

Pacific Platform for Disaster Risk Management



15th Regional Disaster Managers Meeting: 7th – 8th May 2009

(Closed Meeting for Disaster Managers and SOPAC Community Risk Programme)

Tanoa Hotel, Nadi, Fiji

Theme: Strengthening NDMO Capacity for Improved Disaster Risk Management

Objectives

1. Review progress since the 14th Regional Disaster Managers Meeting
2. Understanding of the focus of the CRP Work Programme for 2009
3. Identify key national DRM issues for consideration by Regional Met Service Directors, regional and international partner organisations and Pacific CEOs for Disaster Management and Finance/Planning
4. Increase understanding of the NAP guidelines and the specific roles and responsibilities of the NDMOs in leading the NAP exercises.
5. Develop a hands-on understanding of the on-line reporting system for the Regional Framework for Action.
6. Develop a hands-on understanding of the Pacific Disaster Net and how to harness its capabilities to enhance capacities within NDMOs
7. Increase understanding of and commitment to training and capacity building initiatives for 2009 and beyond
8. Update of the role and functions of the Pacific Platform for DRM and discuss the Global Platform for DRR.

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

Thursday 7th May

Time	Agenda	Sponsor
8.30am	<p>Agenda Item 1: Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Observed Silence in Memory of Dr. Senipisi Langi Kavaliku, SOPAC High Level Advocate ▪ Opening Remarks: ▪ Appointment of Chair ▪ Appointment of Deputy Chair ▪ Appointment of Rapporteur ▪ Opening Remarks by the Chair 	Mosese Sikivou, Manager SOPAC CRP
8.45am	<p>Agenda Item 2: Report by the SOPAC Community Risk Programme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Presentation of the progress since the 14th RDM Meeting ▪ Presentation of the CRP Work Programme for 2009 and the services that CRP can provide to enhance DRM service delivery in Pacific countries <p><i>Rationale</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Improved understanding of progress made by SOPAC, Partners and PICs in relation to the outcomes of the 14th RDM Meeting</i> ▪ <i>Improved understanding of opportunities available to Pacific countries for DRM through the SOPAC CRP</i> <p>Plenary Discussion</p>	Mosese Sikivou
9.15am	<p>Agenda Item 3: Key Issues for DRM in the Pacific</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ NDMOs presentation of key issues in relation to DRM in their respective countries ▪ Discussions on agendas on all meetings of the Pacific Platform for DRM and Joint Meeting of Regional Met Service Directors and Regional Disaster Managers ▪ Discussions on expectations for the Joint Meeting ▪ Identification of spokesperson for the 15th RDMM to the Joint Meeting and for the 4th Pacific DRM Partnership Network Meeting 	Mosese Sikivou Neta Pelesikoti Michael Bonte Kathryn Hawley

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	<p><i>Rationale</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>RDMs need to be able to communicate their key challenges and issues in the Joint Meeting and to the Partners to add value to the discussions in those groups and ultimately to guide the focus of Partner support for DRM in the Pacific</i> 	
10.00am	Morning Tea	
10.15am	Agenda Item 3 (Cont'd)	
10.45am	<p>Agenda Item 4: Pacific Platform for DRM and Global Platform for DRR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A brief 'refresher' on the PPDRM ▪ An overview on the Global Platform 2009 <p><i>Rationale</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>The PPDRM was formally established in late 2008 and there is a need to improve understanding of the Platform and implications for Pacific countries.</i> ▪ <i>The Global Platform will be held from June 16th – 19th in Geneva and Disaster Managers need to be aware of the preparatory requirements, particularly for those whose countries which will be part of the Pacific delegation</i> 	<p>Mosese Sikivou Angelika Planitz, UNISDR</p>
11.15am	<p>Agenda Item 5: National Action Plan Guidelines</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Discussions on the specific requirements for Disaster Managers in terms of leading the development and implementation of NAPs. ▪ Disaster Managers who have completed NAP exercises will be invited to share their experiences (briefly) during the session and suggest 'tips' for the benefit of their colleagues. ▪ Opportunity for Disaster Managers to express interest in NAPs and thus facilitate some forward planning for CRP. ▪ CRP will also share an update of the funding opportunities in regards to NAPs. <p><i>Rationale</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Recent NAP exercises have revealed that Disaster Managers do not fully grasp the nature and extent of their obligations in NAP exercises and this can undermine the sustainability of the effort. The lessons learned from this exercise will raise the confidence levels of Disaster Managers and provide further guidance for Partners in terms of how to support Disaster Managers during NAP country engagements.</i> 	<p>Mosese Sikivou Netatua Pelesikoti</p>
12.15am	Agenda Item 6: On-line Monitor for the Regional DRM Framework	Litea Biukoto

