This thematic area highlights the many impacts of climate change and disasters and their threats to the future of the region’s people and the statehood of many Pacific nations. It is important to implement agreed measures that proactively, collectively, and in a culturally appropriate manner, address climate change and current and future disaster impacts including extreme weather events, cyclones, drought, flooding and sea level rise and ocean acidification.

Other important issues include climate finance, disaster risk reduction mechanisms, loss and damage, the nexus between climate change and the ocean, maritime boundaries, human rights, the rights of women and girls, the rights of persons affected by climate change, food and water security, disasters as well as climate change and disaster related mobility including relocation, migration, and displacement.

The region has in place the Framework for Resilient Development in the Pacific, which is an integrated approach to address climate change and disaster risk management in the region. Despite a long history of Pacific leadership on climate change, key issues are still to be addressed including: the increasing levels of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere; and more frequent and intense disasters and extreme weather events.

There are also issues related to accessing international funding for climate change and disasters; the continued use of inefficient energy; and inadequate access to safe drinking water and sanitation, food security, maritime boundaries, human rights, and cultural preservation.

**Present Situation**

**Strategic Pathways**

**Level of Ambition**

- Strengthen the region’s collaboration and commitment to proactively pursue efforts to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees above pre-industrial levels and increase innovative financing to address climate change and disaster risk.

- Ensure the protection and practice of the rights, cultural values and heritage and traditional knowledge of Pacific peoples in global and regional protocols for climate and disaster risk reduction, and mobility including relocation, migration, and displacement.

- Strengthen investments in Pacific relevant and participatory science, cultural and traditional knowledge and innovative research to address climate change and disaster risk and the transition to renewable sources of energy.

- Regional cooperation and collaboration, including through the Pacific Resilience Facility, to build the capacity and resilience of communities to effectively address the impacts of climate change and disasters including the gendered impacts.

- Advocate with our partners to ensure existing and new global commitments, including in relation to finance, address the needs of the region related to climate change and disaster risk reduction.

All Pacific peoples remain resilient to the impacts of climate change and disasters and are able to lead safe, secure and prosperous lives. The region continues to play a leadership role in global climate action.