

THE GLOBAL FRAMEWORK FOR CLIMATE SERVICES (GFCS) IN THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

Increased Resilience against Climate Change Impacts and Disaster Risks

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The Global Framework for Climate Services (GFCS) was established in September 2009, with a goal to strengthen the production, availability, delivery, and application of science-based climate prediction and services to all stakeholders. At the August, 2011 14RMSD/PMC-1 meeting in Majuro the NMS directors noted that good examples of cross-region collaboration, research and integrated delivery of climate services already exist within and between agencies, institutions, and organizations (including NMSs) in the region (e.g., PI-GCOS, PI-GOOS, Pacific HYCOS, PI-CPP, APAN, SPSLCMP, PCCSP, PASAP, CLIMRAP, METPI, CliDEsc, PaCIS, PEAC, PICCC, PRIMO, Pacific RISA, and PCCR, amongst others). Updates on these and other activities were provided during the PMC-2, and are provided here. At PMC-1 the NMS directors recommended that further investigation be carried out on organizational structures and functions at the regional level to support climate services consistent with the GFCS, to minimize gaps and overlaps, and to align climate service activities that already exist in the region. Updates on these activities are also provided here, including recommendations to address a critical need for a more strategic approach to and greater alignment and coordination of robust and sustained climate services' investments in the Pacific Islands region.

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