

Organization of the second and subsequent meetings of the Durban Forum on Capacity-building (SBI)

Submission by the Republic of Nauru on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States

Views from Parties as part of their annual submissions in accordance with decisions 4/CP.12 and 6/CMP.2 on specific thematic issues related to capacity-building for the implementation of the Kyoto Protocol in developing countries

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Nauru welcomes the opportunity to present views on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS), a group of 44 countries among the most vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change.

Recognising that capacity building (CB) takes place in different ways at the bilateral level and through other means, AOSIS is calling for enhanced action through a clear mechanism for implementation under the Convention. The current mechanism monitors and reviews progress of the implementation of the capacity building frameworks by the SBI, however there is no provision for action on the results of these reviews. This should be defined by the work programme.

Decision 2/CP.17 established the Durban Forum for in-depth discussion on capacity building with the participation of Parties, representatives of the relevant bodies established under the Convention, and relevant experts and practitioners, with a view to sharing their experiences and exchanging ideas, best practices and lessons learned regarding the implementation of capacity building activities.

While the Durban Forum is a good platform for sharing experiences regarding implementation of capacity building, it does not provide the mechanism for translating the lessons learnt into action. The report of the first session of the Durban Forum simply says that Parties, Convention bodies and other stakeholders may wish to use the information contained in the report in their capacity-building activities.

Decision 13/CP.17 which is cited in the draft text of the Chair outlines what is required to ensure further implementation of the framework for Capacity Building as follows:

- (a) Ensuring consultations with stakeholders throughout the entire process of activities, from the design of activities to their implementation and monitoring and evaluation;
- (b) Enhancing integration of climate change issues and capacity building needs into national development strategies, plans and budgets;
- (c) Increased country-driven coordination of capacity-building activities;
- (d) Strengthened networking and information sharing among developing countries, especially through South–South and triangular cooperation;

At the moment, there are no modalities under the Convention of ensuring that Capacity Building is implemented, taking into consideration the above four things. Such modalities have to be defined, hence the need for a well-defined work programme.