

Preliminary Mapping of Climate Change and Disaster Resilience arrangements and engagements in the Pacific

Background

Pacific Resilience Partnership (PRP) Taskforce meeting, April 2023:

- “Noted the outcomes of the inaugural Pacific DRR Ministers meeting convened in Nadi in September 2022 and requested the PRP Support Unit to explore the potential and relevance of a climate change ministerial meeting to continue to elevate the issue of climate change at the political level in the context of the 2050 Strategy Implementation Plan”.

Joint Meeting of the National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHS) and National Disaster Management Offices (NDMO), August 2023:

- “Requested joint meetings of the NMHS, NDMO and other relevant stakeholders, be held when the opportunities arise”.

PIF Leaders Communique, Nov 2023:

- “Leaders emphasised the importance of the implementation mechanism and reporting arrangements for the 2050 Strategy Implementation Plan, including sustained CROP Coordination, effective Means of Implementation, Partnerships and Resourcing, and Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (MEL) by mid-2024”.

- **CLIMATE CHANGE AND DISASTER IS ONE THEMATIC AREA IN 2050 STRATEGY – right direction towards bringing these two issues together.**

Mapping of national institutional arrangements

COUNTRY	CLIMATE CHANGE	DISASTER RISK REDUCTION/MANAGEMENT	METEOROLOGICAL SERVICES
Cook Islands	Office of the Prime Minister	Office of the Prime Minister	Ministry of Transport
FSM	Department of Environment, Climate Change & Emergency Management	Department of Environment, Climate Change & Emergency Management	National Weather Service Office, Pohnpei FSM Office, NOAA
Fiji*	Office of the Prime Minister (Ministry of Environment and Climate Change)	Ministry of Rural and Maritime Development and Disaster Management	Ministry of Public Works, Transport and Meteorological Services
French Polynesia	Ministry of Environment	French State	French State
Kiribati	Office of the President	Office of the President	Office of the President
Marshall Islands	Climate Change Directorate, Ministry in Assistance to the President and Environment	Office of the Chief Secretary, President's Office	Majuro Weather Service Office, NOAA
Nauru	Department of Climate Change and National Resilience	Department of National Emergency Services	Department of National Emergency Services
New Caledonia	Ministry for Environment	Office of the President	French State
Niue	Office of the Premier	Office of the Premier	Ministry of Natural Resources
Palau	Palau Office of Climate Change, Ministry of Finance	NEMO (Office of Vice-President)	Palau Weather Service Office, NOAA
PNG	Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Climate Change	Ministry for Provincial and Local Level Government Affairs	Department of Transport & Infrastructure
Samoa	Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment	Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment	Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment
Solomon Islands	Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology	Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology	Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology
Tonga	Ministry for Meteorology, Energy, Information, Disaster Management, Environment, Climate Change and Communications	Ministry for Meteorology, Energy, Information, Disaster Management, Environment, Climate Change and Communications	Ministry for Meteorology, Energy, Information, Disaster Management, Environment, Climate Change and Communications
Tuvalu*	Ministry of Finance	Ministry of Public Work, Infrastructure, Environment, Labour, Meteorology and Disaster	Ministry of Public Work, Infrastructure, Environment, Labour, Meteorology and Disaster
Vanuatu	Ministry of Climate Change Adaptation, Meteorology and Geohazards, Energy, Environment and National Disaster Management	Ministry of Climate Change Adaptation, Meteorology and Geohazards, Energy, Environment and National Disaster Management	Ministry of Climate Change Adaptation, Meteorology and Geohazards, Energy, Environment and National Disaster Management

