



Agenda item 16: Panel Discussion: Pacific Regional Framework on Climate Mobility

Proposed Recommendations

The Regular Annual Meeting is invited to:

- a) **note** the progress of the design of the Pacific Regional Framework on Climate Mobility through a spotlight on the Pacific Climate Change Migration and Human Security (PCCMHS) Programme; and
 - b) **encourage** the Secretariat to continue monitoring and supporting the PCCMHS Programme.
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Purpose

This session intends to inform PIDC Members of the progress and innovation taking place in the region in the design of a Pacific Regional Framework on Climate Mobility.

Background

2. The Pacific countries, as one of the most affected regions to the impacts of climate change, have been engaged in a human mobility project called: Pacific Climate Change Migration and Human Security programme (PCCM-HS). One of the objectives of the programme is the development of a rights-based regional framework to address the issue of climate mobility (migration, displacement and relocation). PCCM-HS is jointly implemented by the International Organization for Migration (IOM), International Labour Organization (ILO), Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), Platform on Disaster Displacement (PDD), Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, and United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP).

3. The development of the climate mobility regional framework is now jointly pursued under a government-led Joint Working Group (JWG), co-chaired by the Governments of Fiji and Tuvalu, together with a number of Pacific Island member States and partners of PCCM-HS. The JWG is now working on drafting a climate mobility regional framework with the close guidance of Pacific Island member states and stakeholders.

Update

4. In 2018, the Boe Declaration endorsed by Leaders, highlighted climate change as the single greatest threat to livelihoods, security and wellbeing of Pacific peoples. Additional regional policy frameworks adopted by Leaders reiterated the need to protect individuals and communities most vulnerable to climate change impacts, related displacement and migration through targeted national and regional policies.

5. Consequently, the PCCM-HS programme, since February 2019, has been working with Pacific Island Forum Member States to strengthen their capacity and coordination responses to climate change and disaster-related migration, displacement and planned relocation. A key component of the programme is to support Pacific Governments identify a regional response to address protection gaps for communities at risk of climate change displacement and related mobility. The Pacific Regional Framework on Climate Mobility aims to guide governments in addressing these very specific legal, policy and practical approaches that may arise, particularly in respect to the four main types of climate mobility: displacement, migration, evacuations and planned relocation.