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Implementing Sendai Framework for DRR in Pacific

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Pacific Participation at Sendai

3rd World Conference for DRR (March 2015, Sendai, Japan)

Pacific sent one of its largest delegations to an international disaster risk reduction conference.

- 70+ Pacific Participants
- 12 Pacific Island Countries and Territories (PICTs) represented
- 3 Heads of State
- 1 Deputy Head of Government
- 9 Ministers
- 3 Local Government Mayors
- 2 Deputy Heads of Regional Organisations



Pacific Platform for Disaster Risk Management

- Since 2009, the Pacific Platform for DRM has been the only annual regional meeting for all DRR stakeholders in the Pacific
- 200+ participants across 22 countries
- All sectors represented including gender equality and women's rights
- Traditionally used as a policy development and implementation reporting mechanism for the region to get input from stakeholders and PICTs.



Pacific Platform for Disaster Risk Management

Following the Sendai meeting, the 2015 Platform outcome statement recognized men, women, and LGBTIQ persons not as victims but as agents for change for DRM and Climate Change Adaptation:

“ 4. RECOGNISE that, persons with disabilities, men and women and LGBTIQ persons, the elderly, children, youth, migrants and volunteers the private sector, NGOs, CSOs, faith-based organisations are all agents for change and their unique skills, knowledge and experience must be incorporated into disaster risk management and climate change adaptation planning and action to ensure holistic and sustainable approach to reducing risk and more effective response to hazards in the Pacific.”



Sendai Framework Implementation at Regional Level

- The Pacific Platform (October 2015, FIJI) requested UNISDR to help coordinate the development of an implementation plan for the Pacific
 - Plan must harmonize with other agreements, particularly Climate Change to reduce reporting and implementation burden on Pacific SIDS
- The proposed draft Strategy for Resilient Development in the Pacific (SRDP) is best placed to be that implementation plan.



Sendai Framework Implementation at Regional Level

The draft *Strategy for Resilient Development in the Pacific* (SRDP) is a proposed regional strategy integrating Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change.

- It aims to replace the two existing separate regional strategies on DRR and CC and combines the two sectors (will be first regional strategy in the world to do both)
- Will be submitted to Pacific Leaders in September 2016 for endorsement
- If endorsed, current plan is to have one monitoring process to reduce burden on PICTs who already have limited resource capacity.



