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**SUBJECT:** **Invitation to the Inaugural Weather Ready Pacific (WRP) Liaison Platform 8–9 September 2026, Fa'onelua Convention Centre, Nuku'alofa, Kingdom of Tonga**

Dear Members, Partners,

On behalf of the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP), I am pleased to invite you to participate in the Inaugural Weather Ready Pacific (WRP) Liaison Platform, to be held on 8–9 September 2026 at the Fa'onelua Convention Centre, Nuku'alofa, Kingdom of Tonga.

Held immediately prior to the Eighth Pacific Meteorological Council (PMC8) and the Fourth Pacific Ministerial Meeting on Meteorology (PMMM4), the Liaison Platform will provide a high-level forum for governments, development partners, United Nations agencies, regional organizations, donors, financial institutions, civil society and the private sector to strengthen collaboration in support of Weather Ready Pacific and the implementation of the Early Warnings for All (EW4All) Initiative across the Pacific.

Under the **theme "From Warning to Action: Partnering for a Prepared and Sustainable Pacific,"** the Platform aims to move beyond dialogue towards coordinated regional action.

Discussions will focus on four strategic priorities:

- 1) Advancing a Pacific Anticipatory Action Partnership Framework to strengthen the link between forecasts, disaster preparedness and early action.
- 2) Defining the scope of a new Weather Ready Pacific Key Result Area on Risk Information and Hazard Preparedness to improve impact-based forecasting and preparedness.
- 3) Developing a pathway for establishing a Pacific Sustainable Hydro-Meteorological and Multi-Hazard Early Warning Systems Maintenance Facility to ensure the long-term sustainability of regional investments.
- 4) Strengthening partner coordination through a One Pacific Hydro-Met Investment Pipeline, improving alignment of investments, reducing duplication and identifying priority funding opportunities across the region.

The outcomes of the Liaison Platform will directly inform the Weather Ready Pacific Steering Committee, the deliberations of PMC8 and PMMM4 and contribute to regional decisions on the future direction of Pacific meteorological services, including implementation of the Pacific Islands Meteorological Strategy 2027–2036 and the Ministerial Declaration.

Given your organization's leadership and commitment to strengthening climate resilience, disaster risk reduction and early warning systems, your participation would be highly valued. We look forward to your insights and partnership as we work collectively towards a more prepared, resilient and weather-ready Pacific.

Further information regarding registration please check the following link:

<https://www.pacificmet.net/form/liaison-platform-registration>

For any further information regarding this event please contact is Mr. 'Ofa Fa'anunu (email: [ofaf@sprep.org](mailto:ofaf@sprep.org), WhatsApp: +676 7733403, Phone: +685 7151089)

We sincerely hope you will be able to join us in Tonga for this important regional event.

Yours sincerely,

  
**Sefanaia Nawadra**  
**Director General**

Annex 1:            Concept Note for the Inaugural Weather Ready Pacific Liaison Platform  
Tonga, 8–9 September 2026

