JOIN the FCEF Disaster Resilience Council

connecting business for disaster risk reduction, emergency preparedness, response and recovery

Objective of the Council

This Council is incorporated in the Fiji Commerce & Employers Federation (FCEF) and works to support businesses to withstand and recover from disasters, as well as strengthen their engagement in emergency preparedness, response and recovery efforts in collaboration with the government, the United Nations, non-government organisations and civil society.

Council Membership

Membership is inclusive of non-FCEF members and is not limited to the private sector. Civil society, government, NGOs and international organisations and associations may be members of the network. There is *no* membership fee associated with joining the Council network.

Who should register from your organisation?

The member would normally be the Business Continuity, Disaster Risk Reduction or Disaster Relief focal point or a decision-maker within the organisation with a direct link to the Chief Executive, or the member is a senior manager of the organisation. He/she is responsible for Business Continuity Planning and Disaster Response within the company and participates in pre-disaster planning, report initial damages incurred in its community or makes decisions such as dedication of resources, assets and materials for disaster response.

The companies within your supply chain and distribution channel will benefit from this disaster risk management coordination mechanism and should register as well.

How to register?

Return a membership form by contacting employer@fcef.com.fj.

Benefits of membership include access to;

- an extensive network to strengthen disaster risk reduction, emergency preparedness, response and recovery;
- the Fiji government led disaster management clusters;
- the review of the Fiji disaster management legislation act and plan, planned for 2016;
- negotiate partnership agreements with the government, NGOs, civil society and international organisations;
- resources and tools for disaster risk reduction, BCP, disaster relief and recovery; and
- a portal to be developed linking the private sector and other actors locally, regionally and globally.

The concept

TC Winston struck Fiji impacting businesses of all sizes and across the formal and informal sectors, including through the disruption of supply chains and distribution channels, loss of stock and damage to premises. Despite being heavily impacted many businesses from a variety of industry sectors made significant contributions towards the humanitarian response and recovery efforts. The disaster again highlighted the need to strengthen the resilience of businesses to withstand and recover from disasters, and to maximize the opportunities for engagement. Partnerships and information sharing processes between businesses, government, international organisations and civil society need to be established before disasters occur and effective coordination mechanisms must be put in place. This need is not only present in Fiji, but extends across the Pacific region.

In the long term membership aims to offer;

- better preparedness for businesses, their distribution channel and supply chain and their employees;
- minimised business disruption and reduced downtime after a disaster;
- informed decision-making through greater awareness of risks;
- closer coordination with government, international agencies, CSO's and NGOs; and
- avoid redundancy of efforts and wasted resources during response.

Get Involved

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- Join the Network
- Contact Fiji Commerce & Employers Federation, employer@fcef.com.fj
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