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Proper mechanisms

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PROPER mechanisms need to be developed for risk analysis and management in agribusiness, says Agriculture Minister Lieutenant Colonel Inia Seruiratu.

"This is to protect our vulnerable farmers and others involved in agribusiness from adverse effects, including climate change, an issue that is of particular importance to Fiji and other small island economies in the Pacific," he said.

Speaking during an Asian Productivity Organisation workshop on risk management in Nadi yesterday, Lt-Col Seruiratu said agribusiness was notable in rural areas as it provided employment, income, food security and brought foreign exchange into the country.

"The Fijian Government recognises the potential of agriculture, fisheries and forestry as a major contributor to our foreign exchange earnings.

"This sector also provides rural employment, regular income and economic development to promote rural stability and improvement of rural living standards."