



**Statement by Nauru on behalf of
the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS)
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Mr Chairman, Nauru has the honour of delivering this statement on behalf of the Members of the Alliance of Small Island States and wishes to associate itself with the statement made by Algeria on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Mr Chairman,

AOSIS wishes to acknowledge the progress made in areas such as the Nairobi work programme on adaptation, the development and transfer of technologies, methodological issues under the Convention and the Kyoto Protocol.

However, we are very disappointed with the outcomes of our deliberations under the agenda item on Research and Systematic Observations.

As we said in our statement at the Opening Plenary of the SBSTA, AOSIS considers that science and hence research are a fundamental part of our common efforts to prevent dangerous climate change. The research dialogue is hence an important forum to facilitate discussions on scientific issues related to meeting the needs of the Convention with the scientific community.

In Durban, Parties agreed that the long-term global goal should be a key research area discussed during the SBSTA research dialogue.

AOSIS believes that the focus on the long-term global goal should be on those particularly vulnerable developing countries such as SIDS and LDCs who will be most affected by the impacts of climate change and the ambition level of the long-term global goal.

Therefore AOSIS expresses its deepest disappointment not all Parties supported references to the long-term goal as a SBSTA agenda item on further research.

It is essential to encourage research on low emission scenarios and tipping points, on assessing the emission reductions needed to limit warming to 1.5°C and on the impacts that could be avoided compared to where there current policies are heading us - over 3.5°C warming.

This is an absolute priority for small island developing states, who are already feeling the impacts of climate change and who don't have the same research capacities that exist in many developed countries.

AOSIS hopes that the long-term goal will be addressed at each session of the Research and Systematic Observation SBSTA agenda item.

Mr Chairman, we look forward to working together with you on this and the other items of the agenda at our next session in Doha.

Thank you.