples in global and regional protocols for climate and disaster risk reduction, and mobility including relocation, migration, and displacement</i></p>	<p><b><u>SESSION 10: INFORM</u></b></p> <p><b>Financial Protection Against Disasters: Strengthening Our Community Focus in the Pacific</b></p> <p><i>Karlos L Moresi   Moderator   Pacific Islands Forum</i></p> <p><i>Vimal Dutt   Chief Executive Officer, Fiji Sugar Cane Growers Council</i></p> <p><i>Silia Tupou   Tonga Development Bank</i></p> <p><i>Saane Lolo   Ministry of Finance, Tonga</i></p> <p><i>Elevating the value of community-level/focused Disaster Risk Finance (DRF) products by drawing from the experiences in the Pacific that can be translated for application in all countries.</i></p>
13.00 -13.30	<b>BREAK</b>	
13.30 - 14.30	<p><b><u>SESSION 11: INCLUDE *</u></b></p> <p><b>Inclusive Resilience for ALL</b></p> <p><i>Ruci Senikula   AHP Coordinator with Pacific Disability Forum   Moderator</i></p> <p><i>Naomi Navoce   Co-Chair and member of Spinal Injuries Association of Fiji</i></p> <p><i>Sera Osbourne   Office Manager Psychiatric Survivors Association- Fiji</i></p> <p><i>Ana Lumoni   Member of United Blind Persons Association of Fiji</i></p> <p><i>Veronica George   Woman with hearing impairment - DRR Officer for Cook Island National Disability Council</i></p> <p><i>Inspiring participants to take action in their respective fields to promote inclusivity in</i></p>	<p><b><u>SESSION 12: SUSTAIN</u></b></p> <p><b>Resilience of our Mental Health</b></p> <p><i>Nacanieli Bolo   Regional Advisor- Disaster Displacement (IDMC)   Moderator</i></p> <p><i>Filimone Ralogaivau   Climate Adaptation Specialist, Climate Change Division, Office of the Prime Minister, Fiji</i></p> <p><i>Prof. David Sattler   Professor, Climate Change Researcher, Western Washington University</i></p> <p><i>Michael Copland   Chief of Child Protection, UNICEF</i></p> <p><i>Michael Armstrong   Head of Social Responsibility, Oceania Football Confederation</i></p> <p><i>The psychological impacts of climate change and devastating climatic events is not always</i></p>



	<p>resilience efforts through raising awareness of the importance of disability-inclusive resilience.</p>	<p>visible nor given adequate attention. But it is a risk that needs to be better understood in the varying forms that it manifests itself so that targeted interventions and responses are adequately built in our resilience efforts.</p>
14:45 - 15:30	<p><b>LEARNING LAB *</b>  <b>The Future of Integrated Approaches</b></p> <p>Dr Viliamu Iese   Senior Research Fellow, <i>University of Melbourne</i>  Anna Saxby   Executive, <i>Humanitarian Advisory Group</i>  Dibyashree Datta and Anais Rouveyrol   <i>Pacific Community (SPC)</i>  All connected Hubs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Let's discuss about the future of integrated approach to DRR and CCA;</li> <li>• Learn about research outcomes on successes and challenges;</li> <li>• Participate in an interactive exercise reflecting on extracts from the Framework for a Resilient Development in the Pacific (FRDP) and provocative statements;</li> <li>• Learn about the FRDP Mid-term Review.</li> </ul>	
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15:45 – 16:00	<p><b>CLOSING SESSION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lealaisalanoa Frances Brown Reupena,  Chief Executive Officer, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment   Pacific Resilience Partnership Taskforce Chair</li> <li>• Youth Representative</li> </ul>	



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## Annex 7 YouTube links for all recorded sessions

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[2023 PRM Learning Lab 1 Knowledge Brokering](#)

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## Annex 8: Images of the virtual platform



The 2023 Pacific Resilience Meeting is an opportunity to share stories of strength and resilience from our People. It is about showcasing the strength, adaptability, and sustainability of the Pacific communities and ecosystems in the face of adversity. It is also an occasion to acknowledge that building our resilience for a secure future should be through proactive measures, collaboration, and the preservation of cultural heritage and traditional knowledge. [Read less](#)

