



DISASTER RISK KNOWLEDGE IN THE PACIFIC

Vital Information for Resilient Development

19 May 2022, Thursday • 08:00–09:15 (Manila), 12:00–1:15 (Suva)

Co-hosted by ADB and SPC, this is the first event of the ‘Pacific Disaster Risk Knowledge Series’ consisting of four events in total. This first public and open event highlights regional views of generating, communicating and using disaster and climate risk information reflecting experience from the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Samoa, the Solomon Islands and Tonga.

Disaster risk knowledge is vital for effectively reducing disaster risk and adapting to climate change. The Pacific Disaster Risk Knowledge Series provides a consolidated overview of knowledge around recent and ongoing activities, as well as innovations on the horizon, which strengthen evidence on climate and disaster risks for more resilient development planning and programming.

While this first event is open to all interested parties, the subsequent three peer learning sessions will bring together regional experts and users of climate and disaster risk information. The events are tailored to relevant Pacific government staff and other prospective users from Pacific Islands nations and will facilitate deeper discussions about:

- available risk information and key innovations,
- application of risk knowledge in planning, programming, and operations, and
- how to maximize the quality and value of risk information through meaningful collaboration.

Participants who complete the entire series will receive a certificate. Register to join the first event [HERE](#). Apply directly for the peer learning sessions [HERE](#).

Visit the events page at [Main Page: Pacific Disaster Risk Knowledge Series | ADB Knowledge Event Repository \(development.asia\)](#).

ACTIVITY	DETAILS
Welcome	<p>Opening Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leah Gutierrez, Director General, Pacific Regional Department, ADB • Paula Vivili, Deputy Director General for Science and Capability, SPC
Keynote Speech	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Melchior Mataki, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology (MECDM), Solomon Islands <p>The keynote will demonstrate the value that risk information has had in understanding and quantifying risk, and informing decisions for resilient development and climate change adaptation in the region.</p>
Panel Discussion and Questions and Answers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catalino Kijner, Deputy Chief Secretary, Physical, Environment and National Disaster Management Office (NDMO), Republic of the Marshall Islands • Asuao Malaki Iakopo, Assistant Chief Executive Officer, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Samoa • Rosamond Carter Bing, Chief Executive Officer for the Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources, Kingdom of Tonga <p>The panel will present views from the region on the importance of investing in risk information, through examples and discussion of how risk information is being applied in resilient development planning, climate change adaptation and disaster risk management, successes, and challenges of previous and ongoing initiatives, and current gaps and requirements for future risk assessments and operational projects.</p>
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