



PACIFIC RESILIENCE PARTNERSHIP CHARTER

PREAMBLE

We, the Members of the Pacific Resilience Partnership:

- **Acknowledge** that climate change and disasters are significantly impacting all Pacific island countries and territories, setting back sustainable development, negatively impacting people's human rights, and exacerbating the level of vulnerability of our economies and societies.
- **Commit** to the Vision, Guiding Principles and Goals of the Framework for Resilient Development in the Pacific: An Integrated Approach to Address Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management 2017–2030 (FRDP).
- **Recognise** that the FRDP complements other regional and global policies and frameworks such as the Framework for Pacific Regionalism, SAMOA Pathway, Boe Declaration, Paris Agreement, Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), and Sustainable Development Goals and must be implemented alongside and in a manner that avoids duplication of effort by Pacific island countries and territories.
- **Recognise** that in order to ensure a future of safety, security and peaceful wellbeing, must act collaboratively and in a well-coordinated manner to build the resilience of our nations and communities.
- **Resolve** that this partnership embraces and actively involves stakeholders at all levels in all our countries and territories, at the regional and international level and provides the necessary capacity support, coordination and learning to ensure a consistent and enduring process of resilience building.
- **Commit** to persevere and to achieve the highest levels of integrity and quality in the actions that we take to build resilience, ensuring that we address the needs of the most vulnerable, protect our natural environment and improve on future development practice.

PRP MANDATE

The Pacific Resilience Partnership was established by Pacific Island Forum Leaders in September 2017 to support the implementation of the *Framework for Resilient Development in the Pacific: An Integrated Approach to Address Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management 2017–2030* (FRDP).

ROLE OF THE PRP

The PRP is the vehicle that takes forward the FRDP as a 'Pacific movement for resilience building'. It is a network of stakeholders that drive resilience action at national, sub national, regional and international levels; coming together under a single umbrella mechanism in a coordinated and cohesive manner.

RATIONALE

More coordinated effort is required to create an enabling environment for building resilience through which multiple actors including government, civil society, the private sector, development sectors (e.g. agriculture, water), local level government, science and technology sectors, academia, traditional leaders and community groups and others can connect, cooperate and collaborate.

The PRP is multi-disciplinary and includes actors that work in sectors including social science and gender, physical and social vulnerabilities, climate change, disaster risk management, finance, engineering, science, ecosystems etc.

FOUNDATIONAL PRINCIPLES OF THE PRP

- 1 Inclusivity** – encourage the effective participation of the different stakeholder groups through application of the Guiding Principles of the FRDP, which includes a human rights based approach; prioritising the needs and respecting the rights of the most vulnerable including but not limited to women, persons with disabilities, children, youth and older persons. It also includes integrating gender considerations and aim for a gender balance in all levels of the PRP.
- 2 Partnership** – promote collaboration, cooperation and coordination and the establishment of relationships based on mutual respect and responsibility to empower stakeholders' resilient actions. This will be achieved through the free, continuous and consistent flow of information, sharing ideas and best practices.
- 3 Integrity and Quality** – a commitment to the highest levels of integrity and quality in how resilience action is taken forward at sub national including community, national, regional and international levels. The implementation of resilience action in connection with the FRDP must be based on the use of transparent, accurate and appropriate data and information on open and transparent decision-making; on tools and approaches that are fit for purpose and context; on engagement and interaction that is genuine and enduring; and on a commitment to continuous learning and improvement.
- 4 Leadership** – is called for at every level of decision making to promote accountability and transparency, encourage and engender appropriate, innovative implementation for resilience building at all levels.

