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### Agenda Item 8.3 – Anticipatory Action

#### **Purpose:**

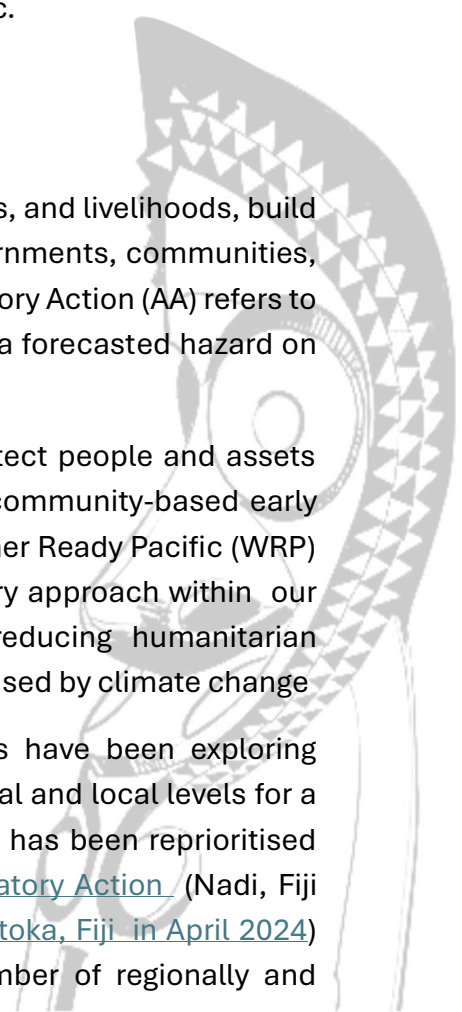
To update on progress in advancing anticipatory action (AA) in the region and showcase AA as a critical component of early warning systems in the Pacific.

#### **Background:**

Acting before a potential disaster is crucial. It can safeguard lives, and livelihoods, build resilience to future shocks, and ease pressure on strained governments, communities, individuals, private sector and humanitarian resources. Anticipatory Action (AA) refers to actions triggered before a crisis to mitigate negative impacts of a forecasted hazard on lives and livelihoods.

AA is an approach that translates warnings into actions to protect people and assets before a hazard develops into a disaster. People-centred and community-based early warnings and AA are key to achieving the outcomes of the Weather Ready Pacific (WRP) as part of Early Warnings for All (EW4All). Taking an anticipatory approach within our early warning and disaster risk management will contribute to reducing humanitarian needs as well as to minimizing and averting loss and damage caused by climate change

Pacific Governments and their national and regional partners have been exploring opportunities to test anticipatory approaches at regional, national and local levels for a number of years. The focus on anticipatory action in the region has been reprioritised since 2023 with the hosting of the [first Pacific Week of Anticipatory Action](#) (Nadi, Fiji March 2023) and with a follow up [regional meeting held in Sigatoka, Fiji in April 2024](#). These regional events have subsequently resulted in a number of regionally and nationally led initiatives including the following:





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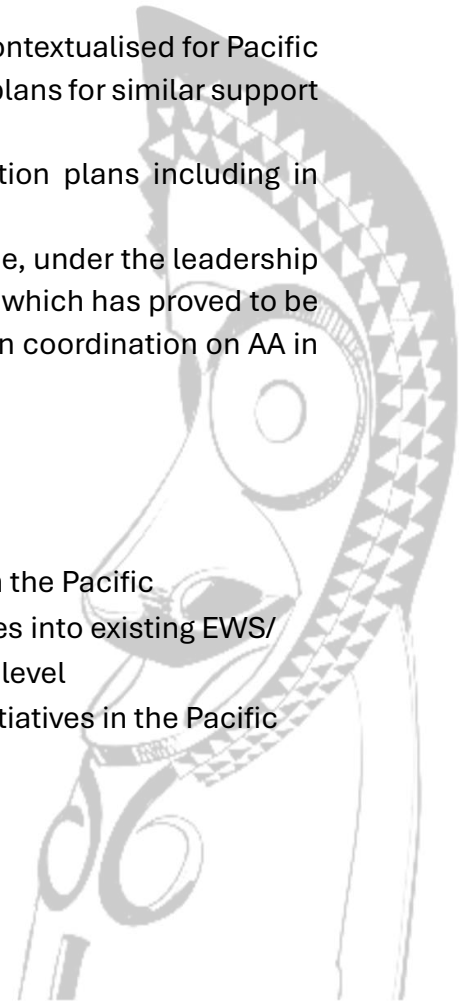
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- The development of a National Anticipatory Action Framework for tropical cyclone for Fiji which will be piloted over the 24/ 25 Tropical Cyclone Season
- The review of relevant strategies and governance mechanisms to provide the enabling framework for AA and early action ( Tonga MHEWS policy/ implementation roadmap and TWG); Solomon Islands and Vanuatu Disaster Risk Financing Strategies, Samoa DRM Bill and Draft NDMP, Fiji DRM Bill)
- The development of anticipatory parametric insurance product for Fiji and product design in development for Solomon Islands and Samoa
- Advancement of Red Cross Early Action Protocols in the region, and progress with other NGO led AA pilots across the region
- Activation of drought anticipatory action in Papua New Guinea and Timor Leste;
- A strengthened evidence base and knowledge products on AA , including the report on [Envisioning a Model for AA in the Pacific.](#)
- Development of the AA training and awareness product contextualised for Pacific and to date rolled out in Solomon Islands and Tonga, with plans for similar support in Kiribati and Samoa in Q4 of 2024
- Inclusion of AA into national MHEWS roadmap and action plans including in Solomon Islands, Tonga and Fiji
- The establishment of the Pacific AA Community of Practice, under the leadership of the Pacific Island Forum Secretariat (PIFS) and UNDRR which has proved to be a useful mechanism to exchange learnings and strengthen coordination on AA in the region.

### Objectives:

1. To update on progress on advancing Anticipatory Action in the Pacific
2. To underscore the importance of integrating AA approaches into existing EWS/ DRM systems in the Pacific at regional, national and local level
3. Demonstrate benefits of AA approach in EW4ALL/WRP initiatives in the Pacific

### Recommendations:





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The Meeting is invited to:

- **Note** the progress that has been in advancing anticipatory approaches to enable more effective early warning, early action across the Pacific
- **Confirm** the importance of continuing to scale up awareness, capabilities and investment in Anticipatory Action in the Pacific
- **Recommend** that Weather Ready Pacific and other related early warning system initiatives in the region include anticipatory action as a key component in programme design and delivery.

