



Submission of Nauru on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States on its views on Loss and Damage in the 2015 Agreement

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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 views on Loss and Damage in the 2015 Agreement.

The Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) is calling for loss and damage to be included as a separate element of the 2015 agreement, one that is distinct from adaptation, and we call for enough space and time in our deliberations on a 2015 agreement to consider it separately.

The reality of the impacts that small island developing states (SIDS) are already experiencing means adaptation is absolutely critical. However, the science is telling us that we are quickly moving toward a reality where adapting will not be sufficient. The prospect for loss and damage associated with climate change for SIDS is real. In Warsaw, Parties acknowledged that loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change involves more than that which can be reduced by adaptation and the IPCC Fifth Assessment Report has confirmed that there are limits to adaptation.

Loss and damage must be addressed in a robust, consistent and sustained manner. This can only be accomplished through a loss and damage mechanism that is anchored in the 2015 agreement. Anchoring the mechanism in the agreement will ensure that it is permanent. It must also be separate from any adaptation arrangements in the 2015 agreement.

Immediate financial, technical and capacity building support that is adequate, provided on a timely basis and truly accessible will be required to address loss and damage in SIDS. Financial flows from developed countries for addressing loss and damage in vulnerable developing countries should be new and additional to financing for mitigation and adaptation.

AOSIS notes that there is on-going work under the Warsaw International Mechanism on Loss and Damage, including a 2016 Review, and expects that the results of this on-going work will be integrated into the mechanism that is anchored in the 2015 agreement.

AOSIS therefore sees it as absolutely necessary that loss and damage be considered as an additional core element of the 2015 agreement and that dedicated space be given to discuss it from the Lima conference onwards.

AOSIS stands ready to provide draft text on this subject as the process progresses.