

AOSIS APA Statement  
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1. Thank you very much Co-Chairs, and congratulations on your appointment to this important role. The Maldives speaks on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States, a group of 44 countries small island and coastal countries that are highly vulnerable to climate change. We look forward to working with you and I assure you of our support moving forward. In the interest of expediency, I will quickly list our priorities for this session and as we move forward to Marrakesh.
2. First, it is critical that we start promptly and undertake our work in an efficient and coherent manner. This includes establishing a plan of work, with specific modalities, timeframes, and deliverables for Marrakesh, so that we are able to conclude our mandated work by CMA1. There are a number of crosscutting issues, and there must be coherence in both substance and scheduling. Meetings should avoid potential conflicts for small delegations.
3. We must always be mindful that our main responsibility now is to set the stage for the rapid implementation of the Paris Agreement. This means we are shifting to a more technical method of work and we should take care not to reopen political issues that have already been decided.
4. Key to the success of the Agreement is the full delivery of the necessary means of implementation, especially for small island developing states already struggling with climate impacts. To ensure that we fulfill our mandates as stipulated in Agreement, we request further clarity in agenda items 4 and 5 to guide our work.
5. Furthermore, the Paris Agreement recognises the unique vulnerabilities and special circumstances of small island developing states and our capacity constraints when it comes to accessing available financing. To that end, we call for expedited action to ensure that the institutions serving the Agreement urgently simplify procedures for SIDS and LDCs to access the critical resources we need to address climate change.
6. We further see it as urgent that the APA begin work on defining the inputs and modalities to the global stock take referred to in paragraph 14 of the Paris Agreement.