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## Commemorating 92 years of Angam

The morning service commemorating the 92nd anniversary of Angam was attended by a handful of the 22 remaining Nauruans who survived the perils of disease and malnutrition of wartime.

His Excellency President David Adeang laid the first wreath at the centre of the World War II Memorial in Aiwo, and observed a moment's silence with attendees.

"Angam Day is more than just a day of celebration – it is a reminder of who we are as Nauruans," President Adeang said.

"We are a people who never give up, who stand tall in the face of adversity, and who are bound by our love for this land.

"This day symbolises our fight to exist, our fight to preserve our culture, our people, and our future."

This year also marks the 78th anniversary of the return of Nauruans from Truk Atoll (Now Chuuk) after three and a half years in exile.

"The return of our people from Chuuk Island 78 years ago was a return not just to our homes but to our identity and to our hearts. They came back not just to rebuild their homes but to rebuild the soul of our nation. Their resilience lives within each of us today, and we owe it to them to carry their legacy forward."

President Adeang encouraged Nauruans to prioritise their health, education and collective well-being, for themselves and for the future of Nauru.

"Let us focus on our children's future. Education is the key to unlocking our people's full potential. Let us commit to raising a generation that is well educated, capable, and ready to lead Nauru into a brighter tomorrow.

"We owe it to our children to create a sustainable future where opportunities abound, and the resources of our land are protected for generations to come."

At the age of 80, Teresia Donna Adams is one of those 22 survivors affectionately called Young at Hearts. She was born on Truk on 30 January 1944.



*His Excellency President David Adeang laid the first wreath*

While she was only a newborn during the exile on Truk, she grew up learning of the hardship endured by her family and fellow Nauruans with stories retold by her mother.

On the occasion of this year's Angam anniversary, she shared a story her mother told her of her birth and survival as a newborn during wartime.

Angam was first celebrated on the birth of baby girl, Eidagaruwo, on 26 October 1932 making her the 1500th Nauruan. Her birth marked the beginning of a new chapter in the survival of the Nauruan race after the population dropped to near extinction.

Following WWII the population dropped yet again and the second attempt to reach a population count of 1500 was achieved with the birth of Bethel Enaparoe on 31 March 1949. Bethel would later have her name changed to Lanietta Anam Aiyu (now spelt Angam) as published in Nauru Government gazette No. 42, on 22 October 1949. While both dates hold significant meaning for Nauruans, the birthdate of the first Angam baby is celebrated annually

Angam evokes an array of feelings among Nauruans. Attaining the minimum population count of 1500, twice, is testament to the determination and struggle of a people to ensure the survival of their race. Angam means jubilation, celebration, triumph, and home coming.

The 1500 Nauruans in 1932 and again in 1949 ensured our existence as a people and country. And these 22 remaining survivors are the last threads connecting us to the time when Nauru could easily have ceased to exist. //

## Sir Hammer DeRoburt Day

A special church service was held on 25 September to celebrate the 102nd birth date of Nauru's founding father the late Sir Hammer DeRoburt, and National Youth day.



***Church service at Orro Congregational Church to commemorate Sir Hammer DeRoburt day and National Youth Day, 25 September***

Acting President Jesse Jeremiah, and Cabinet Ministers Asterio Appi and Shadlog Bernicke attended the service held at the Orro Congregational Church, followed by the laying of wreaths at the resting place of the late president at Boe cemetery.

Pastor Jezza Agadio led the service with his sermon taken from Proverbs 11:3.

The national anthem was led by the Nauru Congregational Church Combined Youth Choir, followed by hymns and prayer requests.

Afterwards at Boe cemetery, Acting President Jeremiah laid the first wreath. Inez Bill, granddaughter of the late former president laid a wreath on behalf of the DeRoburt family.

Sir Hammer DeRoburt was born on 25 September 1922 and passed away on 15 July 1992. He led the charge for Nauru's independence and subsequent control of its lucrative phosphate industry.

DeRoburt was a member of parliament for the Constituency of Boe and was president for most of the first 20 years of Nauru's independence. His presidency ended in August 1989 but remained a member of parliament for Boe until his passing. //



## President meets King Charles, PM Mata'afa at CHOGM

His Excellency President David Adeang was in Samoa last month for the 27th Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM), the first time for the Pacific and for a Small Island Developing State (SIDS) to host the event. It is also the first meeting under the leadership of His Majesty King Charles III as the head of the Commonwealth family.



