

## OVERVIEW OF THE CLIMATE SERVICES DIALOG PROCESS

The dialog process is designed as a 2-day workshop to assist government agencies, academic institutions, nongovernmental organizations, private sector, and other stakeholders work together to analyze and strengthen end-to-end climate services development and delivery for Pacific Small Island Developing States. These particular dialogs focused on assessing the capacity of existing climate services to provide early warning through seasonal outlooks and forecasts for El Niño-Southern Oscillation (ENSO) and other climate-related events to affected sectors. The process was developed and refined based on a series of workshops conducted by the NOAA and partners in the Marshall Islands, Vanuatu, Palau, the Cook Islands, and Guam funded by the USAID in 2014.

The dialog is organized into three sessions: (1) share climate knowledge, (2) diagnose climate services and identify opportunities to enhance climate service delivery, and (3) build climate stories to share key messages and best practices. Storytelling is an important mode of communication in the Pacific Islands and the way people document history, exchange information, and learn to adapt to change. The Climate Services Dialog process brings together experiential and scientific knowledge as a basis for documenting the history climate-related events and impacts on a set of related as a means to enhance climate early warning. Pre-dialog technical exchange planning sessions among a core planning group are recommended to identify the focus of the dialog and initiate the process of sharing climate knowledge.

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