



MINISTRY OF RURAL AND MARITIME DEVELOPMENT AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT

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Minister Seruiratu receives courtesy visit from Fiji's PRUN



Caption: Minister for Rural and Maritime Development and Disaster Management Hon. Inia Seruiratu and Director National Disaster Management Office (NDMO) Ms. Vasiti Soko meets with Fiji's Permanent Representative to the United Nations Mr. Satyendra Prasad and Honorary Consul of Fiji in Los Angeles Mr. Vinod Karsanj Bhindi yesterday.

SUVA – Minister for Rural and Maritime Development and Disaster Management Hon. Inia Seruiratu received a courtesy visit from Fiji's Permanent Representative to the United Nations Mr. Satyendra Prasad yesterday to discuss how we can further strengthen existing engagements with our United Nations partners.

The meeting was also attended by the National Disaster Management Office (NDMO) Director Ms. Vasiti Soko and the Honorary Consul of Fiji in Los Angeles Mr. Vinod Karsanj Bhindi.

During the meeting, Hon. Seruiratu expressed the Ministry's acknowledgement towards the UN, saying they were a key development partner of Government.

"The United Nations is an integral partner of Fiji. As you know, the Ministry recently collaborated with one of our UN partners, focusing on resilient developments. This includes the risk informing of projects that is now

being jointly implemented by the Ministry in partnership with the UNDP and of course, we also work closely with our UN partners throughout the disaster management cycle,” Hon. Seruiratu said.

The two leaders discussed efforts on complementarity, and efficiency during pre and post disasters where the Government and UN partners can build on existing structures to strengthen resilience at the community level.

Discussions during the meeting also focused on humanitarian support from UN partners in the aftermath of disasters.

The meeting also provided an opportunity for the Hon. Minister to update Mr Prasad on the work undertaken by the Ministry, through the NDMO in the area of disaster preparedness and response.



Caption: ***Minister for Rural and Maritime Development and Disaster Management Hon. Inia Seruiratu and Fiji's Permanent Representative to the United Nations Mr. Satyendra Prasad after their meeting earlier yesterday.***

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