***King Charles III meets Pacific heads of government during CHOGM.***

President Adeang met Samoa's Prime Minister Fiamē Naomi Mata'afa and the two leaders discussed CHOGM and a range of other issues including deep sea mining, aviation, and matters of mutual interest aimed at fostering a stronger partnership.

The President was also invited to a dinner with King Charles III along with other heads of government.

During his brief stay engaged in several bilateral meetings with heads of government and senior ministers on matters of common interest including climate change, deepsea mining, and regional cooperation.

President Adeang and Minister for Foreign Affairs Lionel Aingimea and their delegation also visited Vaiala, the host village for the Nauru delegation and the home village of PM Mata'afa.

Minister Ainigmea attended several other CHOGM meetings while the President travelled back to Nauru for the Angam day commemoration.

CHOGM brings together delegations from 56 nations from Africa, the Caribbean and Americas, Europe, Asia, and the Pacific. It aims to reinforce multilateral cooperation, explore new opportunities, and tackle common challenges for the well-being of future generations.

Leaders meet to shape Commonwealth policies and priorities on shared goals like development, democracy and peace, trade and economy, climate change and environment. //





## Island leaders roundtable talk strategies for improvement

Minister for Foreign Affairs & Trade Lionel Aingimea represented Nauru at the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) held in Samoa in October, where leaders met to discuss policies, priorities and shared goals of the Commonwealth.

At the Commonwealth Business Forum (CBF) session, the Island Nation Leaders Roundtable, discussions included strategies for improving access to finance, dismantling trade barriers, fostering technological innovation, transforming the global work force, and enhancing sustainability and resilience for island nations and Small Island Developing States (SIDS).

Minister Aingimea told leaders at the roundtable that Nauru, like many SIDS and island nations is confronted with challenges that threaten their fragile economies.

“These challenges are common and often include climate change, geopolitical tensions, limited access to financial support, trade barriers and unique vulnerabilities, promises made and not kept.”

One of Nauru’s unique vulnerability is its geographical isolation which imposes a challenge towards its economic development.

“We recognise that our small and vulnerable economies and resources limits our drive to compete in global trade markets, afford transportation services and access to financial assistance.

Acting High Commissioner Mr. Close said the start of civil works represents a significant milestone in the implementation of the 2,250km EMC, which will deliver the first international submarine cable connection.



***Minister Aingimea underscores vulnerabilities of small island states at the Island nation leader's roundtable during CHOGM.***

Upon completion, the EMC will link Nauru, Tarawa, and Kosrae (FSM) to the existing HANTRU-1 cable, enhancing internet connectivity with faster speeds, improved quality, and greater reliability.

The project, valued at \$135 million, is supported by funding partners including the United States, Japan, and Australia, reflecting a collective commitment to bolster essential connectivity infrastructure in the Pacific region.

The Acting Chairman of the Nauru Fibre Cable Corporation (NFCC) expressed appreciation to the government officials who have advocated for this initiative, and the Australian Government for its dedication to this project, reassuring their commitment to sustainable development and regional partnerships that will yield enduring benefits for the communities. //

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## East Micronesia Cable civil works to commence

ICT Minister Shadlog Bernicke and Australian Acting High Commissioner Stephen Close conducted the ground-breaking ceremony for civil works of the East Micronesia Cable System (EMCS), 1 November.



***ICT Minister Bernicke and Australian Deputy HC Close perform ground breaking for the EMC civil works***

“I am honoured to perform this ground-breaking ceremony, to mark the commencement of the civil works in preparation for the establishment of the EMCS cable landing station in Nauru,” the Minister said.

Acting High Commissioner Mr. Close said the start of civil works represents a significant milestone in the implementation of the 2,250km EMC, which will deliver the first international submarine cable connection for Nauru.

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## President in UAE and Oman for sovereign wealth fund meetings

President David Adeang led a delegation to Dubai on the invitation of the United Arab Emirates Royal family, as well as to meet with the International Forum of Sovereign Wealth Funds (IFSWF) in Oman.

On 31 October, President Adeang was accompanied by deputy ministers Maverick Eoe, Isabella Dageago and Delvin Thoma for a fruitful meeting with His highness Sheikh Ahmed Dalmook Al Maktoum of the UAE. The two leaders discussed a range of issues and matters of mutual interest aimed at fostering a stronger partnership and business relationship.

