

TURNING RISK INSIGHTS INTO REAL-WORLD DECISIONS FOR RESILIENT PLANNING & INVESTMENT



Samantha Cook underscored that **risk data** is the **foundation** for **resilient investments** across the Pacific. She highlighted findings from the Pacific Multi-Hazard Disaster Risk Assessment Landscape Report, which revealed that while risk data is abundant, its **application remains uneven**.

Capacity and **institutional bottlenecks** persist, **data sharing** is **fragmented**, and **emerging hazards** such as extreme heat and **cascading failures** are **underrepresented**.



SAMANTHA COOK

Director, Disaster Risk Management,
Asian Development Bank

Risk information must be hardwired into national strategies, investment decisions, and financing instruments.

Only then does data move from reports to real-world resilience.

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Tony Kaltong Luke, from the Ministry of Finance, Government of Vanuatu, shared the development of the National Disaster Risk Financing Policy (2024–2027). The process included **diagnostic studies** of **systems, policies, and capacities**.

The policy aims to **unify ministries**—including Finance, Climate Change, and the NDMO—under one framework. He called for **partner support** in **implementation planning**.



TONY KALTONG LUKE

*Financial Analyst, Ministry of Finance and
Economic Management, Government of Vanuatu*

We have to ensure our systems are capable to sustain us and help us recover from disasters.

The policy addresses gaps identified through diagnostic studies.

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Aholotu Palu, CEO of the Pacific Catastrophe Risk Insurance Company (PCRIC), explained how insurance products are informed by risk analysis and adjusted payment triggers.

He stressed **three priorities: integrating risk into public finance systems, strengthening regional cooperation, and changing mindsets** to embed analytics into planning and social protection.



AHOLOTU PALU

*Chief Executive Officer
Pacific Catastrophe Risk
Insurance Company*

Pacific resilience depends on turning risk insights into decisions that protect people and economies.

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Takena Redfern outlined how risk assessments have guided **urban zoning, infrastructure planning,** and **financial decisions.** She emphasized Kiribati's vulnerability as a low-lying atoll nation and the need to embed resilience into every stage of development.

Collaboration with the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI) was highlighted as a key step in **integrating risk data** into **resilient infrastructure** design, as well as strengthening national planning processes. She stressed that **resilience must be built from the ground up.**



TAKENA REDFERN

Acting Director, National Disaster
Management Office, Government of Kiribati

*Communities are at the
frontline of climate
impacts.*

*Risk information only
becomes meaningful
when it is translated
into decisions that
protect lives and
livelihoods.*

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Filimoni Tagicakibau emphasized the critical role of risk data in shaping **resilient infrastructure** across the Pacific. He highlighted how hazard assessments and analytics must be embedded into planning and investment decisions to ensure that infrastructure can **withstand** both **current** and **emerging threats**.

He further stressed the importance of **partnerships** in supporting Pacific nations to adapt to climate and disaster risks, while demonstrating how infrastructure design can serve as a **foundation** for **long-term resilience**.



FILIMONI TAGICAKIBAU

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Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure

Infrastructure decisions must be informed by risk data so that communities are protected today and prepared for tomorrow.

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