



SOPAC

**Inaugural Pacific Regional Disaster Risk Management Meeting for
Pacific CEOs of Finance/Planning and Disaster Management
24th – 25th July 2008**

Nadi, Fiji

**Theme: Disaster Risk Management to Protect our Future: An Investment for Sustainable
Development in Pacific Island Countries**

Objectives

1. Create an understanding of the disaster risk management (DRM) support structure in the Pacific
2. Develop greater understanding for the global and regional commitments towards DRM.
3. Highlight the linkages between disasters and development to demonstrate the importance of mainstreaming DRM into planning and budgeting.
4. Provide an opportunity for exchange on issues related to DRM
5. Discuss immediate, urgent implementation of the Pacific Disaster Risk Reduction and Disaster Management Framework for Action 2005 – 2015: Building the Resilience of Nations and Communities to Disasters

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

Wednesday 23rd July

5.00pm **Registration**

6.00pm **Official Opening**

- Introductory Remarks
- Opening Address

7.00pm **Welcome Reception**

Thursday 24th July

9.00am **Opening Session**

- Opening Remarks
- Appointment of Chair
- Appointment of Rapporteur
- Appointment of Drafting Committee
- Opening Remarks by the Chair

9.30am **Keynote Address**

10.30am **Session 2**

- **Panel Discussion: The Economics of Disasters – National Development and Risk Proofing**

Examine the economic impact of disasters and explore how integrated solutions incorporating science and economics are important for national development policies, plans and actions.

*Panellists:
To be confirmed*

- **Presentation: Pacific Catastrophe Risk Pool Initiative – Preliminary Findings of a Feasibility Study**

*Presenter:
To be confirmed*

** Lunch break at 12.30pm.*

1.30pm **Session 3**

- **Presentation: DRM Mainstreaming – The Experience of Vanuatu and the Marshall Islands**

*Presenters:
To be confirmed*

- **Panel Discussion: The Role of Technical Solutions in Informing National Development Policy and Programmes**

Discussions on how applied science can be used effectively to guide and inform approaches to national development policy and programming, for risk reduction. These discussions are intended to demonstrate how technical and scientific assessment can potentially highlight the cause of vulnerability and thereby guide development of appropriate mitigation and risk reduction strategies.

*Panellists:
To be confirmed*

4.00pm **Session 4**

- **Presentation: Disaster Response Mechanisms in the Pacific: The regional and international support structure and current priorities**

Presenters:

To be confirmed

6.00pm **Twilight Drinks – hosted by SOPAC**

Friday 25th July

8.45am **Recap of Day 1**

9.00am **Session 5**

- **Special Address: The UN/ISDR and the Global Support Structure for Disaster Risk Reduction**

Presenter:

To be confirmed

9.30am **Presentation/ Visit (TBC)**

- **Hazard Risk Assessment in Action: Tourism Development in Fiji**

Presentation from Tabua Investments, Denarau Island, to explain the hazard risk assessment processes that are pursued prior to any major capital developments on Denarau Island.

11.00am **Session 6**

- **Panel Discussion: Sustainable National Development & Disaster Risk Management**

Discussion on the relationship between disasters and national development and explore how Governments need to seriously consider a more comprehensive approach to disaster risk management as an integral part of the national development planning and budgeting process.

Panellists:

To be confirmed

** Lunch break at 12.30pm.*

1.30pm **Closing Session**

- Presentation of Meeting Report by Rapporteur
- Presentation of Communiqué
- Closing Remarks by SOPAC
- Closing Remarks by Chair