Days later on 2 November, President Adeang and DM Thoma travelled to Muscat, the capital of Oman. Their first engagement was a visit to the Oman Cement Company and a meeting with its board.

The following day they met with the Oman Foreign Minister Sayyid Badr bin Hamad Albusaidi. Among their discussion was the agreement to establish diplomatic relations between Nauru and Oman, and to work together on development aspirations and business relations.

President Adeang later met with the head of the ISFWF, Abdulsalam Al Murshidi, and discussed various development projects, ahead of the ISFWF meeting proper.



*HE President David Adeang met with His Highness Sheikh Ahmed Dalmook Al Maktoum of the UAE, 31Oct.*

The official meetings in Oman concluded with a dinner reception with His Highness Sayyid Taimur bin Asa'ad Al Said, member of the Royal Family of Oman and chairman of the Central Bank of Oman.

Outside of the ISFWF engagements, President Adeang and DM Thoma met with PNG Minister for Rural and Economic Development Joseph Lelang. //

## Nauru with Pacific policing initiative at CHOGM

Minister for Foreign Affairs & Trade, Lionel Aingimea attended the event for the Pacific Policing Initiative on the margins of the Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting (CHOGM) in Samoa last month, marking the first deployment of the new Pacific police support group.



*(L-R) Constable Roy Engar, Sergeant Marvin Tokaibure, Superintendent Imram Scotty, Constable Marlicia Tsitsi, and Constable Julinda Grundler.*

More than 40 police officers from 11 Pacific countries, including Nauru Police Force officers Sergeant Marvin Tokaibure, and constables Roy Engar, Marlicia Tsitsi, and Julinda Grundler, took part in the deployment, providing security support for Samoa's hosting of CHOGM.

The PPI is a major regional initiative endorsed by Pacific leaders at the Pacific Islands Forum Leaders Meeting (PIFLM) in Tonga in August. It is designed to strengthen policing capacity and coordination in the region.

This Pacific-led initiative, backed financially by Australia is designed to strengthen collective peace and security throughout the Pacific.

Australia is committing approximately \$400 million over five years to ensure the PPI delivers on the aspirations of Pacific countries. The contribution will include infrastructure costs associated with new policing Centres of Excellence in the region. The PPI has three pillars.

Up to four regional police training Centres of Excellence, located in the Pacific, to enhance policing capabilities through specialist training and operational support for Pacific police personnel.

The Pacific Police Support Group (PPSG) - a multi-country police capability, with a ready pool of trained Pacific police to deploy in response to Pacific country requirements, such as for major event management or additional capacity in times of crisis.

A PPI Policing Development and Coordination Hub to be hosted in Brisbane – including access to state of the art AFP facilities for training and to prepare for any PPSG deployments.

Key speakers included the Prime Minister of Samoa Fiamē Naomi Mata'afa, Prime Minister of NZ Christopher Luxon, Prime Minister of Fiji Sitiveni Rabuka, and PM of Tonga Siaosi Sovaleni. The event was co-hosted by Samoa and Australia. //



## Italian Ambassador present credentials

His Excellency President David Adeang received the letter of credence of Paolo Crudele, Ambassador of Italy to the Republic of Nauru, 15 October.



*President Adeang and Ambassador Crudele following the presentation of credentials at the Office of the President*

The national anthems for Italy and Nauru were played before the inspection of the Nauru Police Force Guard of Honour.

Mr Crudele earned a degree in Political Science from the University of Salerno in 1989 and subsequently joined the National Diplomatic Service in 1992, where he attended the Diplomatic Institute of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

In his career history, Mr Crudele has held various roles including Commercial First Secretary in Guatemala in 1996, First Secretary and later Counsellor in Madrid from 2000 until 2004, Head of Office in the Directorate General for America, Ambassador of Italy to Singapore and Brunei, and Deputy Director General for Italians Abroad and Migration Policies in Rome in 2017.

Mr Crudele was honoured as an Officer of the Order of the Merit of the Italian Republic in 2014. //

## Türkiye Ambassador present credentials

His Excellency President David Adeang accepted the credentials of the Ambassador of the Republic of Türkiye to Nauru, Mr Ufuk Gezer, in the Office of the President, 17 October.



