



# Namaka Declaration

## For

### Sustainable Weather, Climate, Ocean and Water Services for a Resilient Blue Pacific

#### Third Pacific Ministerial Meeting on Meteorology

18th August 2023, Nadi, Fiji

1. The Third Pacific Ministerial Meeting on Meteorology (PMMM-3) was held on the 18th August 2023 in Nadi, Fiji, with delegations from American Samoa, Australia, Cook Islands, Fiji, French Polynesia, Kiribati, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Nauru, New Zealand, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu, United States of America and Vanuatu under the theme of “Sustainable Weather, Climate, Water and Ocean Services for a Resilient Blue Pacific”. The PMMM-3 was convened by the Government of Fiji with the support of the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO).
2. **WE**, the Pacific Island Ministers responsible for Meteorology and designated high-level representatives, present this Declaration as a statement of our political will and commitment to strengthen and sustain weather, climate, water, ocean and related environmental services in the Pacific Island Countries and Territories (PICTs) and commend the investments by partners to help achieve our national development priorities, the Sustainable Development Goals, the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction and the obligations under the United Nations Framework Convention for Climate Change and the Paris Agreement;
3. **RECOGNISING** and **RECALLING** our Leaders’ endorsement of the Framework for Resilient Development in the Pacific 2017 – 2030 and the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent.
4. **REAFFIRMING** our values and principles to strengthen leadership, good governance, full inclusivity, equity and equality for all persons and people, the importance of solidarity and a shared commitment to work together and strengthen and develop

partnerships, the need to protect human rights and prioritise the needs of the most vulnerable;

5. **RECOGNISING** the global, regional and national reports on climate variability and change as critical products for policy and decision makers to guide climate actions and negotiations;
6. **CONTINUE** our commitment to the mission of National Meteorological and Hydrological Services, as stated in the Convention of the World Meteorological Organization, to provide weather, climate, water, ocean and related environmental services in partnership and collaboration with civil society, private sector, and other government agencies to protect lives and property, safeguard the environment and inform policy and investments;
7. **COMMEND** the foresight of the Pacific Meteorological Council to design the Weather Ready Pacific Programme;
8. **RECALLING** the 51st Communique of the Pacific Island Forum Leaders and the Declaration of the Pacific Ministers for Disaster Risk Reduction endorsing the Weather Ready Pacific Programme;
9. **COMMIT** to support people-centred, end-to-end multi-hazard early warning for all Pacific Island Countries and Territories in the implementation of the Weather Ready Pacific Programme in collaboration with our national, regional and global partners to protect communities and livelihoods and contribute to economic and social development in the Pacific;
10. **FACILITATE** the engagement with private sector and academia in implementing Weather Ready Pacific Programme;
11. **WELCOME** the Government of Australia's initial contribution of AUD 30 million to the Weather Ready Pacific Programme and also acknowledge New Zealand's contribution;
12. **INVITE** other development partners and donors to invest in the Weather Ready Pacific Programme;
13. **ACKNOWLEDGE** that Weather Ready Pacific Programme is utilised as the vehicle to deliver the United Nations' Early Warnings for All initiative in the Pacific;
14. **AFFIRM** that investment in the Weather Ready Pacific Programme in infrastructure and capacity is amongst the most critical priorities to addressing the impacts of climate change in the Pacific;

15. **ACKNOWLEDGE** the donors and partners for their continued support and investments in end-to-end, people-centred multi-hazard early warning system;
16. **URGE** National Meteorological and Hydrological Services to collaborate with national and regional partners to collect, document, manage and disseminate relevant Traditional Knowledge and practices to complement and enhance conventional early warning systems, acknowledging Traditional Knowledge is used by Pacific communities to forecast and predict impending events;
17. **ENDORSE** the establishment of the Pacific Partner Coordination Mechanism for the Pacific Meteorological Council as agreed to by the 5th Pacific Meteorological Council;
18. **URGE** the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme and the Council of Regional Organisations of the Pacific to support the governance of the Weather Ready Pacific Programme and realise the outcomes of the 6th Pacific Meteorological Council; and
19. **AGREE** to convey the Namaka Declaration to the 2023 Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme Ministerial and the 52nd Pacific Islands Forum Leaders Meeting.

**Adopted the Namaka Declaration on 18 August 2023**