# **Concept Note for the Inaugural Weather Ready Pacific Liaison Platform, Tonga, 8–9 September 2026**

## **Theme**

From Warning to Action: Partnering for a Prepared and Sustainable Pacific

## **Background**

The Weather Ready Pacific Program implemented by SPREP is the Pacific's Flagship Program from improving severe weather services in the Pacific endorsed by the Pacific Leaders in 2021 and it one of the Key initiatives that supports the 2050 Strategy. It is also the Leaders key implementing vehicle of the UNs Early Warning for All. The Weather Ready Pacific (WRP) Liaison Platform is a biennial face-to-face meeting held in conjunction with Sessions of the Pacific Meteorological Council established to strengthen coordination between WRP and the wider Multi-Hazard Early Warning Systems (MHEWS) community. The Platform provides a forum for dialogue, collaboration, information sharing and strategic advice to the WRP Steering Committee. Whilst the Pacific Regional MHEWS and Risk information Technical Working Group established under the Pacific Resilience Partnership provides a regional online information sharing platform on regional MHEWS functioning on a volunteer basis, the WRP Liaison platform focuses on implementation of WRP and related early warning and early action activities. It is a platform where the wider Hydro-Met and wider early warning and disaster risk reduction communities can provide input into the implementation of Weather Ready Pacific and its contribution for implementing the UNs Early Warning for All Initiative (EW4ALL). This Inaugural WRP Liaison Platform provides a face-to-face platform that enables WRP to better engage and support the PRP Pacific Regional MHEWS and Risk information Technical Working Group as well as a discussion platform to gain regional direction on major agenda items that will be tabled at the subsequent Pacific Meteorological Council and Pacific Meteorology Ministerial Meetings (including the Ministerial Outcome Statement) from the 10-16 September 2026. The Platform meeting will be held prior to PMC-8 and PMMM-4 in Tonga from 8-9 September 2026 at the Fa'olua Convention Centre.

## **Strategic Context for the upcoming Liaison Platform**

The WRP Liaison Platform supports the Pacific Meteorological Council, the Pacific Meeting of Meteorology Minister (PMMM), the WRP Steering Committee, the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent, EW4All, the Sendai Framework, Framework for Resilient Development in the Pacific (FRDP), and national resilience priorities. It also supports the Regional MHEWS TWG which WRP supported to be established under the Pacific Resilience Partnership framework. It will focus on moving from warning generation to preparedness and anticipatory action while ensuring sustainability of critical infrastructure.

**Objectives**

1. Advance Anticipatory Action.
2. Scope for establishment of WRP KRA 6 on Risk Information and Hazard Preparedness.
3. Develop a pathway for a Pacific Sustainable Maintenance Facility.
4. Improve and strengthen MHEWS donor and partner coordination.

**Day 1 - Tuesday 8 September 2026****Agenda Item 1 - Anticipatory Action (06:00am-12:30pm)****Moderators - Gabrielle Emery (UNDRR)/’Ofa Fa’anunu (WRP)****Note Taker: Marica Ratuki/Terry Atalifo**

**Core question:** How do we move from issuing a forecast to taking action before a disaster occurs?

The discussion should focus on agreeing on a Pacific Anticipatory Action Partnership Framework linking NMHS forecasts and warnings with disaster risk management, humanitarian action, and financing.

Key issues should include common forecast-based triggers; pre-agreed early actions; forecast-based financing; priority pilots for cyclone, drought and flood; data and information sharing; and clear roles for WRP, Members and partners.

**Desired outcome:** Agreement on a Pacific Anticipatory Action Partnership Framework, a small number of pilot countries and hazards, and partner commitments to finance implementation.

**Agenda Item 2 - Weather Ready Pacific KRA 6 on Risk Information and Hazard Preparedness (01:30pm to 05:00pm)****Moderators - Finau Leveni (IFRC)/Neeraj Shankar (Haskoning)****Note Taker: Marica Ratuki/Terry Atalifo**

**Core question:** How can WRP support the risk information and preparedness integration with NMHSs?

This discussion should test and refine the proposed WRP KRA 6: Risk Information and Hazard Preparedness.

The Platform should consider how risk information—including hazard, exposure and vulnerability data—and evidence from past disaster impacts, including economic and non-economic losses and damages, can be better utilized to strengthen impact-based forecasting and enhance multi-hazard early warning systems.

The session will also explore how stronger cooperation between early warning agencies, including National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs), National Disaster Management Offices (NDMOs) and other disaster risk reduction actors can improve preparedness, ensure risk information is translated into early action, and strengthen community readiness and response.

The linkages between risk information, early warning systems and disaster risk financing should be strengthened, including through sovereign and parametric insurance mechanisms such as PCRIC. This highlights the important NMHS-PCRIC partnership, whereby NMHSs provide the risk information and forecasting foundation, governments lead national risk and preparedness decisions, and PCRIC helps connect risk information to financing solutions that enable faster and more predictable response and recovery.