*President Adeang accepts the credentials of the Ambassador of the Republic of Türkiye to Nauru*

President Adeang welcomed the ambassador and expressed Nauru's appreciation for the strong partnership with Türkiye and for its steadfast support during the recent Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development Forum, regarding the deferral request and the consideration of the Multidimensional Vulnerability Index for Small Island Developing States (SIDS).

"Your presence today symbolises Türkiye's solidarity with nations like ours, striving for a sustainable future for future generations... we look forward to further strengthening the bonds of friendship and cooperation between Nauru and Türkiye."

Ambassador Ufuk Gezer earned a Bachelor's degree in Political Science and International Affairs from Bosphorus University in 1997 and a Master's degree in Advanced International Studies from the Vienna School of International Studies in 2011.

He previously served as minister counsellor at the Embassy of in Türkiye Berlin and the deputy director general for the Directorate General for South East Asia in January 2020. //



## Commemorating 25 years of UN membership

Deputy Minister Delvin Thoma participated in the celebration of the 25th anniversary of Nauru, Kiribati, and Tonga's membership in the United Nations, held in New York, 27 September.

"As we gather to mark the 25th anniversary of Nauru, Kiribati, and Tonga's membership to the United Nations, I extend a gracious welcome to all. This occasion is a testament to our collective global efforts in fostering peace, security, and prosperity for all nations, while championing the principles of peace, dignity, and equality," stated the Deputy Minister.

Nauru became the 187th member of the United Nations in September 1999.

The Nauru Permanent Mission was established in 2000, with Ambassador Vinci Clodumar as the inaugural permanent representative from December 1999 to February 2005. He was succeeded by Ambassador Marlene Moses, who served from 2005 to 2020, making her the longest-serving representative to date. Following her, Ambassador Margo Deiye took on the role from 2021 until mid-2024, and currently, Ambassador Lara Daniel holds the position. //



*Deputy Minister Thoma delivered his speech at the celebration of Nauru, Kiribati and Tonga's membership in the United Nations*

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## Inaugural parliament open day: restoring community connectivity

His Excellency President David Adeang, accompanied by cabinet ministers, participated in the inaugural Parliament Open Day hosted by the Office of Parliamentary Services, 9 October.



*Speaker of Parliament Marcus Stephen delivers the opening remarks for the inaugural parliament open day*

The ceremony commenced with a prayer by the President of the Nauru Youth Parliament, Hanson Olsson, followed by opening remarks by Speaker of Parliament Marcus Stephen.

Clerk of Parliament Ann-Marie Cain also delivered a speech on the significance of the open day and provided a concise overview of the history of the Nauru Parliament, highlighting its transition to an independent institution in 2021, following the enactment of the Parliamentary Services 2020 Bill, which established it as a self-governing body entirely separated from the executive government.

Ms Cain said the objective of the open day is to "reconnect and restore community connectivity to their parliament and eliminate barriers to mobility and access to legislations passed by parliament".

The Nauru Parliament's vision is to function as a strong and independent parliament that reflects the will of the people while attuning towards sustainable quality of life for all citizens of Nauru.

Also in attendance were Cabinet Ministers, Australian High Commissioner Sara Moriarty, Bishop Simon Mani MSC, heads of departments, students, and community members.

The open day featured a guided tour of the parliament house and various entertainment activities for guests to enjoy as they learn and engage with the democratic processes of the parliament. //



## New office to enhance community emergency management

Nauru Emergency Services (NES) opened its newest office space for administration and the disaster risk management units at the fire station, with the honour of President David Adeang performing the ribbon cutting, 4 October.



**President David Adeang cuts the ribbon to the new NES office space**

Minister for NES Jesse Jeremiah said the new office is a vital hub and a significant milestone in ongoing commitments to enhancing emergency management and response in our community.

“This facility is not just a building; it represents commitment to ensuring that NES teams have the resources and space they need for better planning and execution of emergency operations.”

The new space is also fitted with a kitchenette and toilet and shower facilities, adding to the existing in-house gym.

NES was established on 11 May 2015, and has brought together Rescue Fire Services, Emergency Ambulance Services, Meteorology Hydrology Services, Lifeguard Services, and Disaster Risk Management unit.

Minister Jeremiah says the integration has greatly improved NES coordination and collaboration, allowing responses to emergencies more effective and efficient. //



## China celebrates 75th national day in Nauru

The Ambassador of the Embassy of the People's Republic of China Lyu Jin hosted a reception to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the founding of the PRC, 1 October.

