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Agenda Item 6.7: Framework for Resilient Development in the Pacific (FRDP)

Purpose

1. To inform the meeting of the progress on the Framework for Resilient Development in the Pacific (FRDP).

Background

2. The Framework for Climate and Disaster Resilient Development in the Pacific (FRDP) is intended to succeed the previous regional frameworks on climate change and disaster risk management (respectively, the Pacific Islands Framework for Action on Climate Change 2006-2015 and the Pacific Disaster Risk Reduction and Disaster Management Framework for Action 2005-2015).
3. The overall aim of the FRDP is to strengthen the resilience of Pacific Island communities to the impacts of climate change and disasters by developing more effective and integrated ways to address climate and disaster risks, within the context of sustainable development. To achieve this goal, the FRDP provides targeted high-level strategic guidance to key stakeholder groups that are recognized as having a critical role to play in addressing challenges posed by climate change and disasters in the Pacific. These stakeholder groups include Governments and Administrations, the Private Sector, Civil Society Organisations and Communities, Regional Organisations and other development partners.
4. A presentation on this was given to Members at the 27th SPREP meeting after it had been adopted by Leaders in 2015, and came into effect as a result of the adoption of the Paris Agreement on climate change.

Progress update

5. In order to progress implementation of the FRDP, the Leaders requested PIFS to convene a technical working group to deliberate on the FRDP governance arrangements.

6. The original FRDP Technical Working Group which was established in 2013, in order to provide technical advice and support and to facilitate the development of the FRDP, was seen as a useful vehicle to progress matters. It comprises representatives from six regional intergovernmental and UN organisations including the Pacific Community (SPC), the Secretariat for the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP), Pacific Island Forum Secretariat (PIFS), United Nations Office of Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and the University of the South Pacific (USP). The FRDP Technical Working Group will be dissolved once the PRP governance arrangements have been approved and set in place by the end of 2017.
7. PIFS convened several meetings throughout 2017. The key premise of the discussion was based on the Leaders decision and vision. Successful implementation of the FRDP depends on robust and genuine partnerships between Pacific island countries and territories national and sub-national governments, communities, citizens, non-government and civil society organisations, private sector entities, regional and global partners.
8. The PRP will facilitate different stakeholder groups and communities of practice working on climate change, disaster risk management and sustainable development to:
 - Document and share information, experiences and lessons learned;
 - Harmonize and strengthen linkages between all levels of implementation from sub-national including communities, national, sub regional, regional and international levels;
 - Undertake regional coordination, including cooperation on project development and implementation;
 - Support monitoring, evaluation, reporting, learning, and communications; and
 - Identify and address gaps as well as strengthen linkages, tracking and reporting against the SAMOA Pathway, Framework for Pacific Regionalism and other agreements/frameworks, such as, the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, the Sendai Framework on Disaster Risk Reduction and the Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development.

PRP Governance arrangements

9. The PRP will build on and utilise existing mechanisms to avoid potential duplication and to ensure the direct involvement of decision-makers. To be successful the FRDP and PRP must be owned and led by countries and territories with the support and involvement of all stakeholders.
10. The Pacific Island Forum Leaders are at the peak of the resilience agenda. Through the Forum Officials Committee and the SPC and SPREP Governing Councils, the Pacific Leaders and Ministers' meetings can direct action and respond to reports from the PRP.
11. The PRP will include the:
 - Pacific Resilience Meeting
 - PRP Taskforce
 - PRP Taskforce Support Unit
 - PRP Technical Working Groups

12. On a biennial basis the PRP Taskforce will work with relevant PRP members to organise the regional meeting of all FRDP stakeholders notionally designated the Pacific Resilience Meeting (PRM). The Pacific Resilience Meeting would provide the opportunity for the sharing of implementation progress on the goals and objectives of the FRDP and other related DRM and climate change global and relevant regional strategies with an emphasis on showcasing best practice examples of resilience action and lessons learnt.
13. The PRP Taskforce will provide guidance and support to enable implementation of the FRDP to proceed through a range of regional and national mechanisms.
14. Support for the functioning of the PRP Taskforce will be through the PRP Taskforce Support Unit.
15. The final arrangements will be put to Leaders at their meeting in September 2017 in Apia, and will be circulated to the SPREP meeting as an attachment to this working paper.

Recommendation

16. The Meeting is invited to:
 - **note** the progress in the work of implementing the FRDP and establishing governance arrangements; and
 - **direct** the Secretariat to play an active role in the PRP governance and report to Members on progress.

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