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# Using ICT for Effective Disaster Management Pacific Forum 2009

7 - 9 July 2009, Samoa



Day One	
8.15 - 8.55	Registration
9:00	<p><b>Opening Ceremony Introductions and Welcome</b></p> <p>Mr. Kojo Boakye, Programme Manager, Commonwealth Telecommunications Organisation (CTO)</p> <p>Mr. Julius Kaberere, Adviser (CSAP), Governance &amp; Institutional Development Division GIDD, Commonwealth Secretariat</p> <p>Mr. Cosmas Zavazava, Head of Least Developed Countries, Small Island Developing States, and Emergency Telecommunications Unit, International Telecommunications Union (ITU)</p> <p><b>Key Note Addresses</b></p> <p><b>The Socio-economic Costs of Natural Disasters and their Impact on Achieving the MDGs in the Pacific</b> Mr. Peter Muller, Regional Disaster Response Advisor for the Pacific, UNDP</p> <p><b>Importance of ICT in Achieving the Goals of the DM Framework for Action 2005- 2015</b> Hon Safuneituuga Paaga Neri, Minister of Communications and Information, Ministry of Communication and Information Technology, Samoa</p>
09.30	Group Photo and Press Conference
10.00	<p><b>Session I: The Use of ICT in Improving Organisational, Institutional, Policy and Decision Making Frameworks for Disaster Risk Reduction and Management</b></p> <p><b>From Disaster Preparedness through to Rehabilitation of Telecommunication Networks: A Global Perspective on the use of ICT</b> Mr. Cosmas Zavazava, Head of Least Developed Countries Telecommunications Union (ITU)</p> <p><b>Policy Making for Use of ICTs in Disaster Management: Recent Developments in Disaster Management Policy and the Increasing Importance of ICT(International Perspective)</b></p>

	<p>Mr. Joseph Chung, Senior Regional Officer, United Nations: International strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR)</p> <p><b>How Governments have Strengthened Policy and Decision Making Frameworks with The Use of Information Systems on Hazards and Their Impacts</b></p> <p>Ms. Filomena Nelson, Principal Disaster Management Officer, Ministry of Natural Resources, Environment &amp; Meteorology &amp; Mr Martin Mose, Director National Disaster Centre, Papua New Guinea</p> <p><b>Panel Discussion/Question and Answer</b></p>
<b>11.00</b>	<b>Refreshment Break</b>
<b>11.30</b>	<p><b>Session 2: Knowledge, Information, Public Awareness and Education</b></p> <p><b>Key Challenges to the Widespread Use of ICT for DRR and DM, and ICT Regulators' Efforts to Overcome Them.</b></p> <p>Dr. Comas Zavazava, Head of Least Developed Countries Unit, International Telecommunications Union (ITU)</p> <p><b>Case Studies on the Use of ICT for Public Awareness Campaigns and Community Education Programmes</b></p> <p>Mr. Martin Blackgrove, Regional Disaster Management Coordinator, International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent (IFRC) &amp; Mr. Siaso Sovaleni, ICT Adviser-Outreach, Community Lifelines Programme, (SOPAC)</p> <p><b>Panel Discussion/Question and Answer</b></p>
<b>12.30</b>	<b>Networking Lunch</b>
<b>13.30</b>	<p><b>Session 3: Analysis and Evaluation of Hazards, Vulnerabilities and Elements at Risk</b></p> <p><b>The Move Towards the Effective Use of Robust Data on Disaster Occurrences</b></p> <p>Mr. Sannomaru Hiroko, Japanese International Cooperation Agency, JICA</p> <p><b>Benefits of Effective Hazard Mapping, Challenges to its Continued Development and Strategies for improvement.</b></p> <p>Mr. Michael Bonte, Risk Assessment Specialist, South Pacific Applied Geoscience Commission (SOPAC)</p> <p><b>Panel Discussion/Question and Answer</b></p>
<b>15.00</b>	<b>Refreshment Break</b>
<b>15.30</b>	<p><b>Session 4: Using ICT for Effective Disaster Management (ICT4DM) Solutions Show Case:</b></p> <p>Demonstrations of Innovative DM and DRR ICT Solutions</p> <p>Open to national and international operators, solutions providers and DRR/DM</p>

