Background

In recognizing the Pacific region’s extreme vulnerability to climate change and natural hazards, Pacific Governments have embarked on an innovative programme to address climate related mobility.

In 2018, the Boe Declaration endorsed by Leaders, highlighted climate change as the single greatest threat to livelihoods, security and wellbeing of Pacific peoples. Additional regional policy frameworks adopted by Leaders reiterate the need to protect individuals and communities most vulnerable to climate change impacts, related displacement and migration through targeted national and regional policies.

The regional Pacific Climate Change Migration and Human Security (PCCMHS) programme, jointly implemented by UN offices and regional organizations since February 2019, is working with Pacific Island Forum Member States to strengthen their capacity and coordination responses to climate change and disaster-related migration, displacement and planned relocation.

A key component of the programme is to support Pacific Governments identify a regional response to address protection gaps for communities at risk of climate change displacement and related mobility.

Three years after the inception of the PCCMHS, Governments and non-state actors in the Pacific have shared invaluable perspectives towards designing and development of a regional state-led response.

This side event will share with the Asia Pacific Forum for Sustainable development some of these learnings through this enduring partnership and collaboration.

The side event is proudly co-hosted by the Government of Fiji and the Government of Tuvalu.

Objectives of the APFSD Side Event

To;

i. Inform the UN members of the Asia-Pacific region of the progress and innovation taking place in the Pacific region in the design of a climate induced mobility framework.

ii. Share specific PCCM-HS partner experiences and lessons learned in the implementation of the issues around climate change-related migration, displacement, and planned relocation

Intended Participants and Stakeholders
Participants will include:
- UN Member states in the Asia Pacific region
- PCCM-HS Partners
- Academia
- Civil Society Organisations

Stakeholders and other actors engaged in programmes and advocacy related to climate change and migration will also be involved in the discussions.

Expected outcome

The side event will:
- Raise awareness on the progress of the design of a regional policy on climate mobility in the Pacific region, through a spotlight on the PCCMHS Programme,
- Showcase good practices and lessons learned, and
- Inform of the Programme’s contributions to the overall achievements of the SDG Goals and Agenda 2030

Format of the APFSD Side Event

The side event will be organized virtually on the Zoom platform.

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