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Tonga Government Endorses CFRGA Report

The Ministry of Finance and National Planning represented the Government of Tonga to officially launch the Climate Financing and Risk Governance (CFRGA) Report today on the 30th May, 2016, at the Fa’onelua Convention Centre as part of the Pacific Risk Resilience Programme (PRRP) Regional Board 3 days Meeting programme and welcoming all the participants both local and regional to this special event.

The report was endorsed by Cabinet in May, 2016 and of which the Ministry of Finance and National Planning in work jointly with the Ministry of Meteorology, Energy, Information, Disaster Management, Environment, Climate Change and Communications (MEIDECC) in consultation with relevant Ministries to ensure that the 48 proposed recommendations, raised from the Report, will be addressed. The progress of these works will be reported to the Cabinet Coordination Development Committee on a regular basis.

The CFRGA Report was aimed to ensure the perspectives, priorities and experiences of all people are adequately reflected in policy development, project design, and budgets. It also aimed to strengthen better management of accessing to climate change and disaster fundings and to better coordinate projects that will enhance addressing the National Organisational Outcomes 5.4 as stated in the Tonga Strategic Framework II.

Speaking on behalf of UNDP, CFRGA report team leader and also the Risk and Sustainable Development Team Leader, Mr. Kevin Petrini, said the report is the first of its kind for the Pacific.

“The recommendations in the report allows the Tongan Government to critically examine its ability and capacity to manage disaster and climate change impacts across all levels. From the national, to provincial and right down to the community level”, Mr. Petrini said.

He added, “The inclusion of the gender and social dimensions ensures that no one is left behind as we bridge the humanitarian and development divide.”

The Government of Tonga thanked the assistance from the Pacific Risk Resilience Programme PRRP (implemented by UNDP) to coordinate the process, in partnership with, the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS)