



Inaugural Pacific Disaster Risk Reduction Ministers Meeting

14th – 16th September 2022

Nadi, Fiji

Hybrid Meeting: In-person and Virtual
PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

The following is the Provisional Annotated Agenda for the Inaugural Pacific Disaster Risk Reduction Ministers Meeting.

Day One, Wednesday 14th September

1. Tradition Ceremony of Welcome, Inaugural Pacific Disaster Risk Reduction Ministers Meeting (5.00pm)
To be organised and facilitated by the Government of Fiji at the meeting venue.
2. Welcome Reception hosted by the Government of Fiji (6.00pm – 9.00pm)
To be held at the meeting venue.

Day Two, Thursday 15th September

1. Opening Prayer (9.00am)
To be organised by the Government of Fiji
2. Appointment of the Chair (9.15am)
To be officiated by the SPC who will invite Ministers to nominate and second a nomination for the Chair.
3. Call to Order and Opening Remarks by the Chair (9.20am)
The Chair will call the meeting to order and deliver opening remarks.
4. Adoption of the Agenda & Meeting Timetable (9.35am)



The Chair will invite Ministers to adopt the agenda for the meeting.

5. Introductory Remarks by the Pacific Community and the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat
 - a. Pacific Islands Forum, Acting Secretary General (9.40am)
 - b. Pacific Community, Director General (9.50am)

BREAK – (10.00am) - Official Photo and Morning Tea

The Chair will provide critical contextual remarks to set the scene and tone for stakeholders, development partners and donors in Sessions 6, 7 and 8. These will be open sessions that allow for Ministers to engage with a multistakeholder representation and identify opportunities for strengthened engagement, partnership and action across three key opportunities in the climate and disaster resilience agenda: *risk informed development*; *disaster preparedness and response*, and; *resilient recovery*.

6. Risk Informed Development – Strengthening Coherence in Addressing Climate and Disaster Risk (10.30am)

The importance of risk informed development cannot be understated. Increased consideration of risk in the context of national and subnational development approaches strengthens the resilience of Pacific communities thereby minimising the overall impact of climate change and disaster events. Action by Ministers responsible for Disaster Risk Management is critical to the furtherance of risk informed development approaches in Pacific island countries.

7. Disaster Preparedness and Response (11.45am)

Focused disaster preparedness and response is an important part of the overall suite of disaster risk management interventions and properly planned and implemented, can significantly minimise the potential impact of hazard events. There are several ongoing and planned initiatives at regional and national level in the Pacific that would be significantly enhanced by support from Ministers. This session will discuss these and draw out opportunities for Ministerial level support.



BREAK – (1.00pm) – Lunch

8. Resilient Recovery (2.00pm)

Humanitarian concerns appropriately dominate the attention of governments and various stakeholders before and immediately following disaster events. Early into the humanitarian response phase of disasters, countries must focus however on the requirements for early and longer term recovery. This session enables a discussion on some of the opportunities to strengthen recovery from disaster events prompted by recent country experiences that will be shared.

BREAK (3.30PM) - Afternoon Tea

9. Addressing the Opportunities for Disaster Risk Management Strengthening in the Pacific (4.00pm) **Closed Session**

This closed session is intended to enable Ministers to reflect on the discussions with stakeholders in Sessions 6, 7 and 8 to identify actions that can be considered to strengthen progress in the Pacific across the three strategic areas.

Day Three, Friday 16th September

10. Field Trip – Blackrock Warehouse (9.00am – 11.30am)

This field trip is within the Nadi District and is for Ministers to obtain an appreciation of the logistics and warehousing capacity of the Blackrock Peacekeeping and Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief Camp (Blackrock Camp).

11. APMCDRR Briefing by the Government of Australia and UN Office for Disaster Risk (11.30am)

Ministers reconvene for this session. The purpose is for the Government of Australia and UNDRR to brief the Ministers on the agenda and preparations for the Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction to be held in Brisbane, Australia on 19th – 22nd September 2022.



12. Commitment to Action: What can Ministers agree to pursue collectively to strengthen the implementation of resilience action in the Pacific (12.00pm) **Closed Session**

Based on the discussions from Day Two, and in particular the results of the discussion in Sessions 6, 7, 8 and 9, this is an opportunity for Ministers to make brief interventions on their commitments regarding the ongoing implementation of the regional and national resilience agenda. Ministerial interventions are intended to support the draft meeting Declaration.

BREAK – (1.00pm) - Lunch

13. Adoption of the Declaration of the Inaugural Pacific DRR Ministers Meeting (2.00pm) **Closed Session**

To endorse the Declaration for the Inaugural Pacific DRM Ministers Meeting. The Declaration will include a commitment to action by Ministers to collectively address key issues and opportunities highlighted during the meeting.

14. Official Closing (3.00pm)

The Chair will invite final comments from Ministers, SPC and PIFS. Following this the Chair will deliver closing remarks and draw the meeting to an end.

15. Media Briefing (4.00pm)

To provide clarity on the outcomes of the meeting and profile the Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction which will take place in Brisbane, Australia on 19th – 22nd September 2022.

In attendance at the media briefing will be representatives of the Government of Fiji, SPC, PIFS, Government of Australia and the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction.

16. Closing Reception hosted by the Government of Fiji (7.00pm – 9.00pm)