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Subject: Support to your participation in Pacific Disaster Risk Management/Early Warning/Early Action Anticipatory Action Regional Meeting (Nadi, Fiji, 10 – 18 April 2024)

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite you to the Pacific Anticipatory Action Regional Meeting, and associated disaster risk reduction/early warning/early actions meetings co-hosted by the Pacific Resilience Partnership (PRP), United Nations (UN) and International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) from 15 to 16 April 2024 (Annex I). The workshop will provide a platform to take progress, share learnings and opportunities for advancing anticipatory action - the Pacific way – in 2024 and beyond.

The workshop will bring together government agencies, non-government organizations, private sectors, regional organizations, development partners working on early warning, early action to advance regional/ national priorities across three building blocks 1) risk information and early warning; 2) planning and pre-agreed actions; 3) pre-arranged financing.

The Pacific Anticipatory Action Regional Meeting is part of a series of Disaster Risk Management/Early Warning/Early Actions events happening across two weeks in Fiji (Annex II).

There will be sectorial focused meetings for Disaster Risk Management Sectors (convened by SPC) from 8 – 12 April 2024 and Systematic Observations Financing Facility (SOFF) Regional Pacific Workshop (convened by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) from 10 to 12 March 2024). The following week, all sectors will come together for the following series of events:

- Pacific Anticipatory Action Regional Meeting, 15-16 April 2024 (please refer to Annexes);
- Early Warning for All (EW4ALL) Pacific, Weather Ready Pacific (WRP), CliMSA and Climate Risk Early Warning Systems (CREWS) Coordination Meeting, 17 April 2024 (Concept Note to follow);
- CREWS Pacific SIDS Project Steering Committee Meeting, 18 April 2024 (information to follow).

To: Permanent Representatives of Cook Islands, Fiji, Tonga and Tuvalu with WMO and to the Directors of the Meteorological Services of Tokelau and Niue

Further details about all events, including detailed agendas will be circulated in the coming weeks.

WMO will provide funding for the participation of one representative from your agency to attend the various meetings including the SOFF Regional Pacific Workshop held the previous week. Funding support will cover return travel and daily subsistence allowance (DSA) to attend the meetings from 10 to 18 April 2024.

Please kindly confirm your nomination at your earliest convenience, but **no later than 8 March 2024**, via email to Mr Guilherme Varro, Associate Project Officer at garro@wmo.int and copy to Mr Henry Taiki, WMO Representative for the South-West Pacific at htaiki@wmo.int.

Once your nomination is received, further information on administrative and logistical arrangements will be shared.

Yours faithfully,



Prof. Celeste Saulo
Secretary-General

Advancing Anticipatory Action: The Pacific Way

15 – 16 April 2024 | Fiji

Concept Note

Background

Acting before a potential disaster is crucial. It can safeguard lives, and livelihoods, build resilience to future shocks, and ease pressure on strained governments, communities, individuals, private sector, and humanitarian resources. Anticipatory Action (AA) refers to actions triggered before a crisis to mitigate negative impacts of a forecasted hazard on lives and livelihoods. AA is an approach that translates warnings into actions to protect people and assets before a hazard develops into a disaster. People-centered and community-based early warnings and AA are key to achieving the outcomes of the Weather Ready Pacific (WRP) and the United Nations Secretary General’s Early Warnings for All (EW4All) initiative. Taking an anticipatory approach within disaster risk management (DRM) can contribute to reducing humanitarian needs as well as to minimizing and averting loss and damage caused by climate change and related, often extreme events.

As evidenced in the outcomes of the Inaugural Pacific Week of AA, held from 28 – 30 , there is a growing interest in scaling up AA at the country level across the Pacific. However, it was also emphasized during the event that components of AA already exist in the Pacific at the national and local levels and there is need to systematically link these elements in a coordinated manner among different stakeholders.

Following on from this event, Pacific Governments and their national and regional partners have been exploring opportunities to test anticipatory approaches at national and local levels and share information and experiences with each other. This can be seen in a variety of regionally and nationally led initiatives over the year, including but not limited to:

- The development of a National Anticipatory Action Framework for Fiji which will be piloted over the 23/24 and 24/ 25 Tropical Cyclone Season.
- The development of anticipatory parametric insurance product.
- Advancement of Red Cross Early Action Protocols in the region.
- Activation of drought anticipatory action in Papua New Guinea.
- A strengthened evidence base and knowledge products on AA , including the report on [Envisioning a Model for AA in the Pacific](#) and progress in tailoring the minimum AA training curriculum of Asia-Pacific TWG to the Pacific context.
- The subsequent establishment of the Pacific AA Community of Practice, under the leadership of the Pacific Island Forum Secretariat (PIF), has proved to be a useful mechanism to exchange learnings and strengthen coordination on AA in the region.
- the adoption of the implementation plan of the WRP programme and its recognition by Pacific Leaders as the key vehicle for EW4All delivery in the region.

