

First MSG Environment and Climate Change Ministers Meeting
25-27 January 2012, Tanoa International Hotel, Nadi Fiji

The Government of the Republic of Fiji will be hosting the inaugural Meeting of MSG Environment and Climate Change Ministers at the Convention Centre, Tanoa International hotel in Nadi Fiji on 25-27 January 2012.

Fiji's Ministers for Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation and Climate Change, Ratu Inoke Kubuabola said that the meeting's theme is "Environment, Climate Change and Melanesia". This theme reflects the aspirations of Melanesians themselves to build a common destiny towards safeguarding and protecting their Environment and finding common solutions to Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation.

The Meeting presents an opportunity for members to build on the momentum of the Durban discussions, reach consensus on common positions on specific environment and climate change issues, and identify priority issues to be advocated at regional and international environment and climate change meetings.

Ratu Inoke Kubuabola further added that most MSG Environment and Climate Change Ministers and officials were instrumental in initiating the meeting, as there was a common interest to effectively coordinate the MSG's environment and climate change agenda. The Meeting is being co-sponsored by the International Union on the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and the SPC/GIZ Pacific German Regional Coping with Climate Change in the Pacific Region (CCCPPIR). The Pacific Islands Applied GeoScience Commission, Applied Geoscience and Technology Division of Secretariat of the Pacific Community and the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) have been invited to attend the meeting.

MSG Environment and Climate change Ministers, Foreign Affairs Ministers and Senior Officials are expected to attend the three day event in Nadi, with their Meeting Outcomes tabled for consideration by MSG Leaders in March.

The Meeting will be chaired by Fiji's Minister for Local Government, Housing, Urban Development and Environment, Colonel Samuela Saumatu.

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