



Koror Declaration

by Pacific Ministers for Disaster Risk Management

Koror, Palau

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WE the Ministers for Disaster Risk Management in Pacific Island Countries and Territories, RECOGNISING the increasing exposure of our region to more frequent and severe climate-related and geological hazard events and the devastating impact these have on our island economies and people;

REAFFIRMING that integrated, inclusive and people centred approaches to disaster risk management, sustainable development, ecosystem management, environmental protection, climate action and water security are essential to build sustainable resilience, ensuring no one is left behind;

ACKNOWLEDGING the invaluable strategic guidance for resilience building provided by regional and global policies, including instruments such as the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent, Framework for Resilient Development in the Pacific 2017 – 2030, Boe Declaration Action Plan 2019 and Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015 – 2030;

ACKNOWLEDGING and ENCOURAGED by investments of development partners and progress achieved to date in implementing the commitments made under the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent, Nadi Declaration of the 2022 Inaugural Pacific Disaster Risk Reduction Ministers Meeting and the outcomes of the 2024 Intersessional Meeting of Pacific Disaster Risk Management Ministers;

ACKNOWLEDGING that strengthened disaster risk management and overall resilience action is a sovereign responsibility, led by our governments and supported by local leadership including civil society and collaborative efforts with national, regional and global partners;

RECOGNISING that the resilience of our Pacific Island Countries and Territories will be significantly enhanced by strengthening the enabling environment for our resilience interventions in terms of the capacity of the actors and people involved in resilience building, the mechanisms or underlying architecture supporting resilience building, and the processes and procedures guiding resilience building;

RECOGNISING that the quality, integrity and effectiveness of our resilience actions is dependent on abiding by the values and principles we hold dear as Pacific peoples, empowering local

communities and putting at the forefront the needs and aspirations of the most vulnerable, women, youth, boys and girls, the elderly, peoples with disability and other marginalised groups, by employing people-centred approaches and ensuring the translation of policy to action for all;

NOTING efforts to progress a Treaty on the Protection of Persons in the Event of Disasters and the opportunity it presents for enhanced protection of persons in the Pacific region;

PURSUANT to the theme of our meeting, being ***Strengthened Political Leadership for Disaster Risk Management in the Pacific***

HEREBY DECLARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. We commit to supporting the ongoing implementation of the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent, in particular to ensure strengthened regional and national efforts to address the intent of the Climate Change and Disasters thematic area and related aspects of other thematic areas;
2. We endorse the Pacific Humanitarian Response Coordination Mechanism (PResCoM) Policy and Operating Guideline, commit to supporting its implementation, and commend the Pacific Community and Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat to work collaboratively with national disaster management authorities, donors, humanitarian actors and development partners;
3. We support the implementation of the Pacific Regional Framework on Climate Mobility and the mainstreaming of its intent within the context of the relevant disaster risk management and other related policy initiatives at the national level in all Pacific Island Countries and Territories;
4. We reaffirm that effective early warning systems are fundamental to disaster response, and encourage the full utilisation of space-borne and in situ data to derive decision-ready products;
5. We task the Pacific Community to discuss with partners and donors opportunities to expand disaster risk management initiatives to cover all Pacific Island Countries and Territories.
6. We commit, individually and collectively, and with the support of our development partners and donors to address the strategic initiatives established in our '2025 Strategic Agenda for Disaster Risk Management' over the next two years at the national, regional and global levels, being to:
 - a. support a renewed and structured region-wide approach to integrated, people-centred disaster and climate resilience interventions;

- b. promote coherence between national, regional, and global frameworks, organisations and interventions through strengthened coordination and integration;
 - c. champion sustainable financing and resource mobilisation for disaster risk management and climate-change related initiatives from within national budgets and through international assistance, strategic partnerships, collaboration and governance strengthening;
 - d. strengthen partnerships with civil society, private sector, and development partners, ensuring the inclusion of all people in disaster risk management planning and implementation;
 - e. strengthen engagement and collaboration with Ministers for Finance, Environment, Foreign Affairs, Climate Change, Meteorology, Water and related sectors at the national and regional levels to support efforts for strengthened coherence in resilience;
 - f. Encourage strengthened monitoring, evaluation, learning and reporting, ensuring that lessons learnt inform ongoing improvements in disaster risk management.
7. We endorse a troika arrangement for the Pacific Ministerial DRM Champion comprised of the outgoing, current and incoming Chairs of the Pacific DRM Ministers Meeting, to lead strategic engagement and advocacy for disaster risk management in the Pacific at the regional and global levels.

Adopted
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