

Nauru Intervention
Open-ended Consultation on Pre-ZERO Draft (Morning Session)
5th September 2014

Thank you Madam/Mr co-chair.

Let me join others before me in thanking you both for the excellent effort to put this document together that will form the basis of our consultation today and in subsequent ones. We believe that this document provides a good basis for our work and we can certainly build on.

Nauru supports a concise and action oriented HFA 2 that builds on the successes and gaps of HFA 1.

At this point we would provide general comments on the current document and we would provide some further comments and inputs later.

On the structure:

We believe that there is some merit in following the HFA 1 structure and in particular the priority actions section in HFA 1. We acknowledge also that there may be some new missing elements which can be added to reflect a more action oriented HFA 2 and with more explicit reference to strengthening partnership and international cooperation in the priorities for action. We welcome the section on partnership and international cooperation. We believe this is an important section particularly for small islands such as Nauru and also for Small Island Developing States generally.

Like other speakers before me, we also feel that a monitoring system is not adequately reflected and should be explicitly reflected.

On the Preamble:

We welcome the reference to the special attention to Small Island Development States and we are happy to provide further inputs into the preamble at a later stage.

On the Purpose, Scope and Outcome and goals:

We believe this section can be improved.

On paragraph 7 it is not clear if it talks about purpose or scope. We feel that the purpose and the scope should be made clear and we do not think the reference to climate risk in paragraph 7 is appropriate and should be deleted.

On paragraph 10, we feel there should be some synergies between the proposed targets under this framework and those targets under the SDGs.

On paragraph 11, we would like to see elements from the strategic goals in HFA 1 build upon. We feel that while there has been some progress in terms of HFA 1, challenges remains especially in the case of Small Island Developing States.

Finally, we feel that the elements of partnership and international cooperation should be strengthened and should also be built into the priority actions and the expected outcomes.