**Desired outcome:** Agreement on the proposed scope of KRA 6 and a pathway for its consideration, including an initial work programme on risk information, preparedness and disaster risk financing.

**Day 2: Wednesday 06 September 2026**

**Agenda Item 3 - Pacific Hydro-Met Sustainable Maintenance and Life Cyclone Financing (0600am-1230pm)**

**Moderators - 'Ofa Fa'anunu (WRP)/Jessica Yeung/Chris Egerton-Warburton**

**Note Taker: Honsol Chan Tung/Marica Ratuki**

**Core question: Who pays to keep Pacific early warning infrastructure working after projects finish?**

This is aimed to be a serious financing discussion around the proposed Pacific/CSI Sustainable Maintenance Facility.

The discussion should address the regional maintenance gap, lifecycle costing, SPREP's proposed infrastructure and ICT project charging concept, pooled maintenance financing, national contributions, donor contributions, and possible partnerships with SOFF and the private sector. Key principle for the Platform: Every new infrastructure investment creates a future maintenance liability and should make a contribution towards its lifecycle sustainability.

The Platform should discuss a possible % infrastructure and ICT project charge, ring-fenced for sustainable maintenance, alongside other financing sources.

**Desired outcome:** Partner support in principle for a Sustainable Maintenance Facility and agreement to develop a financing and governance model for consideration through PMC and relevant SPREP governance processes.

**Agenda Item 4 - One Pacific Hydro-Met Investment Pipeline: Partnership and Financing  
Coordination (01:30pm-05:00pm)**

**Moderator-** Salome Tukuafu (SPREP)/Laitia Fifita (Tonga Met Service)

**Note Taker:** Honsol Chan Tung/Terry Atalifo

**Core question:** How do we stop partners funding fragmented projects and start investing against one Pacific-led plan?

This should move the Liaison Platform away from the traditional "everyone presents their project" model.

WRP will present a single regional investment pipeline and gap map showing what Members need, what is already funded, where partners are investing, and where the remaining gaps are.

The discussion should include clearer division of partner roles; alignment of WRP, CREWS, SOFF, WMO and other initiatives; donor coordination; MDB and private-sector engagement; avoiding duplication; and identifying specific investment opportunities for the next 24-36 months.

**Desired outcome:** Agreement to develop and maintain a WRP Investment Pipeline and Partner Coordination Framework, with named lead and supporting partners against priority investment areas.

**Expected Outputs**

1. Agreement on a Pacific Anticipatory Action Partnership Framework, a small number of pilot countries and hazards, and partner commitments to finance implementation.
2. Agreement on the proposed scope of KRA 6 and a pathway for its consideration by the, including an initial risk information/preparedness work programme.
3. Partner support for a Sustainable Maintenance Facility and agreement to develop a financing and governance model for consideration through PMC and relevant SPREP governance processes.
4. Agreement to develop and maintain a WRP Investment Pipeline and Partner Coordination Framework, with named lead and supporting partners against priority investment areas.

**Expected Participants**

PMC Panel Members, Pacific NMHS Directors, Pacific NDMO Directors, UNDRR, WMO, ITU, IFRC, CREWS, SOFF, UNESCO, UNESCAP, UNOCHA, Forum Secretariat, SPTO, COSPPac, SPC, SPREP, CLIMSA, UNEP, UNDP, FAO, IOM, UNWOMEN, WFP, UNICEF, UNFPA, PDF, CROP agencies, development partners, donors, NGOs and private sector representatives.

**Recommendations**

1. Endorse development of a Pacific Anticipatory Action Partnership Framework.
  2. Endorsed focus areas for WRP KRA 6.
  3. Commission a business case for the Maintenance Facility.
  4. WRP Investment pipeline recommendations to PMC-8 and PMMM-4.
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