PICT engagement in regional & international CCDRM meetings

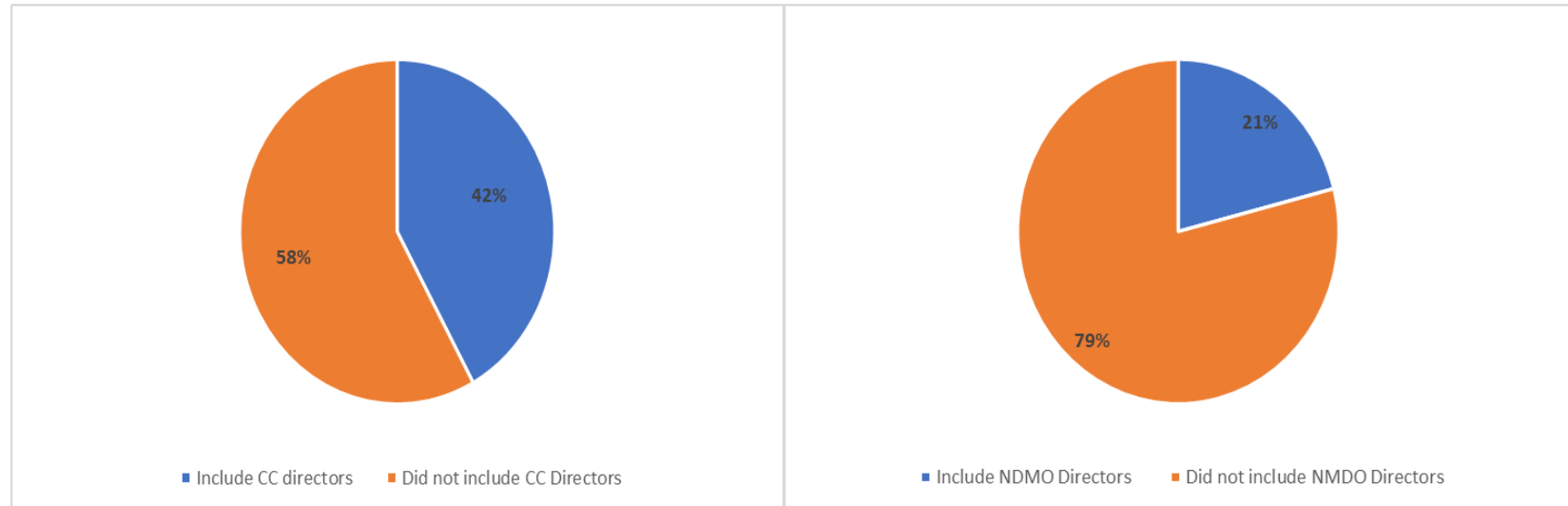
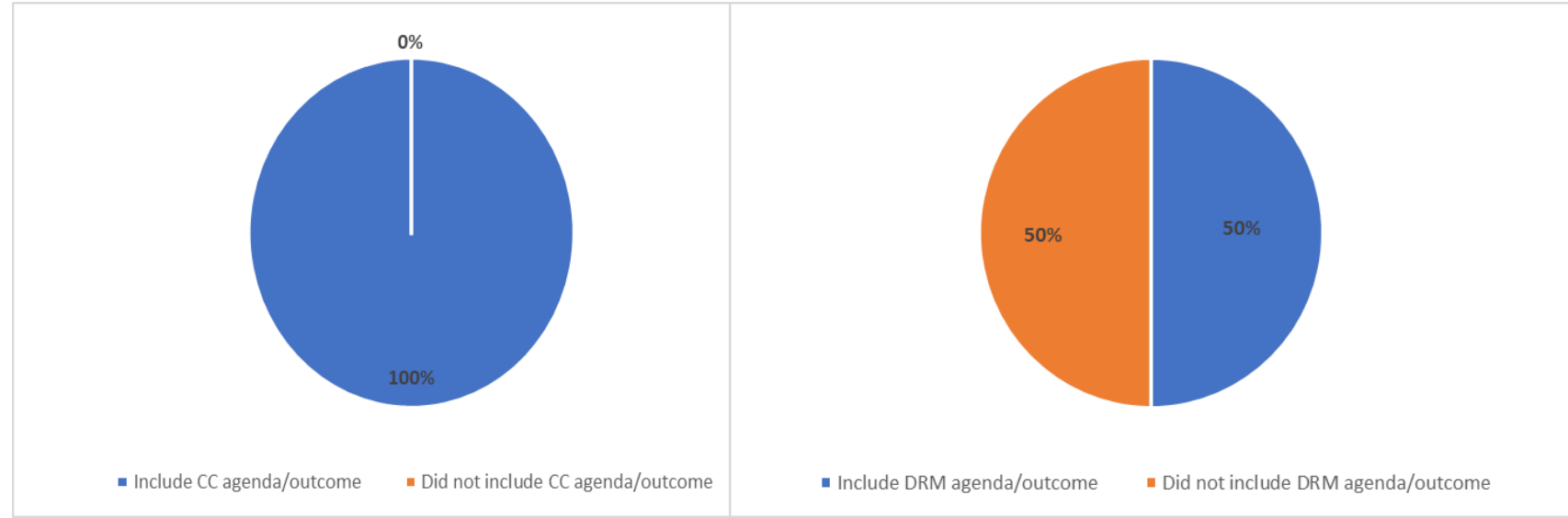
AGENCY	ROLE	REGIONAL MEETINGS																INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS				
		OFFICIALS LEVEL								MINISTERIAL LEVEL								UNFCCC COP	APCW	APMC DRR	GPDRR	
		PRP	Pre-COP	DMM	PCCR	PRM	PMC	FEOM	PEOM	PMAFM	FEMM	FFMM	PDRRMM	PMMM	PRETM M	RFMM	PWWM F					PILM
Climate Change	Climate change focal point and lead on CC implementation			X			X	X	X	X			X			X	X				X	X
NDMO	Disaster focal point and lead on response and recovery		X		X			X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Meteorology	Climate science & forecasting	X		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		X	X	X
Foreign Affairs	International advocacy (UN Missions) and focal point for CROP agencies	X		X		X			X	X				X	X	X	X				X	
Planning & Finance	Climate and Disaster Risk Finance, risk-informed development			X		X			X	X				X	X	X	X			X	X	X
Energy	Energy transition (CC Mitigation)	X		X		X		X		X	X	X	X		X	X	X			X	X	X
Agriculture	Food systems and food security (CC Adaptation)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X
Water	Water security (CC Adaptation)		X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X
Forestry	REDD+ (CC Mitigation)	X		X		X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X
Fisheries	Source of income/livelihood, CC impact on fish stocks, ocean-climate nexus (Adaptation)	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X