MEMBERSHIP

The PRP is an open-ended partnership. Membership requires no subscription fee and is voluntary. However, formal affiliation is required to ensure full commitment and accountability to the intent, principles and objectives of the FRDP and PRP. Members of the PRP typically fall within the following categories of stakeholders and all are equal members:

- National and local government
- Civil society at regional, national and sub national level
- Private Sector at regional, national and sub national level
- Sectoral/Interest Groups, Networks and Committees at regional, national and sub national level
- Regional and international organisations
- Faith-based organisations
- Media
- Academia
- Development Partners
- Donors
- Multilateral Development Banks
- UN Agencies

The PRP provides members with a vast array of opportunities to strengthen resilience action. The benefits of membership are:

- Opportunity to connect and collaborate with people and organisations (through for example, Technical Working Groups) that share the same commitment to Pacific resilience building and recognise and uplift multi-stakeholder collaboration interests within a broad network officially established by Pacific leaders;
- Shared learning from member experiences;
- Draw on the body of knowledge and experience across the partnership to create innovative solutions to address climate change and disaster risk challenges;
- Opportunity to share the progress of work at the highest levels in the Pacific – helping to inform Pacific leaders about progress in resilience action;
- Access to tools and products to enhance resilience action in country;
- Formal and positive recognition by donors and development partners for resilience building proposals.

GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

As a Pacific-wide network the leadership of the PRP is undertaken at the regional level by the **PRP Taskforce** which acts on behalf of, and in accordance with the interests of the members. The role of the PRP Taskforce is to synchronise guidance and advice towards the successful implementation of the FRDP.

It exists to **enhance, promote, and/or drive** resilience action in support of the many actors that form the PRP.

The PRP Taskforce is ultimately responsible to Pacific leaders and such responsibility is executed in the first instance through the Forum Officials Committee¹.

The PRP Taskforce is supported in its work by the **PRP Support Unit** comprising the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS), Pacific Community (SPC) and Secretariat for the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP).

The PRP Support Unit provides coordinated and coherent advice and support to the PRP Taskforce and ensures the implementation of decisions. The PRP Support Unit also provides oversight of Technical Working Groups and other mechanisms established by the PRP Taskforce and coordinates the Pacific Resilience Meeting which is a biennial meeting of the PRP.

At the national level the PRP is associated with the formal Government-led committees and fora that provide leadership and galvanise partnerships in resilience building. However, given its wide membership, the PRP also directly involves stakeholder groups and networks that are involved in resilience action, for example through local government bodies, private sector organisations, civil society, faith-based organisations and community groups.

¹ The official governing body of the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat. All matters pertaining to the effective and efficient functioning of the PRP is channeled through the FOC prior to consideration by the Pacific Islands Forum Leaders.

TECHNICAL SUPPORT

Technical advice and support to Pacific island countries and territories in connection with the implementation of the FRDP is provided through a range of bilateral or multi-lateral mechanisms directly with each country or territory.

At the regional level such support is augmented by **Technical Working Groups** that can be established by either the PRP Taskforce or Pacific Resilience Meeting to focus on current or emerging priorities. Participation in the Technical Working Groups is voluntary and open to all members of the PRP. Technical Working Groups have a clear Terms of Reference, are result focused and include milestones, timelines and sunset clauses. Technical Working Groups report to the PRP Taskforce through the PRP Support Unit and provide updates to the Pacific Resilience Meeting.

PACIFIC RESILIENCE MEETING

The Pacific Resilience Meeting is a biennial event at which members of the PRP and other stakeholders gather together to share experience and knowledge and to identify solutions to current and emerging challenges and opportunities in resilience building in the Pacific. The meeting is organised jointly by PRP Taskforce and the PRP Support Unit.

COMMUNICATIONS

There will be regular publicity of the work of the members of the PRP with a specific focus on the progress made to achieve the FRDP.

The guidance for all communications activity will be provided through a **Communications and Engagement Strategy** (Strategy) under the responsibility of a Communications and Engagement Sub Committee of the PRP Taskforce.

The Communications and Engagement Sub Committee will be comprised of individuals with specialist communications and other relevant skills and experience to effectively and efficiently lead the implementation of the Strategy. Agencies within the PRP Support Unit will support the work of the Communications and Engagement Sub Committee.

REVIEW OF THE CHARTER

To ensure relevance to changing circumstances that may arise the PRP Charter will be reviewed as and when deemed necessary by the PRP Taskforce. Any recommendations for changes to the Charter are to be submitted by the PRP Support Unit for the consideration of the PRP Taskforce.

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