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Presentation of the on-line monitor with a short background on its development and the purpose it is to serve. ▪ Disaster Managers to be given a hands-on trial reporting exercise. <p><i>Rationale</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>This session will provide an opportunity for the Disaster Managers to be more adept at using the monitor and provide guidance for them in relation to sources of data and information to use for reporting.</i> 	Kata Duaibe
1.00pm	Lunch	
2.00pm	Agenda Item 6 (Cont'd)	Litea Biukoto Kata Duaibe
3.00pm	Agenda Item 7: The Future of DRM Training and Capacity Development for Pacific Countries	Mosese Sikivou Kathryn Hawley
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The outcomes of the TAF/OFDA DRR pilot course from the previous 3 days will be presented to the RDMS. Discussions will also cover the future (US Government) support for DRM training in the Pacific with some feedback invited from RDMS. ▪ Discussions on the recent initiative by the Fiji School of Medicine working with TAF/OFDA and SOPAC to develop a professional training programme in place of the Swinburne programme which is being discontinued. ▪ Disaster Managers to provide input on the future of DRM training in the Pacific highlighting the specific areas which they feel ought to receive greater attention from training and capacity development partners. <p><i>Rationale</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>The views of RDMS need to be made clear in relation to the future of DRM training and capacity building and this session provides an opportunity for this.</i> 	
3.30pm	Afternoon Tea	
3.45pm	Agenda Item 7 (Cont'd)	
5.00pm	End of Day	
7.00pm	'SIDE EVENT' & DINNER UNOCHA PRESENTATION – Pacific Humanitarian Cluster Approach	Minako Kakuma, UNOCHA

Friday 8th May

Time	Agenda	Sponsor
8.30am	Recap of Day 1	Rapporteur
8.45am	Agenda Item 8: Pacific Disaster Net – An Opportunity for Learning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The PDN will be briefly introduced followed by a specific discussion on the current status of development/implementation of the PDN focussing on the key features and how users can access information. ▪ Some of the key features to receive focus will be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Status – with Google maps / Google earth and live CAP alerts and other new functionalities - Wiki – introduction - Q&A - Current projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction baseline data and plan for set up in PDN • NDMO websites • Evaluation / surveys • Country missions with PDN training and content collection • Search engine • Calendar • Partnership matrix • Q&A <p><i><u>Rationale</u></i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Disaster Managers are going to be at the forefront within each country for awareness creation in relation to the PDN and therefore need to be competent in its use. They also need to understand better how the regular use of the PDN will enhance their work and provide on-going opportunities for feedback to facilitate on-going improvements by the SOPAC PDN team.</i> 	Litea Biukoto Jutta May Sachindra Singh
10.00am	Morning Tea	
10.15am	Agenda Item 8 (Cont'd):	Litea Biukoto Jutta May Sachindra Singh
12.00pm	Lunch	

1.00pm

Agenda Item 9: ICT Survey

- To obtain up-to-date information on the ICT capabilities of the NDMOs
- An outline will be provided of the potential support that SOPAC and other partners in terms of strengthening the ICT capacity of NDMOs - hardware, software and training

Litea Biukoto
Jutta May
Sachindra Singh

Rationale

- *Recent advances in IT and communications tools and techniques make it imperative for NDMOs, as disaster coordinators, to receive the optimum levels of support in relation to computer hardware and software as well communications tools. These needs are now more pressing because of the emphasis to drastically improve baselines of data and information that Pacific countries use for decision making on disaster management as well as for disaster risk reduction.*

2.30pm

Agenda Item 10: Closing

- Presentation of Key Outcomes by Rapporteur
- Closing Remarks and Next Steps (in relation to remaining PPDRM meetings) by SOPAC
- Closing Remarks by Chair

Angela Ambroz
Mosese Sikivou

3.00pm

Afternoon Tea