	professionals <b>Chairman's Summary of key points – Lessons Learned From the Day</b>
<b>17.00</b>	<b>End of Day One</b>
	<b>Gala Dinner</b>
	<b>Day Two</b>
<b>09.30</b>	<p><b>Session 5: Effective Preparedness, Response and Recovery</b></p> <p><b>Strengthening Operational Capacity of National Disaster Centres: Successes, Challenges and the Role of ICT</b> Mr. Mark Wedd, AusAID,</p> <p><b>Key Elements of Functional Emergency Operation Centres (EOC) and the Importance of ICT</b> Mr. Joeli Cawaki, Director, National Disaster Management Office, Fiji</p> <p><b>Assistance Provided to Countries in Response to Disasters and Establishment of National Emergency Telecommunication Plan</b> Mr. Wisit Atipayakoon, Specialist, ITU Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific</p> <p><b>Panel Discussion/Question and Answer</b></p>
<b>11.00</b>	<b>Refreshment Break</b>
<b>11.30</b>	<p><b>Session 6: Creating Effective Integrated and People Focused Early Warning Systems: Challenges, Developments, Lesson Learned and Results</b></p> <p><b>Improving Early Warning Systems in the pacific</b> Mr. Terry Hart, AusAID</p> <p><b>PITA – Presentation and Demonstration of New Early Satellite Early Warning System</b> Mr. Fred Christopher, Manager, Pacific Island Telecommunications Association, (PITA)</p> <p><b>Panel Discussion/Question and Answer</b></p>
<b>12.30</b>	<b>Networking Lunch</b>
<b>13.45</b>	<p><b>Session 7: Reduction of Underlying Risk Factors</b></p> <p><b>The Threat of Climate Change and The Use of ICT to Monitor, Reduce and Mitigate its Effects</b> Mr. Kosi Latu, Acting Director of Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) SPREP &amp;</p>

	<p>Ms Mary Asenaca, Environment Specialist Team Leader, UNDP Fiji Country Office</p> <p><b>Developments in the Protection of Critical ICT Infrastructure and lessons learned: Business Continuity Plans and Maintenance of ICT Infrastructure When Natural Disaster Strikes</b> Mr. Fred Christopher, Manager, Pacific Island Telecommunications Association, (PITA)</p> <p><b>Challenges to Improved Information Sharing</b> Ms. Ruth Lane, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent (IFRC)</p> <p><b>Panel Discussion/Question and Answer</b></p>
<b>15.00</b>	<b>Refreshment Break</b>
<b>15.30</b>	<p><b>Session 8: Creating Sustainable Outputs to Using ICT for Effective Disaster Management Forum, Pacific 2009</b></p> <p>Interactive session intended to elaborate and agree upon processes for ensuring sustainable and tangible outputs to the event. Facilitated by CTO, SOPAC, COMSEC, PITA and ITU (Mr. Wisit Atipayakoon)</p> <p><b>Building on efforts to fulfil the vision of the DM Framework 2005 - 2015</b></p> <p><b>Embedding post forum activities aimed and sustainability</b></p> <p><b>Reporting mechanisms for ongoing activities</b></p> <p><b>Panel Discussion/Question and Answer</b></p>
<b>Day Three</b>	
<b>09.00</b>	<b>Interactive Workshop SOPAC and UN-APCICT Regional Workshop on Academy for ICT Essentials for Government Leaders as pre- or post (Very Tentative)</b>
<b>10.30</b>	<b>Refreshment Break</b>
<b>11.00</b>	<b>Interactive Workshop SOPAC and UN-APCICT Regional Workshop on Academy for ICT Essentials for Government Leaders as pre- or post DM Actors(Very Tentative)</b>
<b>12.30</b>	<b>Closing Remarks by Organisers and Anchor Organisations</b>
<b>13.00</b>	<b>End of Using ICT for Effective Disaster Management Forum</b>