



REPUBLIC OF NAURU

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Commission on Sustainable Development
by
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Mr. Chairman,

At the national level, Nauru identifies the development of the energy sector in terms of management, technical capacity, pricing as well as the push for renewable sources, as a critical factor for the sustainable development of Nauru.

In pursuit of renewable energy sources, and based on several studies already conducted for Nauru, Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion (OTEC) technology presents great potential in addressing my country's energy and water needs. OTEC technology is capable of generating electricity and producing other valuable by-products such as large quantities of drinking water, nutrient rich deep water to support aquaculture, ammonia for fertilizer production and hydrogen for transportation. In this connection, Nauru has already mainstreamed the OTEC initiatives in the development of our National Energy Policy in support of national sustainable development.

In that context, we urge the international community to devote sufficient resources towards supporting OTEC technologies so that we can fulfill the Millennium Development Goals and the Mauritius Commitments to create a sustainable quality of life for our people.

As a small island developing state, Nauru aligns itself to the statement delivered by the

distinguished representative of Saint Lucia on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States and strongly endorses the call for increased technology transfer and global partnerships in support of a competitive private sector – the key engine for growth for Small States. We also support an integrated approach to addressing pollution and atmospheric challenges as well as a global commitment in support of SIDS adaptation measures in response to the adverse impact of climate change.

Implementation of all these require financial resources and the support of the international community.

We acknowledge the efforts under GEF, EU initiatives for Energy and Water, as well as the support of bilateral partners. However we would like to underscore the point that the process for accessing these funds are simplified as much as possible so that SIDS, like Nauru, do not have to spend enormous resources which is limited to fulfill the requirements for those funds.

Against that background, we further endorse the call for more and effective partnerships towards the implementation of efficient and sustainable developments in the SIDS. We now have a blue print with the Mauritius Strategy that is very clear on the inter-linkages between energy and Climate change, and the need for action on renewable energy. It is now time to take stock and re-affirm development partner commitments to the Mauritius Strategy.

Furthermore, Nauru strongly believes that the function of AOSIS should be strengthened through the establishment of a legal structure to formalize collaboration, cooperation and coordination of SIDS issues in global affairs including the implementation of the Mauritius Strategy and beyond the Mauritius agenda.

In closing, Nauru welcomes the inclusion of a SIDS Day in this years CSD meeting and we urge that this arrangement be formalised for future CSDs.

Thank you Mr. Chairman