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TO: Pacific Meteorological Council Members (PICs only)

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SUBJECT: Pacific Meteorological Council (PICs only) out of session meeting for the Draft Strategy on Climate and Disaster Resilient Development in the Pacific (SRDP)

Dear PMC Members,

This year (2014) is a non PMC year however, the discussions on the new SRDP continues. Thus we thought it would be more effective to support your participation at the Pacific Platform for Disaster Risk Management which will be held from 2nd – 4th June 2014 at the Novotel Hotel in Suva, Fiji where the SRDP will be discussed on the 3rd of June.

It is important that national teams from climate change, meteorological services and disaster risk management sit together and discuss this strategy as we conclude the work of the PIFACC and RFA.

You may recall that in 2011, the Pacific islands region agreed to develop a Strategy for Climate and Disaster Resilient Development in the Pacific (SRDP) by 2015 to succeed the *Pacific Disaster Risk Reduction and Disaster Management Framework for Action 2005 – 2015* and *Pacific Islands Framework for Action on Climate Change 2006 – 2015).* The new strategy will provide a new approach on how to efficiently address DRM and Climate Change within the context of risk resilient development. The process of developing this new strategy has become known as the 'Roadmap'. The first joint meeting was held in July 2013 in Nadi represented by country officials from the office of climate change, meteorological services and disaster risk management.

The objectives of the 2014 discussions during the Pacific Platform for Disaster Risk Management are:

- Strengthen interaction between the 'Disaster', 'Climate Change' and other communities in the Pacific, and provide the opportunity for stakeholders to contribute and endorse the Strategy for Climate and Disaster Resilient Development.

As such we would like to invite one nomination (meteorological director or his/her representative) to attend this meeting. It would be an advantage if your nominated person also attended the joint meeting in July 2013.

Please send in your nominations by filling the attached form and to reach Joyce Tulua at Joycet@sprep.org no later than **8th April 2014**. The meeting will be on the 3rd of June, Suva. If you have any queries please contact Netatua Pelesikoti at Netatuap@sprep.org

Yours sincerely,

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Encl: Nomination form

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