Meeting	Date/Location	Agenda/Outcome include Climate Change? (Yes/No)	Agenda/Outcome include DRR/DRM? (Yes/No)	Climate Change Officials/Ministers invited? (Yes/No)	NDMO Officials/Disaster Ministers invited? (Yes/No)	Comments
Pacific Disaster Risk Reduction Ministers Meeting	16 Sept 2022, Nadi, Fiji	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	SPC organised meeting for disaster managers and ministers. This inaugural meeting was targeted towards the 2022 Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction held in Brisbane from 19-22 September 2022.
Pacific Ministers of Agriculture and Forestry Meeting	9 – 10 Mar, Nadi, Fiji	Yes	No	No	No	SPC and FAO organised meeting for Heads and Ministers of Agriculture and Forestry. Focus mainly on food systems and forestry issues and link to climate change.
Fifth Pacific Regional Energy and Transport Ministers Meeting	8 -12 May, Port Vila, Vanuatu	Yes	No	Yes	No	SPC organised meeting for Energy and Transport Ministers/Officials. Focus mainly on energy transformation and maritime transport.
Fourth Regional Fisheries Ministers Meeting	5 July, Majuro, Marshall Islands	Yes	No	No	No	FFA, SPC, SPREP and PIFS organised meeting for Fisheries Ministers and Officials. Focus on addressing climate change impacts, including endorsement of Regional Climate Change Policy for the fisheries sector.
Forum Economic Officials Meeting	7-8 Aug, Suva, Fiji	Yes	Yes	No	No	Meeting for Finance and Planning officials. Focus mainly on the Pacific Resilience Facility, Climate Finance and Disaster Risk Finance. PIFS organised annual meeting.
Forum Economic Ministers Meeting	9-10 Aug, Suva, Fiji	Yes	Yes	No	No	Finance and Economy Ministers meeting. Focus mainly on the Pacific Resilience Facility, Climate Finance and Disaster Risk Finance. PIFS organised annual meeting.
Sixth Pacific Meteorological Council	14-16 Aug, Nadi, Fiji	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Fourth time to have a joint meeting for Met Directors, NDMO Directors and Hydrological Services. A key outcome relates to the Pacific Weather Ready Programme. Meeting organised by SPREP and WMO.
Third Pacific Meteorology Ministers Meeting	18 Aug, Nadi, Fiji	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	There are some PICs that have the same PS/Secretary/CEO and Minister overseeing Meteorology, Disaster Management and Climate Change. Pacific Weather Ready Programme a key outcome. Meeting organised by SPREP and WMO.

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PSIDS High-level Climate Change Dialogue	21-22 Aug, Suva, Fiji	Yes	No	Yes	No	Focus mainly on COP28 preparations and international climate advocacy. Meeting was mainly for Pacific Political Climate Champions and climate negotiators of PSIDS. One CROP Team supported meeting.
Pacific Islands Parliament Group Conference	22-23 Aug, Nukualofa, Tonga	Yes	Yes	No	No	UNDP supported meeting for Pacific Parliamentarians and Speakers of Parliaments. Focus on both climate change and disasters.
Pacific Water and Wastewater Ministerial Forum	28 Aug – 1 Sept, Koror, Palau	Yes	Yes	No	No	Pacific Water and Wastewater Association organised meeting for water utility Executives and Ministers. Focus mainly on SDG 6.
Sixth Pacific Urban Forum	5-7 Sept, Suva, Fiji	Yes	Yes	No	No	UN Habitat organised meeting. Meeting included City Mayors/Premiers (sub-national government) and Ministries of Land etc. Focus on Pacific urban development agenda.
Forum Foreign Ministers Meeting	15 Sept, Suva, Fiji	Yes	No	No	No	Meeting of Foreign Ministers. Focus mainly on UNFCCC COP preparations and Maritime Boundaries Declaration as a result of sea level rise. PIFS organised meeting.
Pre-COP28 Regional Workshop	10-13 Oct, Apia, Samoa	Yes	No	Yes	No	SPREP and One CROP team organised meeting for PSIDS Climate Officials and Negotiators. Focus is mainly on COP28 priorities and strategies.
Third Pacific Resilience Meeting	11-13 Oct, hybrid	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Open and inclusive platform for all stakeholders working to build resilience in the Pacific. The PM of Cook Islands opened the PRM, and the meeting was mainly at Officials/Practitioners' level. Gap is how climate change topics could feature more during the PRM. Meeting jointly organised by the PRP Support Unit (PIFS, SPC and SPREP) under the leadership of the PRP Taskforce and its Chair.
PIF Leaders Meeting	6-10 Nov, Rarotonga, Cook Islands	Yes	No	Yes	No	PIFS convened meeting for Pacific Heads of State (PMs, Presidents). Climate Change (COP28 preparations) advocacy will be a key priority and standing agenda item.

