



**Pacific Resilience Meeting – 11 to 13 October 2023**

**“Our People, Our Strength: Securing Our Pacific Future.”**

***PRM Youth FORUM – 06 October 2023***



**Concept and Agenda**



## Concept

*The 2021 PRM Youth Forum stated it is a right of children and youth, and an empowering protection strategy, to participate in disaster and risk assessment, and designing and implementing integrated DRR and climate change initiatives. Youth will be the lightning rod of change for our region. Therefore, youth voice is instrumental to decision-making and policy development. The 2021 Pacific Resilience Meeting with the theme of **Our people, Our journey: Nurturing Pacific resilience from home**, urged us to think of ‘Why Youth Matter’, a reminder to us and others that youth are actively engaged in building resilience in our communities. It reminded us that children and youth are worried about an unsafe and unhealthy future.*

The upcoming Pacific Resilience Meeting (PRM) from 11 to 13 October 2023 is an opportunity to engage Pacific young people to contribute their experiences and contributions on climate change, disaster risk reduction, and disaster preparedness, response, and recovery. The theme **“Our People, Our Strength: Securing Our Pacific Future”**, emphasizes how all people of the Pacific are at the center of building resilience, highlighting Pacific rights and local action. The term “securing” refers to taking solid steps from endurance to planting us firmly as a region with a secure and unified future. Most importantly, the 2023 PRM will continue to focus on the four (4) pillars of resilience: **Integrate, Include, Inform, and Sustain**.

PRM 2023 is a platform that will unpack resilience issues including overcoming challenges, transitioning from enduring to resilience through sustainable, transformative local efforts, as well as exploring how resilience is already embedded within us Pacific citizens, underpinned by traditional knowledge, and coming to build together as a region. This meeting will share stories of strength and resilience, highlighting the long-term strength, adaptability, and sustainability of Pacific communities and ecosystems in the face of adversity. Building resilience to secure the future of the region through proactive measures, collaboration, and the preservation and promotion of cultural heritage and knowledge will be at the core of discussions at the three-day event. Noting the importance of putting young Pacific people at the forefront of every conversation on resilience similar to the past two PRMs, youth will be integrated as a core thematic area across the meeting, with **Youth taking action** as the focus of the first day.

To set the scene for the PRM, a dedicated **virtual PRM Youth Forum** led by young people, for young people will be held on **Friday 6 October 2023**. The program will enable interaction and engagement of young people across the Pacific. Most importantly, the forum will be an opportunity for youth to share, learn, discuss, and provide creative ideas that will inform how Pacific Islanders can actively contribute to building a resilient Pacific. Aligning with the PRM format and objectives, the forum will include the four pillars and inspire Pacific youth to engage, connect, demonstrate, inspire, and elevate.



## Building on from the 2021 PRM Youth Forum

*In 2021, the first PRM Youth Forum generated a youth outcomes statement which;*

- **urges** collaboration amongst all partners to ensure the integration of climate change and disaster risk management.
- **urges** the promotion of intergenerational learning that will encourage young people and leaders to collaborate;
- **encourages** the provision of support to community leaders and communities, to build their capacity and engagement in strengthening their resilience, thus ensuring locally led resilience systems;
- **recognizes and promotes** children and youth as educators, leaders, advocates, agents of change, volunteers, and as equal partners; and
- **supports** the progress that has been made on the youth resilience hub as a mechanism to strengthen the sharing of information, awareness, and advocacy, and the promotion of Pacific wisdom and traditional knowledge.

This year's PRM Youth Forum will be an opportunity to reflect on efforts that have since taken place to progress these outcomes. Most importantly, the 2023 PRM Youth Forum will be an opportunity for young people to keep reinforcing the 2021 youth outcome and see the potential linkages with the youth outcome to be generated for 2023.

## Objectives

- Provide a space for youth to discuss contributions, experiences, best practices, lessons learnt, and challenges in the pursuit of the Framework of Resilient Development in the Pacific (FRDP) and the four (4) pillars of resilience across the Pacific,
- reaffirm the critical role of youth in leading engagement and action across the four (4) pillars of resilience; and
- Decide on specific outcomes that youth would like to put forward at the PRM.

## Expected Outcomes



- Enhanced understanding of the FRDP and the four (4) pillars of resilience amongst youth representatives.
- Recognition of the diverse work youth undertake in the FRDP areas of (a) strengthened integrated adaptation and risk reduction to enhance resilience to climate change and disasters; (b) low carbon development and (c) strengthened disaster preparedness, response, and recovery.
- Greater engagement of youth with stakeholders and demonstration of youth leadership showcased during PRM; and
- Presentation and inclusion of youth outcomes in the PRM outcomes.

