

Thank You Co-Chair,

Allow me on behalf of the people and the Government of Tuvalu to congratulate you and members of the Bureau on your election as Chair to lead this important process in build up to the Third World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction in 2015. My delegation assures you of our full support to you and your team on the way forward.

At the outset Tuvalu would like to associate itself with the statement made by Samoa on behalf of the Pacific Islands this morning.

Tuvalu, the 4th smallest UN member state, a remote island nation in the Pacific consisting of 8 atoll islands with a land area of 24 square kilometres is often associated with the rising impacts of climate change and related natural disasters. Tuvalu has a population of 11,000 people.

Co-Chair,

Tuvalu's fear is that ocean will rise, cyclones will grow more intense, our people will be forced to move to other countries and Tuvalu, along with its way of life, will disappear. ~~However,~~ ^{Even though our fear remains} life must go on in Tuvalu, and efforts are being made through risk reduction and disaster preparedness to lessen the worst effects of global warming and other challenges facing the population, including frequent long droughts, in-land flooding and severe weather patterns.

Co-Chair

In many flora, of the UN, in our region, the Pacific, in the world over, you hear this plea and witness from Tuvalu and other small nations for the world to deal with Climate Change and it's many diverse forms of economic, social, environment impact towards our one mother planet earth. For us our pitch is sea level rise of course, inundation of our country and ocean acidification. For others it is desertification, bush fires, flooding, land-slides, melting polar ice and other impacts. We believe that sustainable development is fundamentally flawed without addressing climate change and Climate risks, fundamentally flawed without addressing reduction in emission of greenhouse gases.

The Government of Tuvalu is dedicated to building Tuvalu's capacity, at all levels to adapt to climate change. This dedication is reflected in the political will to drive national adaption programs and ensure

that climate change impacts and disaster risk considerations are fully integrated into all our national policies, plans, budgets and decision making processes at all levels of government and communities.

Co-Chair

At the national level Tuvalu has made a commitment under the Pacific Plan to operationalise the Disaster Risk Reduction and Disaster Management Regional Framework for Action, 2005-2015, which was endorsed in Madang, in 2005. With the implementation of Tuvalu National Strategic Action Plan for Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management 2012-2015 in 2012 together with its Climate Change Policy – Te Kaniva, Tuvalu is fully committed to implement its priorities and action plans identified by its people for a safer environment for each and every Tuvaluan now and our future generation.

Co-Chair

Tuvalu strongly believe that the key to life is the health of our mother earth. To reduce the occurrence of ^{natural} disasters happening in our part of the world ~~and in every~~ ⁱⁿ every countries we urge each and every UN member country to heal the planet and to reduce greenhouse gas emissions NOW.

I thank You Co-Chair

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