



**Statement delivered by Nauru on behalf of  
The Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS)  
Closing Plenary SBSTA 38, Bonn**

1. Good morning Mr Chairman and distinguished delegates. I have the honour of delivering this statement on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States. AOSIS associates itself with the statement made by Fiji on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.
2. Mr Chairman, SBSTA was tasked with a long agenda and we welcome the progress made in this line of discussions even as critical areas connected to the SBI talks were stalled by the unfortunate delay.
3. We were reminded by a scientific report released yesterday that if parties don't take any further action we are on track to exceed global warming beyond 4°C by 2100.
4. Already, with warming of less than one degree Celsius, the communities in our islands are experiencing intensified, storms, droughts, sea level rise and other life-altering climate impacts.
5. Therefore, the 2013-2015 review is a critical priority for AOSIS as global average temperature rise must be limited to well below 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels. While we were able to begin preliminary discussions at this session on the review, considerable work remains and must be expedited to ensure we fulfill our mandate from Cancun to complete the Review by 2015. If we act now we can still achieve the 1.5-Celsius degree goal cost effectively.
6. The Joint SBI SBSTA contact group on the Review must, with the assistance of the Structured Expert Dialogue, deliver conclusions that lead to immediate implementation of the actions required to meet the 1.5 degrees target.
7. The Review must be based on the best, the latest and the most relevant science and must ultimately consider the relevant impacts and risks at different levels of warming to key sectors and systems with a focus on particularly vulnerable countries such as SIDS and LDCs.

8. In Warsaw we expect to quickly complete the initial work on clearly defining the roles of the Joint Contact Group and Structured Expert Dialogue in the Review and agreeing to an initial Programme of Work for the Review that will place us on schedule to complete our work in a timely manner taking into account the present delay.
9. Agenda item 6 on the development of transfer of technologies and implementation of of the technology mechanism. Our group is of the view that the special circumstance of the SIDS be addressed by the new bodies and that we are perfectly situated for the technologies to be introduced.
10. AOSIS welcomes the progress made in the work programme on clarifying the quantified economy-wide emission reduction targets of developed country Parties. We look forward to building on this constructive start when we continue discussions under this work programme at the next SBSTA session.
11. We recognize the important role of science in shaping and supporting the work of the Convention and reiterate our support for the research dialogue and the important role the forum plays in sharing information and views on research needs and priorities in this context. Regarding relevant capacity building activities, we would like to see broader participation of scientists active in climate change research in their region to present their work at the research dialogue.
12. AOSIS believes their participation can provide visibility for the ongoing work within their region. We look forward to the up-coming SBSTA workshops to consider information on the technical and scientific aspects of coastal marine ecosystems. It is imperative that the Workshop and the discussions not only focus on the potential carbon benefits to be derived from these ecosystems, but also the threats they face resulting from global warming, sea level rise and ocean acidification.
13. With respect to agenda item 11a, on the implications of the decisions taken in Durban and Doha on previous decisions related to Articles 5, 7 and 8 of the Kyoto Protocol, AOSIS would like to thank our very able co-facilitators and the secretariat for their very hard work at this session.
14. AOSIS views it as essential that the new tools agreed in Doha to ensure the environmental integrity of Annex I Party commitments be applied as intended. These tools include the application of new Article 3.7ter to each Party's emissions budgets for the second commitment period, restrictions on carryover to Parties with Annex B QELROs through the establishment of previous period surplus reserves, and new provisions on eligibility.

Importantly, we have also agreed on a mechanism to ratchet up mitigation ambition during the course of the second commitment period. AOSIS looks forward to engaging in further discussions on the operational implications of these newly-agreed tools over the coming months so that any ambiguities related to the application of these rules to each Party can be clarified in a transparent way.

15. Mr. Chair, with respect to Agenda item 12a, AOSIS is of the view that clarifying at the outset the purpose and scope of the framework for various approaches will be essential in gaining the confidence of all Parties before progressing to the details of how such a framework might be implemented. We believe that any such framework should be elaborated under the Convention, be applied under the guidance and authority of the COP, and be designed to ensure the environmental integrity of mitigation efforts through application of a robust, internationally-agreed, transparent, set of common accounting rules. It should ensure that we do not double count emission reduction efforts or finance used toward Convention commitments.
16. Mr. Chairman, with respect to agenda items 12 b and c, market and non-market based approaches, we look forward to engaging on the questions identified at this session. It will be important to explore how the new market mechanism can broaden participation while taking us beyond offsetting to substantial net emission reductions and how certain non-market based mechanisms can target areas in which market-based approaches have proven problematic.
17. Finally, AOSIS believes that subsequent research dialogues and workshops should take into consideration the experiences from small islands States and low-lying states.
18. Mr Chairman, we urge parties to work diligently to progress these areas in the months leading up to COP19 in Warsaw and arrive ready to hit the ground running.
19. Thank you.