

## **Intervention By HMFED**

As a small atoll island economy faced with the existential threat from the impacts of Climate Change, we welcome the early entering into force of the Paris Agreement. For this COP to be about the successful implementation of the goals of urgent and adequate finance, it presupposes immediate and concrete action from developed countries for scaled up and simplified climate financing that will ensure certainty of flows on a needs basis to allow for nations like my country Kiribati to build resilience and be able to survive the impacts of Climate Change.

Speaking from a small island developing state that is hardly visible on the map, our adaptation needs may not always be an attractive investment priority for private sector funding. In this context we welcome the discussion today to explore options on how to better leverage private sector funding that would benefit small island developing states such as Kiribati.

As with any private sector undertaking, the private sector funding will always associate itself with projects that can either guarantee a return on their investment, guarantees their visibility and/or has low risk factors to their overall portfolio.

Multi-country or regional programs could be options that would entice private sector funding for the visibility it offers as well as potential goodwill with developed markets that are active in such regions. Financial mechanisms that provide guarantees to mitigate risks to the private sector, especially for investments in small island economies that do not provide premium market returns, should also be looked into as part of enticing private sector funding.

Equally important is the need for technological transfers and capacity building to support an enabling environment at the national level for enhanced private sector investment.

For predictability of financial flows, we welcome a concrete roadmap going beyond the floor of USD 100 billion but note we need to now focus on the target beyond 2020. It is with this in mind that we support colleagues' calls that the Adaptation Fund serve the Paris Agreement to ensure continued predictability and availability of adaptation financing.

We welcome the opportunity to participate in this interactive discussion that goes to the core of our adaptation needs and look forward to concrete outcomes that will guide the way forward for enhanced climate financing.