### PRP and beyond



### Partners Exhibition



## Annex 9: Images of the 15 national hubs



## From the National Hubs

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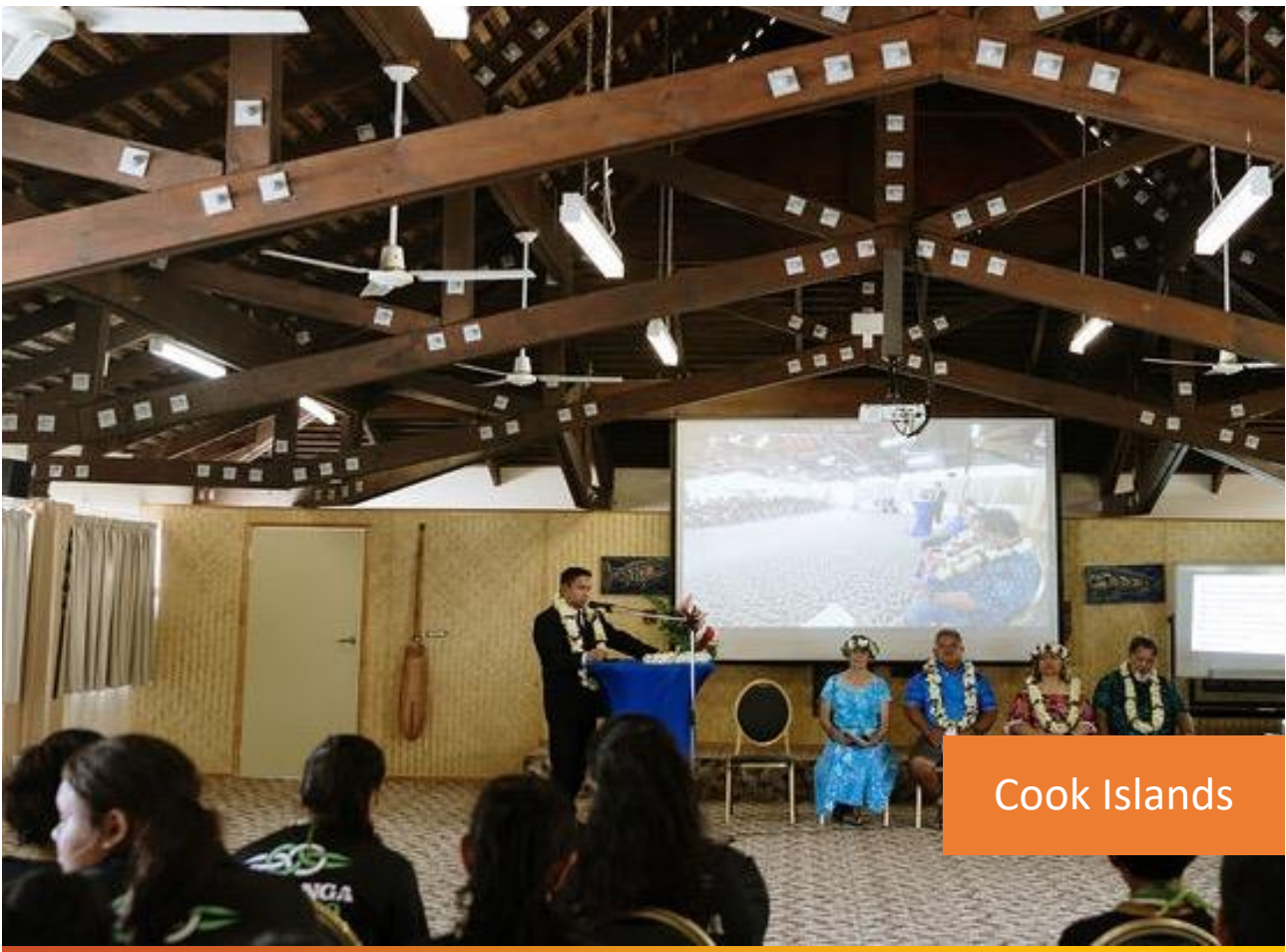
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NOW WE'RE DEALING WITH CRISIS ON A DAILY BASIS...



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Federated States of Micronesia











Fiji



Fiji

SO AS A FOCAL POINT IN THE COMMUNITY, I HAVE THE ABILITY TO TACKLE MORE SOLUTIONS...



