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# **Humanitarian Resilience Development Unit (HRDU)**

**Draft Program- 23rd of March 2022.**

***World Meteorological Day 2022.***

***“Early Warning & Early Action. Hydrometeorological & Climate Information for Disaster Risk Reduction.”***

Master of Ceremony- *Ms. Ruci Senikula- Regional Coordinator Disaster Risk Reduction.*

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| **Time**  | **Item** |
| 11.00a.m. | * Welcome- Mr. Lagesh Lal*, Finance- Humanitarian Resilience Development Unit*.
* Message on Inclusive Meteorological Services by Mr. Latoa Halatau (*Co-chair, Pacific Disability Forum*) TBC.
* Opening remarks by the *CEO of the Pacific Disability Forum- Mr. Setareki Macanawai*.
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| 11.05a.m. | Introduction to World Meteorological Day, its importance and sharing of this year’s theme: **Early Warning & Early Action. Hydrometeorological & Climate Information for Disaster Risk Reduction**. *(Ms. Sainimili Tawake- Inclusive Development Advisor)* |
| 11.15a.m. | Fiji OPDs video presentation on:**“Experiences of Persons with Disabilities during natural disasters while accessing early warnings to allow for early action.”** |
| 11.25a.m. | A general oversight on how the timely notifications and media releases by the Fiji Meteorological Services Office has allowed for persons with disabilities to better prepare themselves in times of a natural disaster.(*Ms. Ruci Senikula- Regional Coordinator Disaster Risk Reduction*) |
| 11.35a.m. | Sharing of experiences from the Region: Sharing of experiences by the Samoan Disaster Resource Team members on their visit to the Samoan Meteorological Office.*(Head of Disaster Resource Team Mr. Herbert Bell).* |
| 11.45a.m | Fiji OPDs video presentation on Challenges and Recommendations: **“Gaps Identified by Persons with Disabilities while accessing early warning systems and recommendations for ways forward.”** |
| 11.55a.m | Closing remarks on Ways Forward- Advocacy for inclusive meteorological services in Fiji by *Ms. Laisa Vereti, Director Operations, Pacific Disability Forum*.  |
| 12.05p.m | Cutting of the cake by CEO, HRGA and a representative from FDPF. |
| 12.10p.m | Closing followed by lunch. |