



The Official Launch of Fiji's Displacement Guidelines

11 December 2019, 9-10am, Moana Pacific Pavilion, IFEMA

Introduction

- ❖ Human mobility as a major impact of disasters and climate change, expose people to many risks as they are obliged to leave their homes in search of shelter and secure livelihoods. While the safety of communities, families and individuals is the primary concern of the Fijian Government, the increase of climate change events and disasters impacts may overcome the coping capacities of both the Government and affected population.
- ❖ In recent years significant developments towards disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation have been made at global and regional levels, through initiatives including the Sendai Framework, UNFCCC (Paris Agreement), the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), or the Framework for Resilient Development in the Pacific 2017-2030 (FRDP).
- ❖ Progressively, Fiji grasped the importance of responding to climate change and disasters related human mobility patterns and started to develop domestic policies in regard to relocation and displacement, as two individual elements of the human mobility concept.
- ❖ While recognizing the intersection of different mobility components during the application of policies on the ground, both guidelines use a hybrid approach, permitting a bottom up and people centred approaches, prioritizing the people's involvement in the process from start to the end, enabling efficient and durable solutions to be found and implemented.
- ❖ Fiji is a leader in the policy development field in regard to human mobility in the context of climate change and disasters, at both regional and global levels. The Displacement Guidelines in the context of climate change and disasters will be one of the world's first. This will therefore set precedence for all countries, but most importantly for the Pacific Island countries.
- ❖ The Attorney General and the Minister responsible for climate change of the Fijian Government will officially launch Fiji's Displacement Guidelines alongside key partners. Attendees will be donors and multilateral development banks, country delegates, as well as civil society and academic institutions.



Event Objectives

Official launch of Fiji's Displacement Guidelines in the Context of Climate Change and Disasters

Tentative Agenda

Date and Time: 11 December 2019, 9-10 am

Venue: Moana Blue Pacific Pavilion

PROGRAMME

9 – 09:05 Welcome

09:05 – 09:15 High-Level Statement and Opening Remarks

His Excellency Hon. Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum

Attorney-General and Minister for Economy, Civil Service and Communications, and Minister responsible for Climate Change

09:15 – 09:25 German Government Representative (TBC)

09:25 – 09:35 *Ms. Dina Ionesco*

Head of the Migration, Environment and Climate Change (MECC) Division

09:35 – 09:50 Presentation by Fijian Government

Prof. Dr. Cosmin Corendea, Human Mobility Adviser

09:50 – 10:00 Q & A

10:00 Vote of thanks