Ambassador Lyu says, “this year China has become the second largest donor for Nauru” with practical cooperation between the two countries unfolding in areas of transportation, industry, education, healthcare and sports; adding that China will soon help Nauru possess the Skyline container ship further facilitating marine logistics and transportation.

On behalf of His Excellency President David Adeang, the Minister for Education Asterio Appi said “this anniversary marks a remarkable transformation of growth and global leadership journey under the steadfast visionary leadership of President Xi Jinping”.



**Ambassador Lyu delivers his opening speech at the China National Day celebration at the Menen hotel**

He acknowledged China's advancement in economic development, scientific innovation and international cooperation while playing a pivotal role in promoting peace, stability and progress worldwide.

“On this occasion, Nauru reaffirms its support for the One China Principle and stands ready with great optimism to deepen our collaboration in areas of mutual interest, particularly as we face common global challenges. //

## Education honours teachers on World Teachers Day

Ministry for Education celebrated its teachers and trainers on World Teachers Day, 1 October, with a special recognition award for the best teacher from each of the 12 schools.



*Teachers recognised for the 2024 best teacher award for their respective schools*

Minister for Education Asterio Appi thanked teachers and trainers for the “stellar work they do” to the teaching profession and the education community, noting the added roles they play as nurses, counsellors, advisors and coaches. Additionally, he thanked the expatriate teachers for the sacrifice of leaving home and contributing to Nauru’s education.

Minister Appi said teachers have a special set of skills, a natural ability to give, and the rewards they seek are in their students’ progress, achievement, and success later in life.

“The rewards they seek are rarely for themselves. What teachers give to our students and society is the intangible and invaluable gift of selflessness,” Minister Appi said.

In addressing the teacher shortage, the ministry engaged a focused recruitment drive abroad, with 43 teaching positions created soon after to safeguard workloads and conditions for teachers. Interviews are underway.

Best teacher awards:

Iniga Bop – Menen Infant School  
 Adella Akubor – Anetan Infant School  
 Priscilla Detageouwa – Nibok Infant School  
 Estrella Gourab – Boe Infant School  
 Rosie Ben – Sacred Heart Infant School  
 Mereseine Tukai – Abel Disable Centre  
 Prithi Naidu – Yaren Primary School  
 Josefa Boa – Nauru Primary School  
 Melania Matai – Sacred Heart College  
 Philip Tanimana – Nauru College  
 Mere Oli Taylor – Nauru Secondary School  
 Lincoln Harris - TVET

## Bishop Mani makes inaugural pastoral visit to Nauru

LBishop Simon Mani arrived in Nauru for a week on his first pastoral visit as the bishop of the Diocese for Tarawa and Nauru, and presided over a mass at Christ the King Catholic Church in Ewa, 6 October.



*President Adeang along with Bishop Mani, Cabinet Ministers and Speaker of Parliament at the Nauru Parliament House*

His Excellency President David Adeang, Speaker of Parliament Marcus Stephen, Minister Charmaine Scotty, Deputy Minister Isabella Dageago, and Chief Secretary Leona Waidabu were present for the mass.

During his stay on island, the Bishop paid courtesy visits on President Adeang and Cabinet Ministers, and attended the parliament open day.

Bishop Mani was ordained in Tarawa, Kiribati, 27 July, which President Adeang and a large group of Nauruans attended. He first visited Nauru in 1989 as a seminarian. //





## Sports stadium site development at 90 per cent

Minister for Sports and Infrastructure Development Jesse Jeremiah extended an invitation to His Excellency President David Adeang, Cabinet Ministers, and the Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to visit the sports stadium site, 15 October.

Secretary for Infrastructure Annalina Solomon and Nauru Rehabilitation Corporation Engineering Manager Creedence Halstead provided an update on the progress of the site development that has taken place since the beginning of this year.

Mr. Halstead noted that the land leveling process has reached 91 per cent completion and is anticipated to be finished by January 2025.

Minister Jeremiah expressed his gratitude to all stakeholders involved in the site development project, as well as to the landowners for their cooperation in allowing the use of the land. //



*President Adeang, accompanied by Cabinet Ministers, Speaker of Parliament, and the Ambassador of China, received an update on the progress of the site development for the sports stadium land*

## NORI Q&A with President David Adeang

His Excellency President David Adeang engaged in conversation with the Head of Communications from The Metals Company (TMC) and Nauru Ocean Resources Inc., