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Question: How does your organisation contribute to strengthening coordination mechanisms in the region and how can this be enhanced through ROHAN?

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On behalf of the Director General of the Pacific Community (SPC) I wish to express our sincere gratitude for the kind invitation to attend the World Humanitarian Summit. We are grateful to the Government of the Republic of Turkey for its kindness and generosity in hosting us and to UNOCHA for making our participation possible.

The SPC carries the regional mandate for coordinating disaster risk management capacity building and is a lead facilitator of the discourse on resilience building in the Pacific. Through the range of DRM services we provide, SPC will continue to contribute meaningfully to strengthening coordination and collaboration on DRM in the Pacific and to being a conduit for exchange with the broader membership of ROHAN. The SPC will be a useful vehicle through which ROHAN, and in turn the membership of its respective organisations, will be able to share in Pacific experiences and advance learning in safety and resilience building in the future. Similarly the SPC sees the potential for Pacific countries and territories to benefit from knowledge sharing with other regions through a mechanism such as ROHAN.

The SPC was a key contributor in the discussion which resulted in the establishment of ROHAN and we will continue to support this network and the strategic intent upon which it was founded in February 2015. The SPC confirms its agreement with the four aims of ROHAN. Specifically the SPC agrees to:

1. Support the ROHAN network as a vehicle/platform for sharing information and analysis among Regional Organisations;
2. Work closely with partners and our membership to provide regular opportunities for exchange and learning through face-to-face and other media to enrich the understanding of humanitarian principles and action;
3. Support ongoing efforts in the Pacific to build national capacity for humanitarian response to disasters and ensure that such support complements national and local efforts;
4. Continue to build capacity in Pacific countries and territories to identify and analyse natural hazard risk and to support ongoing efforts to mainstream risk within national and sub national development planning and resource allocation systems and processes;
5. Continue supporting member countries and territories and working together with partners to provide access to spatial data and information through online portals to assist in humanitarian response and recovery efforts, and;
6. Build on and strengthen existing coordination mechanisms for humanitarian support for disasters in the Pacific.

I thank you for the opportunity to make this intervention on behalf of the Director General of the Pacific Community.