

The Framework for Resilient Development in the Pacific (FRDP) recognizes the first principle behind the Suva Declaration – climate change is the single greatest threat to the livelihood, security and wellbeing of the Pacific and its inhabitants. As contribution to the Pacific partnership in resilience the <u>Pacific Islands Development Forum</u> (PIDF), the <u>Global Island Partnership</u> (GLISPA), and <u>Precovery Lab</u> launched the Island Resilience Initiative (IRI). Its concept pilot-tested in the Pacific countries of Palau, Marshall Islands and Fiji, refers to preparing islands and their communities to withstand natural disasters and recover faster from their short-term impacts

The Island Resilience Initiative is supported at the highest political levels in each of the three countries and viewed as an opportunity to strengthen partnerships and implementation of the SAMOA Pathway, SDGs, Paris Agreement, the Sendai Framework and the emerging New Urban Agenda as well as the regionally developed Framework for Resilient Development in the Pacific (FRDP). The Initiative reinforces ambitious but appropriate and "right-sized" projects and solutions on islands that can be scaled and financed globally. It will also provide a platform for the establishment of larger, innovative impact dashboards and national and regional interventions.

The framework leverages proven island-led models to:

- Identify, support and strengthen local collaborative public-private civic partnerships focused on system-level change;
- Initiate the framework to implement SDGs locally, which includes a longer-term process to set high-level goals, develop shared measures to be tracked on an online platform, and develop a project pipeline to achieve 2030 goals.
- Launch a project pipeline development process, the Island Resilience Solution Prize, to catalyze innovative investments in integrated infrastructure in islands that can be financed through sources such as the Green Climate Fund and be a catalyst for public-private civic partnerships;
- Launch a peer-learning network coordinated by the Global Island Partnership and Hawai'i Green Growth to support high-level goal development, commitments as well as coordination of the public-private civic partnerships

The side event will feature a short video and presentation on the Palau impact dashboard followed by a panel discussion with three Pacific representatives from PIDF Member Countries, an international expert and a moderator.

Date: 4th December 2019 Venue: Moana Blue Pacific Pavilion IFEMA exhibition Centre Time: 12.30pm –1.30pm

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