Kiribati







Kiribati



Kiribati



Nauru



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**DISASTER  
RESILIENCE  
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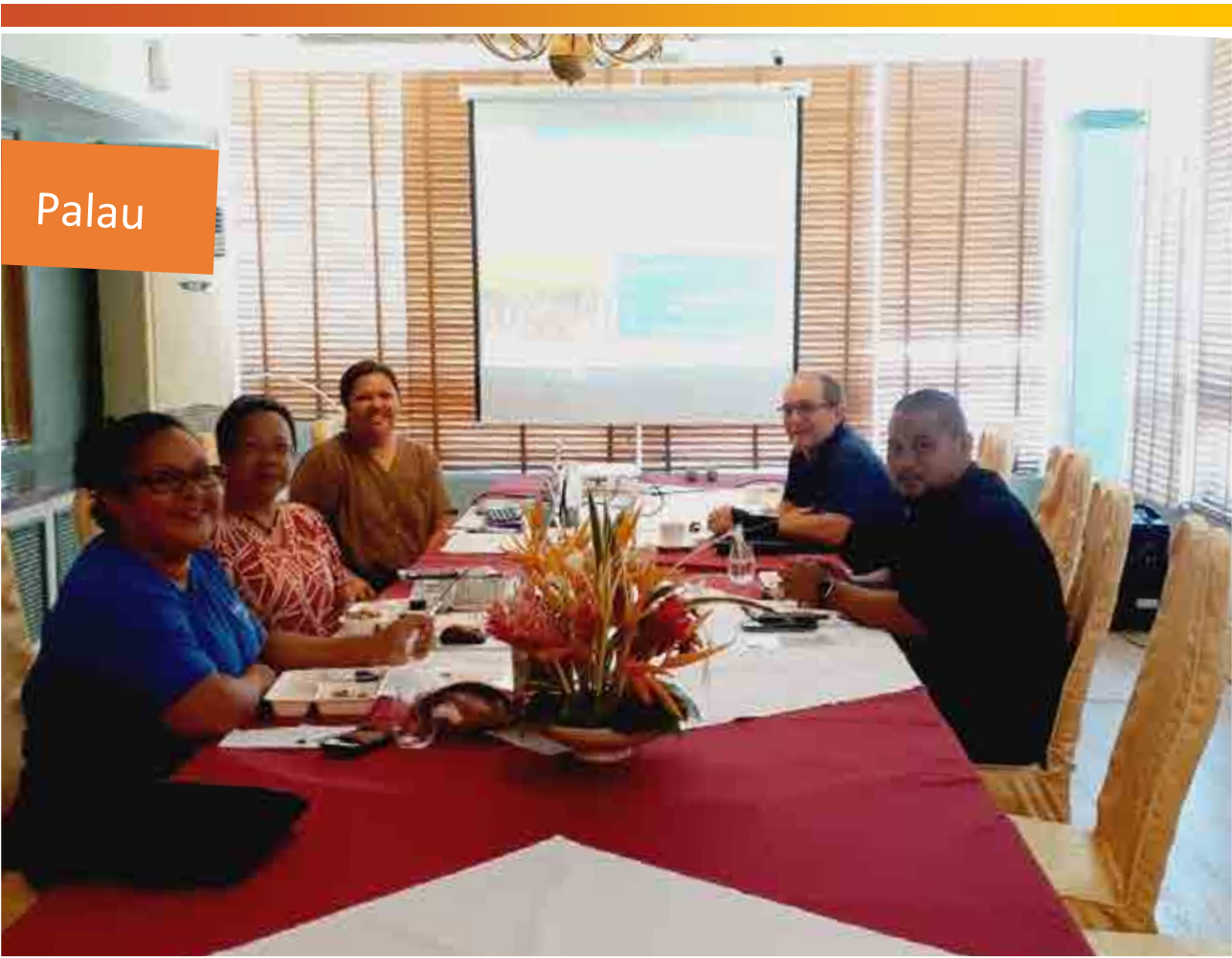


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AMPLIFYING THE VOICE OF THE COMMUNITY...





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ALSO A SOURCE OF HOPE...



