

Closing remarks

**Regional Policy Dialogue on the Draft Pacific Regional Framework on
Climate Mobility**

(Member States Session)

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[All protocols observed]

Excellencies;

Senior Government Officials;

Pacific Climate Change Migration and Human Security Implementing Partners,

Distinguished Delegates.

Vinaka vakalevu and Faka fetai Lasi... what a commendable and remarkable accomplishment we have just managed and concluded, just now!

As we conclude the Member States Session of the *Regional Policy Dialogue on the Pacific Climate Mobility Framework*, I would like to extend my heartfelt appreciation – on behalf of your Fijian and Tuvaluan Co-Chairs – to each and every one of you for your active participation, valuable insights, and unwavering commitment throughout today's session.

We have engaged in in-depth discussions, review, and consensus-building on the draft framework. Your collective expertise, perspectives, and dedication have been instrumental in shaping a revised version of the Pacific Climate Mobility Framework.

The discussions held in today's session have been marked by a true spirit of collaboration, inclusivity, and the shared objective of addressing climate-induced human mobility in our Pacific region. Your contributions have underscored the importance of protecting the rights, well-being, and resilience of our communities in the face of climate change impacts – whilst still carefully tampered by our respective national experiences, interests and domestic considerations.

I was inspired by the rich dialogue and constructive exchanges that have taken place. The comprehensive review of the framework, bilateral discussions, and the revisiting of bracketed texts have all contributed to reaching a greater understanding and consensus among member states.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation for your openness, willingness to compromise, and your unwavering dedication to finding common ground. Through your engagement, we have made significant progress in finalizing the Pacific Climate Mobility Framework.

As your co-Chairs to this important process, I can confidently state that this revised framework, 'reliably reflects' the shared vision and aspirations of our Pacific member states. It encapsulates our commitment to address the challenges of climate-induced human mobility and to protect the rights, culture, and well-being of our Pacific peoples.

Moving forward, let us remain steadfast in our commitment to finalizing the draft 3.0 of this framework. The journey does not end here today. Let us continue to work together, harnessing our collective strengths to ensure agreement of draft 3.0 is associated with your relevant officials in your respective missions and Capitals.

By way of next steps: your *Joint Working Group* Secretariat will regroup on Monday, next week, to consider the outcomes of today's good discussions and compromises. After this work we shall share the results of this work with all Member States by the end of next week. We request that you please revert with your return submissions by the 25th July, 2023, at the latest, so that we might be able to meet the July 28, deadline to make another update to the next FOC Sub-Committee on Regional Security.

Let us carry the momentum and collaborative spirit we have cultivated here into the next iterative step of our journey. By continuing to work together, we can create a future where our Pacific communities are empowered, protected, and resilient in the face of climate change.

I wish you all an enjoyable evening and a safe passage home – to those of us who will be traveling home on the weekend or the near future.

Faka fetai Lasi. Vinaka vakalevu. Thank you very much.