

**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 (AOSIS)**

**Views on matters referred to in decisions 2/CP.7, 2/CP.10, 1/CP.16 and 2/CP.17: issues to
be considered at the second meeting of the Durban Forum and on the potential
enhancement of the organization of the Durban Forum**

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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.

Parties are invited to provide information on the activities that Parties have undertaken pursuant to decisions 2/CP.7, 2/CP.10, 1/CP.16 and 2/CP.17, including, inter alia, information on needs and gaps, experiences and lessons learned. Parties are also urged to provide their views on specific issues to be considered at the second meeting of the Durban Forum and on the potential enhancement of the organization of the Durban Forum.

Capacity Building in developing countries is extremely important for the forty-four members of AOSIS, who contribute very little to its cause and are among the least able to adapt to these impacts without the assistance of the international community. Therefore, the members of AOSIS welcome the efforts of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and its Kyoto Protocol to address this important issue.

We all recognize that capacity building takes place in different ways at bilateral level and through other means. Developing countries are calling for enhanced action through a clear mechanism for implementation under the Convention. We have a mechanism for monitoring and reviewing progress of the implementation of the capacity-building frameworks by the SBI.

What is missing is provision for action on the results of the reviews and so we are calling for the establishment of a Work Programme be included on the agenda of the Second Durban forum on CB.

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.

The Durban Forum is a good platform for sharing experiences regarding implementation of CB but it does not provide the mechanism for translating the lessons learnt into action. That

is why 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 for ensuring that the needs and concerns of developing country Parties are addressed as contained in the relevant decisions and articles of the Convention. Such modalities need to be defined taking into consideration items (a) to (d) above that can be addressed with a well-defined and focused work programme.