

Regional Dialogue on the Draft Pacific Climate Mobility Framework

(for member states)

13-14 July 2023

Overview

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. PCCMHS programme is jointly implemented by International Organization for Migration (IOM) – lead agency, the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), the International Labour Organization (ILO), the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS), and Platform on Disaster Displacement (PDD).

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).

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 disaster” of the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent.

The Regional Dialogue, following the preparatory [webinar](https://www.unescap.org/events/2023/regional-webinar-draft-pacific-climate-mobility-framework) on 30-31 May 2023 [link to <https://www.unescap.org/events/2023/regional-webinar-draft-pacific-climate-mobility-framework>] was held back-to-back with the Senior Officials workshop to develop the implementation plan for the 2050 Strategy organized by PIFS.

With general cooperation and collaboration with the PCCMHS partners, the Regional Dialogue for Pacific member states was organized on 13-14 July 2023, Co-Chaired by the Permanent Secretary for Foreign Affairs of Government of Fiji, Dr Lesikimacuata Korovavala, and the Secretary of Foreign Affairs, Justice and Communication of the Government of Tuvalu, Dr Taupo Tausi. The Regional Dialogue for Non-State Actors was organized on 10 July 2023.

Related links:

- Facebook post by the Government of Fiji [link to https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=pfbid0wWAQrMtuUPVY3sUCN7xF5K44qLiyp5ScUVmUHbtHZtow3PT7hfr498JyFkr3sQzxl&id=100064626194509&mibextid=CDWPTG]