Key observation:

- **All meetings (100%) included dedicated agenda and decisions on Climate Change.**
- 50% of meetings did not include an agenda or decision on DRR and DRM.
- 58% of meetings did not invite/include/engage Climate Change Directors/CEOs/ministers.
- 79% of meetings did not invite/include/engage Disaster Managers/Executives/ministers .

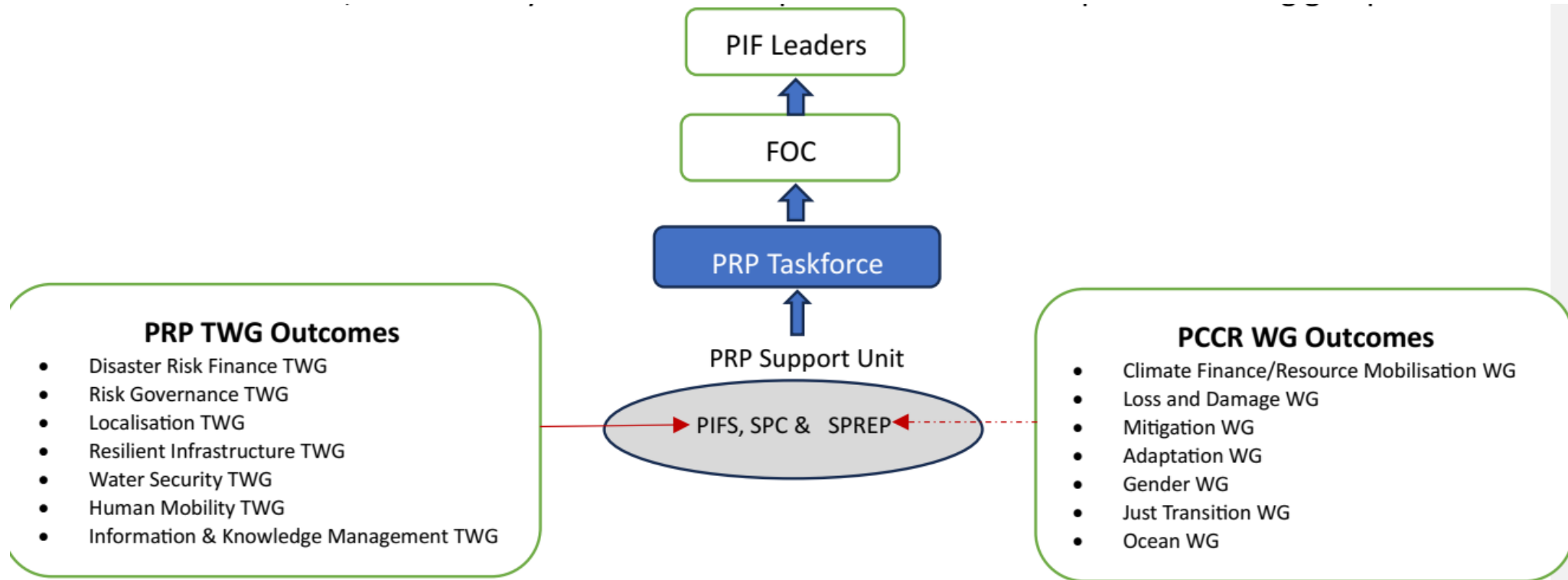


Opportunities:

1. Strengthen alignment and appropriate sequencing of existing regional meetings with international processes on climate change and disaster resilience.
2. Joint convening of Pacific Ministers of Climate Change and Disaster Resilience, focused on common issues (e.g. finance, loss and damage, DRR/anticipatory action etc.).
3. Revitalise CCDRM coordination within the CROP Heads mechanism.

Opportunities cont'd:

4. Strengthen the coordination role of the Pacific Resilience Partnership (PRP) Taskforce



Regional and International Meetings planned for 2024



Regional and International Meetings planned for 2025



Regional and International Meetings planned for 2026

