



MEDIA ADVISORY

PACIFIC RESILIENCE WEEK TO ADDRESS NEGATIVE IMPACT OF CLMATE CHANGE AND DISASTERS

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Governments and partners from across the region will hold a series of meetings to mark **Pacific Resilience Week** from 2 – 6 October, 2017, focused on protecting lives and livelihoods from the negative impact of climate change and disasters. The meetings will aim to strengthen coherence and effectiveness of various humanitarian, climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction initiatives for the benefit of people around the region.

Under the theme **‘Pathways to a Resilient Pacific’**, Pacific Resilience Week brings together more than 200 officials from national and local government, as well as representatives from civil society, the private sector, academia, the UN and various development partners.

The set of meetings will strengthen the implementation of the Framework for Resilient Development in the Pacific (FRDP), the set of principles endorsed last year by the region’s leaders to build resilience to climate change and disasters.

Media are invited to be present at the following key sessions:

OPENING OF THE PACIFIC RESILIENCE WEEK

Date: Monday 2 October, 2017
Time: 6.00pm
Venue: Fiji Museum, Ratu Cakobau Drive. Suva

PACIFIC HUMANITARIAN PARTNERSHIP MEETING

Date: Monday 02nd October 2017
Time: 9.00am
Venue: Grand Pacific Hotel, Suva

PANEL DISCUSSION ‘WOMEN’S ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT, DISASTER AND CLIMATE RESILIENCE: PRACTICAL WAYS FORWARD

Date: Tuesday 3 October, 2017
Time: 6.00-9.00pm
Venue: Novotel, Lami (*Joint session with the 13th Women’s Triennial*)

PRESS CONFERENCE OF THE JOINT CLIMATE CHANGE ROUNDTABLE AND PACIFIC PLATFORM FOR DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT

Date: Thursday 5 October, 2017
Time: 4.00pm
Venue: Holiday Inn, Suva
Note – should there be any change in time we will notify media in a follow up invitation

More about the 2017 Pacific Resilience Week:

The **2017 Pacific Resilience Week** comprises four mutually reinforcing meetings focused on both partnership and various aspects of humanitarian response, disaster risk management and climate change adaptation. Media are welcome to attend and provide media coverage on any of the three meetings held 2 – 5 October, 2017.

- **2-3 October: The Pacific Humanitarian Partnership Meeting**
Location: Grand Pacific Hotel
Opening starts at 9.00am
Organised by the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA), this is the annual assembly of representatives from national authorities and humanitarian partners seeks to strengthen the alignment of preparedness and response activities with Government plans. [#PHP17](#)
- **2-3 October: The Pacific Climate Change Roundtable**
Location: Holiday Inn
Opening starts at 9.00am
Organised by the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP), this is the biennial meeting of national country representatives, practitioners, policymakers, and various partners to discuss climate change issues, challenges, lessons learned and opportunities. [#PCCR2017](#) [#4Paclslands](#)
- **4-5 October: Joint Pacific Climate Change Roundtable and Pacific Platform for Disaster Risk Management**
Location: Holiday Inn
Opening starts at 9.00am
Organised by the Pacific Community (SPC), the United Nations Officer for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR), this meeting focuses on strengthening the implementation of the Framework for Resilient Development in the Pacific. [#PRW17](#)

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