At regional and global level, the Asia-Pacific Technical Working Group on AA and ultimately the EW4All initiative, provide overarching frameworks as well as guidance and coordination support.

Building on the momentum generated by the 2023 event, a follow up AA meeting for representatives from Pacific governments, Pacific non-government organizations (NGOs)/civil society organizations

(CSOs) and Red Cross-National Societies and from regional and international intergovernmental organization and development partners is scheduled to be held in April 2024. The event will provide a platform to stocktake progress and share learnings gleaned over the year across the regional priorities for action identified at the 2023 workshop and across the three AA building blocks (1) risk information and early warning; 2) planning and pre-agreed actions; 3) pre-arranged financing), unpack the Pacific AA-focused training modules and identify further priorities and opportunities for advancing anticipatory approaches – the Pacific way – in 2024 and beyond.

Objectives

- Review progress and learnings on AA pilots in the Pacific
- Further sensitize and enhance capacity on AA and contextualize technical standard to the Pacific.
- Identify priorities, opportunities, and modalities for advancing AA in the Pacific in 2024 and beyond, including through the establishment of the Multi-Hazard Early Warning Services (MHEWS) Technical Working Group (TWG) under the Pacific Resilience Partnership (PRP) and as a contribution to EW4All and WRP.

Expected outcomes

- Learnings and evidence needed from government perspectives on AA in the Pacific is generated, documented, and shared with broader stakeholders.
- Pacific Governments and partners are further equipped with knowledge on AA and its key building blocks.
- An action plan to integrate AA into existing DRM/CCA/MHEWS is discussed and developed.
- Tailored discussion on thematic (pre-arranged financing, triggers, and actions) by key government officials.
- Tailored discussion on national policies and frameworks related to the AA.

Participants

This workshop will bring together Pacific governments and non-government partners involved in AA in the Pacific. These include, but are not limited to, representatives from Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorological and Hydrological Offices/Services and their regional and international partners in the Pacific. Representation from other key line ministries such as those for Ministry of Women and children, Finance, Planning and Agriculture and non-government partners such as the National Red Cross Societies, donors, private sector and national NGOs/CSOs undertaking AA work in Pacific countries are also encouraged to participate.

Partners

The workshop will be organized under the PRP with support from across the UN, Council of Regional Organizations in the Pacific (CROP) agencies and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC).

Proposed Dates

The Pacific AA workshop is proposed to be held over two full days, from **15 to 16 April 2024** in Coral Coast, Fiji. In order to maximize efficiencies in terms of costs and logistics, it will be organized to coincide with other regional meetings listed below.

Pacific Early Warning Regional Meetings – April 2024

Events	Target Audience	Convener	Date	Venue
Pacific DRM/ Emergency Management meetings	NDMO, Fire and Police Departments	SPC	7- 12 April	Nadi, Fiji
Systemic Observations Financing Facility (SOFF) Regional Pacific Meeting	NMHS	WMO	10-12 April	Nadi, Fiji
Pacific Anticipatory Action Regional Meeting	Govt and Stakeholders	PRP/ UN/ IFRC	15-16 April	Shangri- La, Fiji
Early Warning for All /Weather Ready Pacific	Govt and stakeholders	UN/ SPREP	17-18 April	Shangri- La, Fiji
CREWS project steering committee ClimSA Regional Stakeholders Meeting	NMHS	UN/ World Bank/ SPEP	18 April	Fiji

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Climate Services and Related Applications Programme (CLIMSA)	NMHS	SPREP/ WMO	9-11 April	Nadi, Fiji
Systemic Observations Financing Facility (SOFF) Regional Pacific Meeting	NMHS	WMO	10-12 April	Nadi, Fiji
Pacific Anticipatory Action Regional Meeting	NMHS NDMO	PRP/ UN/ IFRC	15-16 April	Shangri- La, Fiji
CREWS Steering Committee / Early Warning for ALL Regional Meeting	NMHS NDMO	UNDRR/ WMO/ World Bank/ IFRC/ ITU	17-18 April	Shangri- La, Fiji
Pacific Islands Climate Outlook Forum (virtual)	NMHS	SPREP	16 April	Virtual
ClimSA Regional Stakeholders Meeting	NMHS	SPREP	18 April	Fiji