

ENHANCING PROTECTION AND EMPOWERMENT OF MIGRANTS AND COMMUNITIES AFFECTED BY CLIMATE CHANGE AND DISASTERS IN THE PACIFIC REGION



Regional Dialogue on the Draft Pacific Climate Mobility Framework

(Pacific member states)

Concept Note

13-14 July 2023

Hybrid. PIF Headquarter and zoom

Objective: The Regional Dialogue on the Draft Pacific Climate Mobility Framework aims to consolidate member states' feedback and validate the Draft Pacific Climate Mobility Framework.

Organization: The meeting will be co-chaired by the Governments of Fiji and Tuvalu and will be conducted in a hybrid format. Participation will be limited to member states, supported by the secretariat of the Regional Dialogue.

Expected outcome: Finalized regional framework to be submitted to the Forum Officials Committee (FOC) through FOC Subcommittee on Regional Security for member states' consideration and endorsement.

Background: The Pacific region is one of the most vulnerable regions to climate change, with its low-lying island nations facing multiple threats, including sea-level rise, extreme weather events, and ocean acidification. These threats are impacting the socio-economic, cultural, and environmental systems of Pacific Island Countries (PICs), resulting in increased climate-induced human mobility, including migration, displacement, and planned relocation. Over the course of three years, PICs under the Pacific Climate Change Migration and Human Security programme (PCCMHS) have been actively developing a regional collaboration framework on human mobility as a result of climate change. The development of the regional framework has progressed under the guidance of the Joint Working Group (consisting of Pacific member states, and PCCMHS partners including SPC and PIFS) and its Co-Chairs (Governments of Fiji and Tuvalu). An update on the progress of this work has been reported to the FOC and the FOC Sub-Committee on Regional Security (FSRS).

The Pacific Climate Mobility Framework will provide a coordinated approach to climate-induced human mobility in the Pacific region, taking into account the unique socio-cultural, economic, and environmental contexts of PICs. It contributes to the implementation of the Thematic Area, “Climate change and disaster¹” of the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent.

It is intended that the Regional Dialogue, held back-to-back with the Senior Officials workshop to develop the implementation plan for the 2050 Strategy will finalize the Pacific Climate Mobility Framework for endorsement by Leaders through the FSRS and the 2023 pre-Forum FOC.

¹ “Ensure the protection and practice of rights, cultural values and heritage and traditional knowledge of Pacific peoples in global and regional protocols for climate and disaster risk reduction, and mobility including relocation, migration and displacement”.

Draft Agenda (REVISED):

13 July 2023

<u>Session 1:</u>	<i>Opening Session</i>
3:45 – 4:15 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening prayer • Welcome Remarks by the Co-Chairs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Overview of the Objectives and Agenda of the Regional Dialogue ○ Process for arriving at a consensus ○ NSA presentation to member states
<u>Session 2:</u>	<i>Overview of the Draft Pacific Climate Mobility Framework</i>
4:15 – 5:00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of draft regional framework (Section by section) • General feedback

14 July 2023

<u>Session 3:</u>	<i>Soliciting Feedback on the Draft Pacific Climate Mobility Framework</i>
9:00 – 10:30 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Opening prayer</u> (Review of Strategic Context, Purpose and Principles) • Section by section member states will review changes proposed by the member states (and Technical team)
10:30 – 11:00 am	<i>Morning Tea</i>
11:00 – 12:30 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (Review of Core areas for action) • (Review of Implementation)
12:30– 1:30 pm	<i>Lunch</i>
<u>Session 4:</u>	<i>Reaching consensus on the draft regional framework</i>
1:30 – 2:30 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Second round of draft review
2:30 – 3:00 pm	<i>Afternoon Tea</i>
<u>Session 5:</u>	<i>Finalising the draft regional framework</i>
3:00 – 5:00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-visiting the parked sections of the draft and wrap-up • Final review of the document to be forwarded to FSRS • Closing

Note: The proposed agenda is subject to change based on the feedback and inputs from the co-chairs and participants.