

Pacific Climate Change Roundtable Statement

To the Joint Meeting of the Pacific Climate Change Roundtable and the Pacific Platform for Disaster Risk Management

Preamble

The sustainable development of Pacific Island Countries and Territories (PICTS) is severely undermined by climate change, disasters and other risks. This requires the integration of these risks into national development, where appropriate, in order to ensure the resilience of development outcomes at national and community levels.

The purpose of this document is to provide a list of recommendations from the 2013 Pacific Climate Change Roundtable (PCCR) to inform and guide the process of developing a regional strategy for climate change response and disaster risk management post 2015.

Recommendations to the Joint Meeting:

- To recognize that adaptation to the adverse impacts of climate change remains a key priority for the region;
- To acknowledge and take into consideration the lessons learned from the implementation of the Pacific Island Framework for Action on Climate Change (PIFACC) and other relevant instruments;
- To maintain the leadership and country-driven approach by Pacific Island Countries and Territories (PICTS);
- To recognize that the Roadmap process be regionally coordinated in order to ensure thorough consultation and full support and implementation with all PICTS such that they are at the forefront of the Roadmap process;
- To recognize that there are commonalities between aspects of climate change and disaster risk management and that efficiencies can be generated through joint efforts;
- To further recognize, there remain needs in climate change and disaster risk management that should be considered and addressed through separate processes¹;
- To draw on lessons from national, sub-national and community level experiences in integrating DRM and CCA, such as the Joint National Action Plans (JNAPs) and national development strategies;
- To urge development partners to provide continued support to the Roadmap process;
- To recognize the value of joint meetings for the Roadmap.

¹ For example: key principles of the UNFCCC that are not as clearly articulated in the Hyogo Framework, such as the polluter pays principle, and common but differentiated responsibilities; need to be maintained in the Roadmap