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### Agenda Item 6.2 Framework for Resilient Development (FRDP)

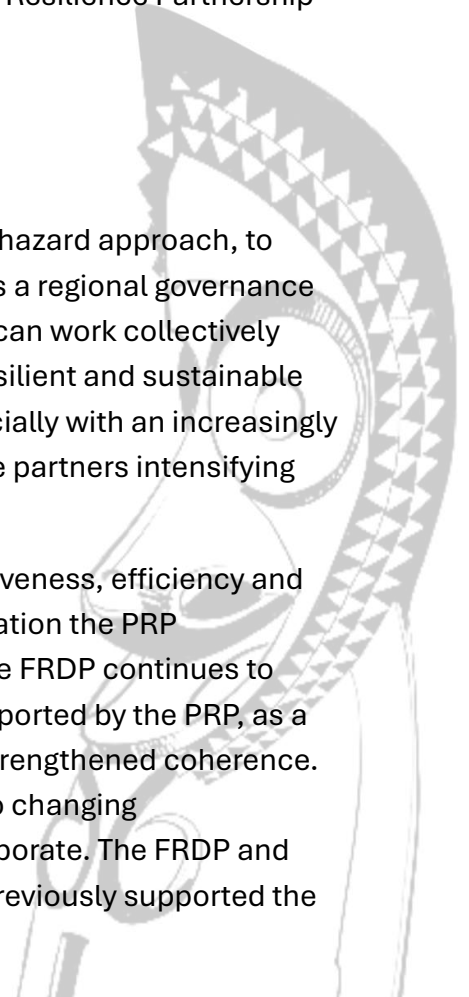
#### **Purpose:**

To provide the PMC with an update on the implementation of the Framework for Resilient Development in the Pacific (FRDP) and by association the Pacific Resilience Partnership (PRP) governance mechanism.

#### **Background:**

The FRDP advocates for an inclusive, risk-informed, and a multi-hazard approach, to reducing risks to development. The complementary PRP provides a regional governance structure by which partners, civil society, and the private sector, can work collectively with Pacific Island Countries and Territories (PICTs) to achieve resilient and sustainable development in a more coordinated and coherent manner, especially with an increasingly crowded and complex space., with a range of state and non-state partners intensifying their engagements with the region.

The FRDP Mid-Term Review (MTR) looked at the relevance, effectiveness, efficiency and impact, coherence and sustainability, of the FRDP and by association the PRP governance mechanism. The FRDP MTR findings highlight that the FRDP continues to remain relevant and has developed a presence in the region, supported by the PRP, as a mechanism that has demonstrated the value of inclusivity and strengthened coherence. The review also highlighted the PRPs flexibility and adaptability to changing circumstances, including providing a network and forum to collaborate. The FRDP and PRP have the potential to mobilise resources, as partners have previously supported the PRP when the work aligns with their goals.





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### Issues, Discussion and Analysis

#### Findings from the FRDP MTR

In an increasingly crowded and complex space with a range of state and non-state partners intensifying their engagements with the region, Pacific leadership and ownership of regional mechanisms is important. The FRDP MTR noted that having the country and/or sub-regional representatives chairing the PRP Taskforce is seen as a strength, given the importance of Pacific leadership and ownership of regional mechanisms. The PRP Taskforce continues to provide guidance, leadership, and direction, over the PRP governance arrangements and broader network. In 2022, the Taskforce agreed to rotate the chairmanship from Territories, with French Polynesia at the helm of the Taskforce since its inception in 2018. Samoa assumed the chair of the Taskforce in 2022.

The Taskforce's inclusive and multi-stakeholder representation has been one of the key factors driving coherence, as well as expanding outreach to the community level, as evidenced by the voices represented at the biennial Pacific Resilience Meetings and the Technical Working Group (TWG).

The integrated approach advocated for by the FRDP should facilitate more effective and efficient use of resources, and rationalise multiple sources of funding addressing similar needs. The PRP is set up to enable members to pool their resources, capacities, and expertise, to jointly address and progress identified priority issues with the TWG, to bring this together.

The TWG is an important platform, bringing together experts from different stakeholder groupings to discuss specific issues, and to contribute to policy setting at the regional and national levels. Some examples include contribution to the development of the Pacific Regional Framework on Climate Mobility.

The biennial Pacific Resilience Meeting (PRM) is the regional platform that brings together all stakeholders from across different sectors to showcase Pacific initiatives and issues. It demonstrated its flexibility and adaptability through the COVID-19 lockdowns, introducing a hybrid meeting format linking national hubs to a regional online platform.

For the 2023 PRM, national hubs across 15 PICTS were set up and connected by an online platform. Over 1,700 participants (1,200 online with 500 making the most of the national hubs) participated over the three days, with a diverse range of topics covered including



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climate (im)mobility, youth taking action, gender, nature-based solutions, climate finance, water security, food systems, psychological impacts of climate change and disasters, and enhancing resilience in the education sector with a focus on school safety.

The FRDP MTR, identified the structure of the PRP Support Unit as one of its strengths if all three agencies: Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS), the Pacific Community (SPC), and the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP), worked collaboratively together. PIFS, SPC and SPREP have carriage of the three main global commitments such as the Sendai Framework, Paris Agreement, and SDG's.

### **Complementary Activities Supporting 2050 Strategy and FRDP Goals**

The inaugural Pacific Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Ministers Meeting in 2022 re-emphasized the risk-informed approach to development given the frequency and emerging complexity of hazard events, the increasing exposure and vulnerability of Pacific communities to these events, and other external shocks. The Chair of the Taskforce, alongside representatives of civil society, represented the PRP to ensure that the collective voice of stakeholders in the Pacific were reflected in the DRR Ministerial Outcomes. Delivering on the goal of integrating Climate change and Disasters under the 2050 Strategy's is also a major focus of this work.

### **Recommendations:**

The Meeting is invited to:

- **Note the** progress of the FRDP.

