



## **Submission of Nauru on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States on views from Parties on specific thematic issues relating to capacity building under the Kyoto Protocol in developing countries**

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Nauru on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States, a group of 43 islands and low lying coastal countries that are most vulnerable to the negative impacts of Climate Change, welcomes this opportunity to present its view on Capacity Building under the Kyoto Protocol in developing countries, to be considered at the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Durban Forum on capacity building, to be held during SBI 40, as well as their views on the organization of that meeting.

This submission is in response to the conclusion adopted at the 9<sup>th</sup> Conference of Parties serving as the Meeting of Parties to the Kyoto Protocol.

Parties agreed that addressing capacity building under the Protocol in developing countries is important if these countries are to effectively and successfully respond to climate change. What has not gained the consensus of Parties is the ways and means that Parties should undertake in their efforts to build or enhance their human capacities so that they can undertake those activities that will enable them to implement measure that will mitigate their levels of greenhouse gas emissions or to adapt to their effects.

Small Island Developing States (SIDs) do not have the capacity to unilaterally develop and fund programmes that will address their needs and concerns with regard to building the required capacities to ensure that their economies and livelihoods are not adversely affected by climate change. They must look to the international community for support and it is incumbent of the international community to provide the assistance that they seek. If this is not satisfactorily addressed then SIDs development will not be sustainable and they will be forever dependant on others to fill the gaps that exist in teams of persons with the requisite skills.

The Durban Forum on capacity building should be a solid foundation that can become instrumental in ensuring that the concerns of SIDs are addressed in a manner that would be acceptable to all. For the Forum to achieve what was the intention of the Parties it must go just a space that allows for more talk. It must be complimented by a process, which will serve to act on the outcomes of the Forum.

AOSIS firmly believes that this action-oriented process be formulated through a 2-year work programme that aims at achievements but not limited to the following:

- Identifying the required capacities/skills for addressing each problems relating to mitigation and adaptation;
- Developing a template that will allow developing countries to determine what capacities they will require; and
- Developing a process to assist developing countries to fill their needs through education, training or awareness.

AOSIS strongly believes that there is a need for such a work programme to be included in the Durban Forum for Parties to fully discuss with a view of finding a solution that will be satisfactory to all.