Papua New Guinea



## The Republic of Marshall Islands



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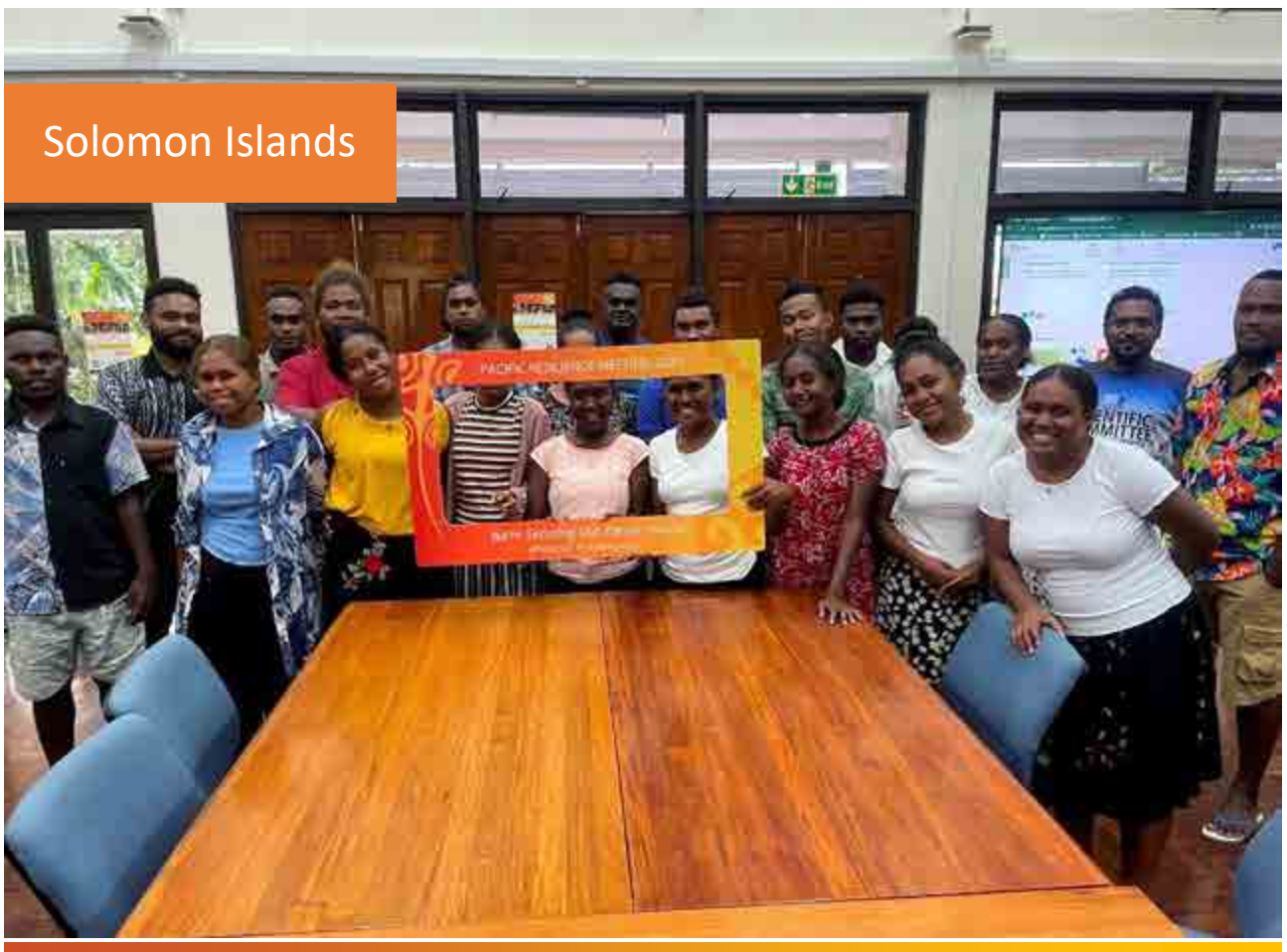


Samoa

YEAH I IMPORT MY CASSAVA FLOUR  
FROM SINGAPORE...



Solomon Islands







Solomon Islands



Solomon Islands



Tonga



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Tuvalu



Tuvalu





Tuvalu



Vanuatu





NO ONE IS LEFT BEHIND...



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