






## “Back to the future: Integration - the Pacific experience”

Global Platform on DRR – Bali – Indonesia – Side event

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> of May 2022, 11:00 – 12:30 Bali Time

Opening Remarks	Biography	Picture
Mafua ‘i-Vai’utukakau Maka, Director for Tonga National Emergency Management Office	<p>Mr. Mafua-‘i-Vai’utukakau Maka is the Director for Tonga National Emergency Management Office. He is in this role starting 2019. Prior to assuming the top role at NEMO, he served NEMO as a Senior Manager for more than 15 years.</p> <p>In his capacity as a Director and as National Controller when there was a declaration of emergency, Mr. Maka has coordinated the national emergency response in many occasions on behalf government of Tonga, notably response to TC Gita in 2018, TC Harold in 2021 and recently Hunga Tonga Hunga Ha’apai Volcanic Eruption and resulting Tsunami on 15 Jan ((it gave our planet a bit of a shake). In his leadership, Tonga is moving to a more comprehensive disaster risk management approach heralding a significant legislative reform for Disaster Risk Management. Among others, Tonga has recently developed a new Disaster Risk Management Bill to replace the existing Emergency Management Act. The Bill is waiting for Royal Assent to come into effect. The Bill provides a legal set up in Tonga for the government and stakeholders to proactively work in risk identification and risk reduction in addition to preparedness and response.</p> <p>Tonga has also developed Disaster Risk Financing Strategy, another key document for Tonga.</p> <p>At the moment NEMO Tonga’s focus is on developing Disaster Risk Management Regulations and National as well as Island Disaster Risk Management Policy. Mr. Maka is providing all the leadership as required in such significant policy changes in Tonga, which is equally a good reference for the region.</p>	
Moderator		
<p>Lisa Kingsberry, Team Leader External Relations &amp; Knowledge Management, GEM Division, The Pacific Community (SPC)</p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:lisak@spc.int">lisak@spc.int</a></p>	<p>Lisa Kingsberry is a disaster risk communications and behaviour change specialist who has worked in the Pacific region in areas of disaster risk reduction, climate integration and community engagement for almost a decade. Coming from a background in broadcast media, her approach is underpinned by genuine partnership engagement and Lisa has been a integral part of the development and implementation of the Pacific’s integrated approaches to address climate change and disaster risk management and the Pacific Resilience Partnership work supporting a more resilient Pacific region.</p>	

Panellists		
<p>Jessica Lees, Executive Humanitarian Advisory Group (HAG)</p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:jlees@hag.org.au">jlees@hag.org.au</a></p>	<p>Jessica Lees (Jess) is an Executive at Humanitarian Advisory Group (HAG). Jess brings research and advisory experience in a range of areas. In her time at HAG, Jess has led on the Beyond Barriers research initiative with World Vision Australia, looking at the challenges and opportunities of integrating CCA and DRR in the Pacific. Prior to her time at HAG, Jess worked in humanitarian response operations management in Africa and the Asia-Pacific for a range of humanitarian agencies including NGOs, UN agencies and the Red Cross Movement, including as Pacific Response Manager for the Australian Red Cross.</p>	
<p>Dr Guleid Artan, Director of the IGAD Climate Prediction and Application Center (ICPAC)</p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:Guleid.Artan@igad.int">Guleid.Artan@igad.int</a></p>	<p>Guleid Artan is the director of the IGAD Climate Prediction and Application Center (ICPAC). ICPAC is located in Nairobi, Kenya. ICPAC serves 11 countries in the Greater Horn of Africa. ICPAC's mission is to strengthen the capacity of the region to deal with all aspects of climate variability &amp; change. Through the years staff at ICPAC have contributed to several chapters of the various IPCC reports. ICPAC is also the IGAD unit for Disaster Risk Management (DRM).</p> <p>Prior to joining ICPAC Dr. Artan has been a Senior Scientist at the USGS EROS Center, Sioux Falls, South Dakota in the USA for 15 years. Has more than twenty years of experience in the early warning of weather-related hazards in areas of the globe with a limited hydro-meteorological observing network, and decades of experience working on climate change-related issues. I have carried out work in countries located in North and South America, Africa, and Asia, with over 100 publications in peer-reviewed publications.</p> <p>Dr. Artan's education include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ph.D.</b>, Civil and Environmental Engineering, Utah State University, Logan, UT., 1996.</li> <li>• <b>M.Sc.</b>, Agricultural and Irrigation Engineering, Utah State University, Logan, UT., 1991.</li> <li>• <b>Postgraduate Diploma</b>, Inter. Centre for Advanced Agronomic Studies, Bari, Italy, 1986.</li> <li>• <b>B.S.</b>, Civil Engineering, Somali National University, Mogadishu, Somalia, 1985.</li> </ul>	
<p>Moses Sikivou, Regional Coordinator, Pacific Resilience Program, Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS)</p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:moseses@forumsec.org">moseses@forumsec.org</a></p>	<p>Mr. Moses Sikivou is a Fiji national and has served at the regional level in the Pacific for more than 15 years. Most of his regional service has been as a Disaster Risk Management advocate and practitioner. He has provided DRM capacity building support to all Pacific island countries. He also served the Fiji Government for 16 years from 1987 – 2003 including serving as Fiji's National Disaster Controller for Tropical Cyclones Kina and Joni in 1993 and Tropical Cyclone Ami in 2003.</p> <p>He has guided and supported the development of the various strategic resilience building initiatives in the Pacific such as Joint Disaster and Climate Change National Action Plans in a number of Pacific island countries over the period 2009 - 2014; the Pacific Islands Emergency Management Alliance (PIEMA) a partnership of national emergency management agencies in 2013; the Framework for Resilient Development in the Pacific (FRDP) approved by Pacific leaders in 2016 and its attendant implementation mechanism the Pacific Resilience Partnership, and; the Pacific Resilience Standards from 2019 - 2022.</p> <p>He is currently the Regional Coordinator of the World Bank-funded Pacific Resilience Program (PREP) and is based at the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat.</p>	

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An active youth leader, advocator in the area of disaster risk management, climate change, health and safety and passionate in working with young people. A qualified humanitarian diplomat and leader who has worked and has been actively engaged from the community, national, sub regional, regional and global level. Sevu is experienced also in planning, coordination and management and through his current and previous role, he has designed, implemented, monitor and evaluated projects and programs in Fiji and across the Pacific and have often participated at global events sharing his work from the region.

He has also represented the Pacific and Asia Pacific in regional and global events representing young people and the Pacific community to raise the profile, issues and advocate on their behalf. Sevu started his career with the Fijian Red Cross then moved to serving with the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UN OCHA) and is currently with the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC).

Sevu is the current chair of the Pacific Resilience Partnership (PRP) Youth Working Group. The PRP is a multi-stakeholders taskforce made up of Pacific governments representatives including civil society organizations, academia, development partners, regional and international organizations working in the Pacific region. The PRP is a governance arrangement that was endorsed by Pacific Islands Forum Leaders which seeks to realize and support the implementation of the Framework of Resilient Development in the Pacific (FDRP).

