

NATIONAL STATEMENT REPUBLIC OF NAURU

***Mr Speaker,
Omo Yoran.***

Good morning. At the outset I wish to acknowledge with appreciation the warm welcome and generous hospitality extended to my delegation and I on arrival in this beautiful country.

Honorable colleagues, Parliaments key functions in the scrutiny of legislations, representation and oversight underscores its significant role in the international sustainable development agenda. Parliaments and parliamentarians should complement Government's efforts in development by performing their legislative and oversight functions in an effective and efficient manner to commensurate national and international initiatives. The theme that is adopted for this meeting is therefore apt considering the importance of human development and maritime sustainability in Nauru's Sustainable Development Strategy.

The capacities for Members of Parliament to conceive, analyze and provide oversight of appropriate policies for the advance of human development is crucial. In Nauru education is compulsory and free. However, addressing the role of school leavers and thus youth issues is a key development challenge for Nauru given that approximately 50 per cent of the population is under 30 years. Limited employment opportunities and lack of private sector to accommodate youths after formal education is a challenge to Nauru's human development and one which Nauru is actively seeking to address through initiatives with its development partners and neighbors. Subsequently partnerships in skills building, entrepreneurship and apprenticeships are probable areas for collaboration. Nauru recognizes the potential of its human capacity as an economic development tool and acknowledges the role that Parliaments have to complement the work undertaken by the executive.

Honorable Colleagues,

Like Indonesia, the fishery sector is currently Nauru's primary source of state revenue. Therefore, sustainable maritime is critical not merely for its role in Nauru's economic development but also because the livelihood of the Nauru people depend on a health and thriving marine environment.

Parliament has a role in collaborating to strengthen legislations and oversights in enhancing cooperation and coordination in matters relating to safety and security in the ocean, tackling marine wildlife crimes, eliminating environmentally unsustainable fishing, including those that lead to overfishing, illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing.

As a Pacific island country surrounded by the vast Pacific Ocean, Nauru recognizes the importance a sustainable maritime from healthy oceans.

I look forward to discussing and interacting on these matters to identify solutions and areas where the Pacific and Indonesia can work collaboratively together for the mutual benefits of our country.

Tubwa kor owak. Thank you