

Fiji launches National Climate Change Policy

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Stakeholders in Fiji have been urged to foster partnerships that are critical for the successful implementation of the National Climate Change Policy.

Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Ratu Inoke Kubuabola made the recommendation while launching the policy last night.

In 2007 cabinet endorsed Fiji's National Climate Change Policy Framework which defined the position of government and other stakeholders on issues of climate change, climate variability and sea level rise.

The framework was reviewed last year to reflect current and emerging climate change issues which led to the development of this National Policy.

Ratu Inoke said in order for the policy to work, a concerted effort is needed.

“The intended outcomes of this policy will not be realised if we take a copy today, skim through the glossy pages and store it in our book shelves. It must be read and practiced and arouse a sense of shared ownership by all relevant stakeholders as this is bearing on the future of our nation and of the region.”

The policy will also serve as an implementing tool for many strategies on environmental protection, sustainable management of natural resources and strengthening food security and institutional capacity for environmental management..

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