



REGIONAL PROCESS SESSION DESCRIPTION FORM 2.

10TH WORLD WATER FORUM

Regional Session Code and Title:

RP10 - Strengthening Engagement in Water Security to Support Pacific Resilience.

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Regional Session Description including objectives and expected outcomes (500 words maximum):

The resilience efforts of Pacific Small Island Development States (SIDS) have historically been hampered by generally low levels of engagement in water security compared to other sectoral issues, and inadequate consideration of water security issues in regional frameworks and decision-making processes. While the significant economic, health and environmental benefits of improved water and sanitation have been well demonstrated, the issue often doesn't receive the levels of attention proportionate to both the scale of the challenge and its critical role in supporting Pacific resilience. Similarly, while the issue is framed by the region's established high level regional policy frameworks, these are yet to realise their full potential in driving and monitoring the urgent water security action required across multiple sectors and stakeholders. In response to this challenge, Pacific water and resilience stakeholders have come together under the umbrella of the region's overarching *Framework for Resilient Development in the Pacific* (FRDP) and its associated *Pacific Resilience Partnership* (PRP) to develop a regional Engagement Strategy on water security as both a resilience issue and resilience solution.

This session will showcase the key findings of the Engagement Strategy and present recommended actions to strengthen the integration of water security considerations as a critical component of Pacific disaster and climate resilience. The integration of water security approaches into the disaster risk reduction and climate adaptation efforts is a global challenge, and this session will explore Pacific case studies and experiences that will likely be relevant to other regions. Participants will have the opportunity to connect with water security actors and stakeholders from the Pacific and examine the potential of new and strengthened water security partnerships to support Pacific resilience.

The **objectives** of the session are to: showcase key findings of the Engagement Strategy; share case studies on the integration of Pacific water security, disaster risk reduction and climate adaptation efforts; and provide an opportunity for participants to connect with water security actors and stakeholders from Pacific Small Island Developing States and progress the potential of new partnerships for resilience. Expected **outcomes** include: increased engagement on water security as a key component of climate and disaster resilience in the Pacific; strengthened collaboration and partnerships between Pacific Island Countries and development partners on water security action for resilience; and strengthened understanding of the importance of water security engagement strategies to increase collaboration and partnership across multiple stakeholders and actors.



Wednesday 22nd May 2024.

Detailed Regional Session Plan: Wed RP 10 - 8:30am - 10:00AM

Venue - Kintamani 3

Chair - Akmal Ali, Co-Chair Pacific Resilience Partnership Water Security Technical Working Group and Project Coordinator of the Facility Aiding Locally Led-Engagement (FALE) of the Pacific Islands Alliance for Non-Government Organisation (PIANGO).

ESTIMATED TIMING	ITEM DESCRIPTION / ROLE	SPEAKERS	Key Points	SPEAKERS STATUS (OK OR TBC)
10 mins	Introduction of session objectives and keynote speakers.	Akmal Ali, Co-Chair Pacific Resilience Partnership Water Security Technical Working Group and Project Coordinator of the Facility Aiding Locally Led- Engagement (FALE) of the Pacific Islands Alliance for Non-Government Organization (PIANGO).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Importance of increasing engagement on water security as a key determinant of climate and disaster resilience in the Pacific ✓ Strengthened collaboration and partnerships between Pacific Island Countries and development partners on water security action for resilience. ✓ Strengthened understanding of the importance of water security engagement strategies to increase collaboration and partnership across multiple stakeholders and actors. ✓ Water Security is a key resilience issue that must result in strategic water security pathways for resilience 	OK

15 mins	Water security engagement and Pacific frameworks for climate and disaster resilience	Mary Alalo, Water Security Engagement Lead, Pacific Community (SPC) & Secretariat to the Pacific Water Security Technical Working Group	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. FRDP - integrated Resilience Framework for the Pacific. 2. Pacific Resilience Partnership (PRP) 3. Pacific Resilience Partnership Support Unit 	OK
10 mins	Strengthening multi-sectoral engagement in water security: Lessons from the Pacific Resilience Partnership (PRP)	Kencho Namgyal, Chief WASH Officer, UNICEF Pacific and Co-chair of the PRP Water Security Technical Working Group.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. PRP Technical Working Groups 2. Lessons from the PRP Water Security Technical Working Group 3. Strengthening Engagement through the Development of the Water Security Engagement Strategy 	OK
15 mins	Lessons from the Pacific Regional Water Security Engagement Strategy: From Strategy to Action.	Regina Souter, Director, International Water Centre, Griffith University	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Findings from the Water Security Engagement Strategy Scoping Study 	OK
20 mins	Interactive Session on Q & A	Moderator - Misileti Masoe-Satuala, Project Development Coordinator, Pacific Water and Waste Water Utilities.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Good practices for engagement - What are some good practices around increasing engagement at all levels? 2. Recommendations - Share some recommendations on actions to improve water security engagement as a key element of resilience. 	Ok
10 mins	Session Outcomes and Policy Recommendations	Shirlee Rovou - WASH Adviser, Water Aid Papua New Guinea, and alternate Co-Chair of the PRP Water Security Technical Working Group.	<p>Key Words</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Water Security Engagement for a resilient Pacific ✓ Inclusive Partnerships ✓ Integrated Approaches 	Ok

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Water Security as a key determinant of resilience ✓ Sustaining capacity <p>Pacific Resilience Partnership Water Security Technical Working Group Water Security Engagement Strategy Eight Strategic Outcome Areas for strengthening engagement in water security as a key determinant of resilience. Based on the <i>Pacific Resilience Standards</i> Four Pillars.</p> <p>i. Inform</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Strengthen understanding of the links between water security and Pacific resilience through the promotion of evidence and examples of success including encouraging adoption of a consistent description of water security and its importance for resilience ➤ Increase the availability of knowledge and information on evidence-based water security actions that support resilience including best practices, emerging technologies, research and partnerships. <p>ii. Include</p>	
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10 mins	Conclusions and closure	<p>Akmal Ali, Co-Chair Pacific Resilience Partnership Water Security Technical Working Group and Project Coordinator of the Facility Aiding Locally Led- Engagement (FALE) of the Pacific Islands Alliance for Non-Government Organisation (PIANGO).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The Pacific is strengthening its engagement through the Pacific Resilience Partnership Water Security Technical Working Group ✓ A Water Security Engagement Strategy to increase engagement on water security as a key determinant of resilience. ✓ Strengthen Engagement at all levels 	Ok