#### **Date**

The PRM Youth Forum is planned for 6 October 2023 from 11.00 a.m. to 03.00 p.m. Fiji and Marshall Islands Time.



**The Pacific Resilience Meeting Youth Forum (PRM Youth Forum), 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

**AGENDA**

**11:00 am - 03:00 pm Fiji Time**

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**Agenda: PRM Youth Forum, 06 October 2023**

<p>11:00am - 11:35 am (35mns)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Welcome, Introduction by MC, Introduction of Speakers, Mrs. Alisi Nacewa. (06mns)</b></li> <li>➤ Speaker 1: Youth Representative, Edrien Walter, Vanuatu. (05mns)</li> <li>➤ Speaker 2: Pacific Islands Forum SG, Henry Puna. (05mns)</li> <li>➤ Speaker 3: The Pacific Community SPC DG, Stuart Minchin. (05mns)</li> </ul> <p>PIFS Youth Award video (3mns)</p> <p><i>Brief background of PRM &amp; FRDP: Teea Tiare, PIFS. (06mns)</i></p> <p>Performance, Melanesia (5mns)</p>
<p>11:35 am - 12:05 pm (30mns)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>Plenary Session: Where have we come from?</b></li> <li>❖ <b>Talanoa! Discuss the various ways how have young people in the Pacific worked within the FRDP recognizing youth engagement undertaken in resilience &amp; the four pillars of resilience, recognizing the work youth undertake in the FRDP specific to;</b></li> </ul> <p>(a) strengthened integrated adaptation and risk reduction to enhance resilience to climate change and disasters;</p> <p>(b) low carbon development and</p> <p>(c) strengthened disaster preparedness, response, and recovery.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Speaker 1: Youth Representative, Ikloi Reebelkuul, Palau. (05mns)</li> <li>➤ Speaker 2: Youth Representative, Beato Dulunaqio, Fiji. (05mns)</li> <li>➤ Speaker 3: Youth Representative, Olive Mafi, Tonga. (05mns)</li> </ul> <p><i>(Each youth speaker will speak to each goal of the FRDP and relate it to youth action)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>Q&amp;A, participants (15mns)</b></li> </ul>



<p>12:05 pm -12:35 pm (30mns)</p>	<p>❖ <b>Taking Stock: The 2021 Youth Outcome Statement</b> Reflection of 2021 PRM Youth Outcome Statement (Anaias Roveyrol, SPC)</p> <p><i>Presentation/Reflection: What has been implemented/achieved? (15mns)</i> <i>Presentation/Feedback: What strategies/solutions can we suggest to support future action? (15mns)</i></p>
<p>12:35 pm - 13.20 pm (45mns)</p>	<p>❖ <b>Break-Out Session</b> ❖ <b>Pacific Cafe: Where do we want to go? What would we like to see as outcomes of PRM 2023? How can youth contribute more effectively to the PRM pillars of; Integrate, Include, Inform, and Sustain.</b> <i>(Cross-cutting themes; youth and social media, youth and entrepreneurship, youth and advocacy).</i></p> <p>➤ Facilitators for each group (PRP Youth TWG for the online platform)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Group 1: Facilitator, Miliana Iga.</li> <li>• Group 2: Facilitator, Jofiliti Veikoso.</li> <li>• Group 3: Facilitator, Raniyah M.</li> <li>• Group 4: Facilitator, Josaia Osbourne.</li> </ul> <p><i>(4 facilitators will also be assigned from Suva regional hub/USPSA support)</i></p> <p><i>(Each group will focus on the four pillars of resilience with all groups focusing on the cross-cutting themes)</i></p>
<p>13:20 pm-13:50 pm (30mns)</p>	<p>❖ <b>Report Back &amp; Finalize Outcomes</b> ➤ Each group facilitator will report back and share key discussions for inclusion in the outcomes document. <i>(24mns for report backing back – group facilitators &amp; scribes)</i></p> <p><b><i>(06mns Key Summary &amp; outcome – PRP Youth TWG, Sevuloni R.)</i></b></p>
<p>13:50 pm-14:00 pm (10mns)</p>	<p>❖ <b>Break</b> Performance, Polynesia &amp; Video</p>
<p>14:00 pm-15.00 pm (60mns)</p>	<p>❖ <b>Learning Lab: Open space for information sharing and learning (50mns)</b></p> <p>❖ Closing Performance, Micronesia <b>(05mns)</b></p> <p>❖ <b>Closing Remarks, USPSA President Laucala Campus, Bate Tiaeki. (05 mns)</b></p>



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