



**Statement delivered by Nauru on behalf of
The Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS)
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1. Good afternoon, Mr Chairman. It is an honour for me to deliver this statement on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States, AOSIS. It is a pleasure for us to see you in the chair once again and we look forward to working with you at this session of the SBSTA.
2. Nauru associates its statement with the statement delivered by Algeria on behalf of the G77 and China, the Gambia on behalf of the Group of Least Developed Countries, and Swaziland on behalf of the African Group.
3. Mr Chairman, we are all aware that seven bodies of the Convention and the Kyoto Protocol will be meeting here at Doha during the next two weeks. Their agendas are heavy. We have limited time as the SBSTA must conclude its work this Saturday, and there are certain decisions that must be adopted at this session. The SBSTA therefore must prioritize those agenda items that are critical, those that are important and those that we should consider, if time permits.
4. The agenda items on methodological issues under the Kyoto Protocol raise very important issues related to environmental integrity. We urge Parties to keep considerations of environmental integrity at the forefront in the discussions under agenda item 12.
 - a. With respect to agenda item 12(a), on the consideration of transboundary CCS projects as CDM projects, environmental integrity, liability, eligibility and the need for transparent and robust accounting warrant detailed discussion prior to any decision. AOSIS supports a global reserve for CCS project activities.
 - b. With respect to agenda item 12(b), consideration should be given to whether environmental integrity could be ensured in a context of a comprehensive land-based accounting under the Kyoto Protocol. AOSIS does not support additional LULUCF activities under the CDM during the second commitment period, or the development of alternative approaches to the issue of the risk of non-permanence which put the onus on host countries to address this risk. Further,

AOSIS is of the view that the current rules for accounting for Afforestation/Reforestation projects under the CDM remain valid and should not be amended.

- c. With regard to Agenda Item 12(c), relating to the implications of decisions 2/CMP.7 to 5/CMP.7 we should limit our discussions to technical issues and leave any related political issues arising from those earlier decisions to the AWG-KP.
 - d. Finally, with respect to agenda item 12(d), on HFC destruction projects, AOSIS is of the view that HFC reduction projects should no longer be addressed through market-based approaches under the CDM, and this agenda item should be concluded appropriately.
5. The second set of discussions that the SBSTA should focus on at this session is to receive the reports of the Adaptation Committee and the TEC and provide these bodies with the technical guidance for them to continue their work. The SBSTA should prepare a draft decision on methodological guidance relating to modalities for a national forest monitoring system for a measurement, reporting, and verification system for REDD plus. The SBSTA should also conclude its consideration of the agenda item under Research and Systematic observation which it began at its last session.
 6. While the other items on the agenda, such as the Nairobi Work Programme on Adaptation, are important to AOSIS, they are not critical at this session. Provide us with sufficient time to finalize our deliberations on those items we highlighted and let us see how far we can progress on those less critical items.
 7. Mr Chairman, in conclusion please be assured that we are prepared to work with you and with all Parties once again to ensure a successful SBSTA session.