



**Statement delivered by Nauru on behalf of  
The Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS)  
Closing Plenary of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation  
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1. Thank you very much Mr. Chairman. Nauru has the honour to speak on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States, a grouping of 43 countries most vulnerable to the adverse impacts of climate change.
2. At the outset, I would like to associate this statement with the statements of Gambia on behalf of the Least Developed Countries and Swaziland on behalf of the African Group.
3. Mr. Chairman, we are pleased to see that progress has been made on a number of issues on the SBI agenda during this session.
4. On matters relating to finance, we welcomed the time provided, which allowed parties to submit written views on the agenda item and to consider the views expressed by parties on this agenda item during the thirty-seventh session. AOSIS looks forward to the review of matters related to the Adaptation Fund at the SBI's thirty-seventh session, with a view to deciding on this matter for adoption by the CMP at its eight-session. AOSIS further acknowledges the critical role that the Adaptation Fund has played in assisting developing countries in implementing concrete adaptation projects, and calls for continued effort by partners and the Board to ensure the viability of the fund.

5. On addressing loss and damage to the adverse effects of climate change, we welcome the SBI's conclusions. We look forward to the upcoming SIDS expert meeting on the range of approaches to address loss and damage and we are very happy to announce that the Government of the Republic of Kiribati has offered to host it. The outcomes of this meeting will inform our discussions on the role of the Convention on this critical issue. In this regard, we look forward to the technical paper the secretariat will provide on slow onset events. AOSIS further welcomes the opportunity to participate in the proposed pre-sessional meeting to be held in conjunction with the SBI's thirty-seventh session and thanks the Government of Norway for its generous offer to support it.
6. The SBI has begun its work on financing for the national adaptation planning process for least developed countries. There is much left to do and AOSIS urges Parties to continue engaging constructively on this issue.
7. We are pleased that the SBI adopted the reports of the TEC and the GEF on the Poznan Strategic Programme. We welcome the agreed short list of candidates to host the Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN) and that the draft decision will form the basis for the constitution of the Advisory Board of the Centre for the SBI to consider at its next session.
8. Capacity building has been underscored as a cross-cutting issue, and integral to effectively implementing commitments under the Convention. In this regard capacity building support and actions should be inclusive of adaptation, mitigation, technology and finance, and should address the special circumstances of SIDS.

9. We welcome the discussion of the forum to implement the work programme on the impact of the implementation of response measures at the Subsidiary Bodies and the agreement on the modalities for the operationalising the forum and work programme with specific activities for each of the elements listed in paragraph 1 of decision 8/CP.17. We remain concerned, however, that discussions on response measures still continue under other bodies. As we have consistently stated, this forum should provide a central unique space to provide a more structured, coherent and efficient discussion on this issue.
  
10. On matters relating to Appeals against the decisions of the CDM Executive Board, AOSIS welcomes the progress made on arrangements for appeals against decisions of the Board and we look forward to further progress at the next session of the SBI on issues deferred from this session.
  
11. Mr. Chairman, measurement, reporting and verification (MRV) is crucial to building trust among Parties. The enhanced MRV that we agreed to in Durban must be implemented to ensure environmental integrity.
  
12. During this session, parties were supposed to define the draft decision of the New Programme on Article 6 of the Convention regarding education, training and public awareness, to be adopted in Doha. We need to promote changes in lifestyles, attitudes and behaviour in order to prepare our children, youth and communities to address climate change. We cannot wait another year to implement a new work programme. We will be celebrating next year the first session of the annual Article 6 Dialogue. We recognize that climate change is a common responsibility and we need to have a permanent space for exchanging experiences. It is highly important that the new work programme has the technical

and financial support necessary to achieve the goals of the Convention and a full implementation of adaptation and mitigation actions. Now it is the time and we should continue working to adopt in Doha the New Programme in Education and Climate Change.

13. Enhanced MRV will require enhanced support. The Consultative Group of Experts (CGE) has provided invaluable technical assistance and support to Non Annex I Parties in the preparation of their National Communications. Capacity-building work must therefore continue with an expanded mandate which covers biennial update reports and the preparation and development of NAMAs.
14. In collaboration with the CGE, the National Communications Support Programme enhances the capacity of Non Annex I Parties to prepare National Communications. AOSIS thanks the GEF for supporting the NCSP, and urges that similar technical support continue to be provided for the expanded reporting obligations being undertaken by Non Annex I Parties.
15. AOSIS thanks the Secretariat for developing the prototype of the NAMA registry. The matching function of the registry will play an important role in driving developing country mitigation action. The Group welcomes work under the SBI to address the design of the prototype. AOSIS is of the view that further discussion on the role that the registry could play in helping us understand the developed countries' contributions toward the global goal is essential. We urge the Secretariat to develop the design based on Parties' views and launch operation of the prototype, and urge donors to submit information to the registry on available finance, as soon as possible.

16. Despite some of the progress we have made in our work and as I have outlined above, AOSIS would like to state its extreme disappointment that agenda item 4(b) continues to be held in abeyance. The aggregation of national communication will serve as a repository of technical and financial needs, and gaps to subsequently target the requisite support.
  
17. Finally, AOSIS has strong expectations that the upcoming Bangkok meeting will be a formal negotiating session, with clear objectives and participation from all delegates, and will not be limited to informal workshops which lack the full voice of all parties.
  
18. Mr. Chairman, in closing, we wish to thank you for your efforts and pledge the continued support of AOSIS for the work of the SBI.