“Climate change is the single greatest threat to the livelihoods, security and well-being of the peoples of the Pacific.”
2018 Boe Declaration on Regional Security

How is climate change a security threat?

FIVE PATHWAYS

CHALLENGES LIVELIHOODS AND THE BLUE ECONOMY
Impacts on agriculture, fisheries and tourism, cause shrinking of households income, government revenues and may stimulate unsustainable development alternatives, straining social bonds.

THREATENS LAND AVAILABILITY & USABILITY
Climate impacts undermine land, food and water security and can increase competition over scarce resources, causing erosion of social norms and disenfranchisement with government.

EXACERBATES DISASTERS RISKS & ERODES RESILIENCE
More frequent & severe disasters cause loss of life, assets, livelihoods, displacement & undermines government and communities coping capacity.

AFFECTS MOBILITY TRENDS & CAN EXACERBATE RISKS
Relocation, displacement and unsustainable mobility may increase urbanisation and overpopulation, expose vulnerable categories to disaster risks, determine cultural loss and cause tensions, dislocation, and trauma.

URGES SECURING SOVEREIGNTY AND COULD UNDERMINE REGIONAL STABILITY
Land Loss and affected habitability pose key questions around future governance and regional cooperation.