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NIUE CALLS FOR CLIMATE ACTION AND SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS AT COP28

Dubai, United Arab Emirates – 2 December 2023 – The 28th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), known as COP28 has convened on the 1st of December 2023 to address critical global climate priorities, and will continue until December 12, 2023.

COP28's agenda is focused on advancing key priorities, including operationalizing the loss and damage finance facility for vulnerable communities, establishing a global finance goal for developing countries addressing climate change, promoting an energy and just transition, and closing the emissions gap.



The Pacific Island nation of Niue urges immediate and concrete action to deliver on the long-standing commitment of 100 billion dollars annually for climate finance. With a stark reminder of the impending tropical cyclone season and a history of devastating storms. Niue is calling for urgent support in the form of financial resources and tools to enhance early warning systems, disaster preparedness, and overall climate resilience.

Emphasizing their commitment to climate action, Niue invites sponsors to co-fund a sustainable financing mechanism, the Niue Ocean Wide Trust, and an innovative financing instrument, the Ocean Conservation Commitments (OCC). The OCC represents a groundbreaking partnership, inviting sponsors to co-fund one square kilometre of Niue's large-scale marine protected area for 20 years. This unique approach not only contributes to climate action and biodiversity protection but also fosters a sustainable blue economy for the Niuean people.

Niue urges developed countries to embrace this non-market mechanism under article 6.8, encouraging support for the OCC to secure the much-needed climate finance. Niue's initiative holds global significance, contributing to the long-term stability of the planet and its oceans.

Niue's National Strategic Plan is deeply rooted in sustainable development, aiming to meet economic and social needs while preserving the environment, social stability, and Niuean culture. The island nation encourages the incorporation of traditional knowledge practices that have historically supported climate change adaptation.

The Government of Niue calls for the support of all countries and individuals present at COP28 to unite in solidarity. Together, we can aim to address the impacts of climate change and work towards safeguarding a more stable future for Niue and the Pacific Blue Continent.

Time is up and urgent action is now to deliver climate finance for Loss and Damage, Adaptation, and Mitigation. Niue is a net sink and has no responsibility for the causes of climate change. Together, we can create a more profound understanding and foster collective action toward climate resilience said the Premier of Niue, Hon. Dalton Tagelagi.

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