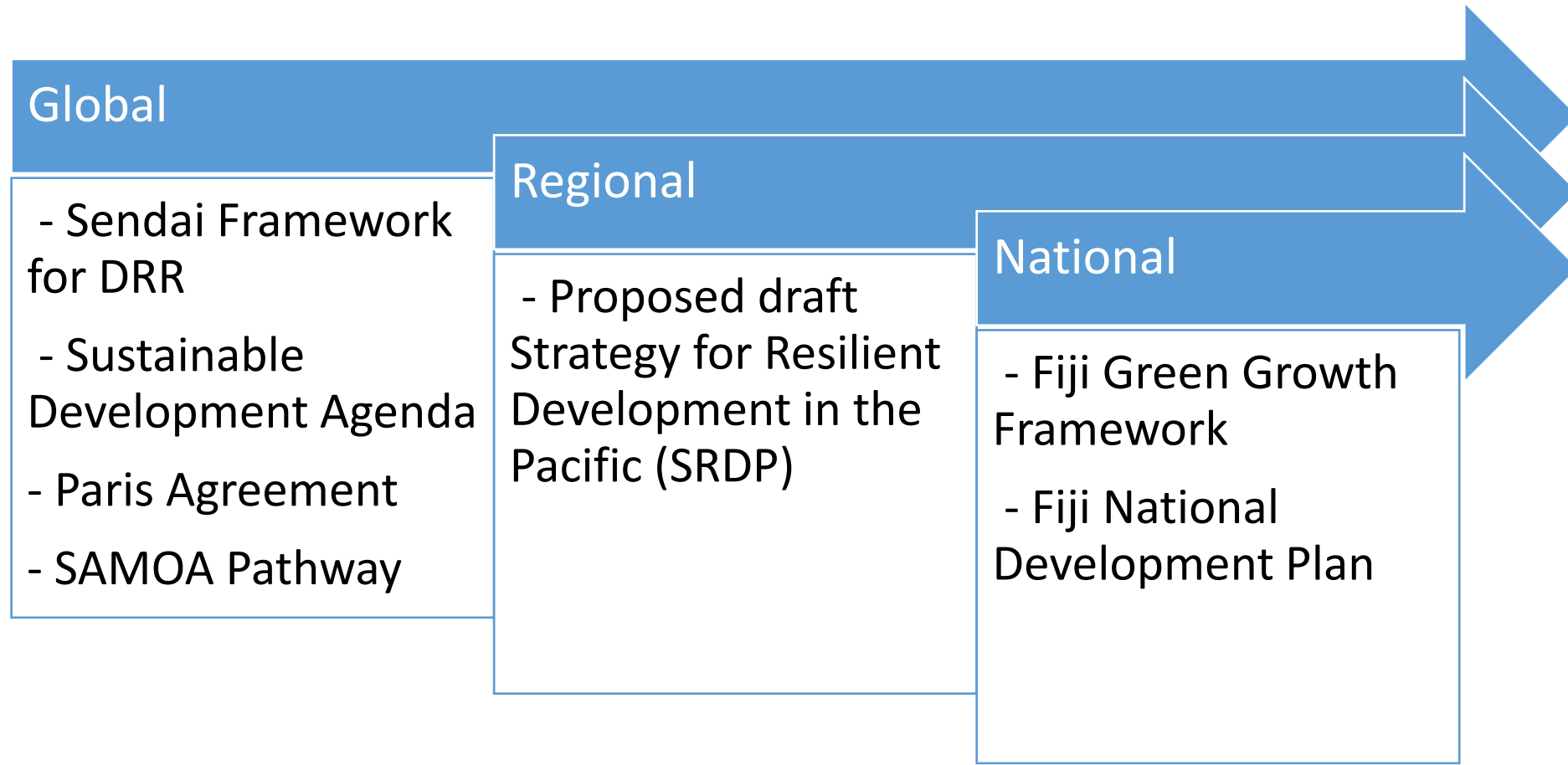
SRDP Consultation Process

Since 2013, the draft SRDP consultation process has run inclusively with Sendai Framework for DRR consultations and has included:

- National Workshops in 20 x Pacific Island Countries and Territories
- 2 x Pacific Platforms for DRM
- 2 x Climate Change Roundtable regional meetings
- Regional Organisation Governing Council meetings
- Online consultation with over 1,500 individual submissions/comments
- Sector specific consultations (including gender)



Example Implementation/Monitoring in one Framework





Role of Pacific Platform in Monitoring draft SRDP and Sendai

The proposed SRDP will bring the Climate Change (CC) and Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) communities together:

- It is proposed that a new *Pacific Resilience Partnership* meeting (PRP) will bring the two existing and separate DRR and CC regional meetings together into one meeting.
- If endorsed, the *PRP* would be used to help monitor and implement the SRDP and the Sendai Framework and Climate Change Agreements.



Sendai Framework Implementation at National Level – Pilot Indicators

- Draft Sendai Framework Indicators (i.e. the Draft Sendai Monitor) were piloted in Fiji in mid-2015
- Fiji was the only SIDS and Pacific State or Territory to pilot the draft indicators across 15 countries globally.
- Key recommendations included:
 - Alignment of Sendai with other frameworks at global, regional, and national levels
 - Disaggregation of data by sex, age, and disability to the extent possible
 - Further consideration needed during lead-up until monitoring process to ensure that each indicator will be properly followed up and reported against
- Findings were shared with the Inter-Governmental Expert Working Group who are in the process of finalizing draft indicators at Global Level.



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(Thank you)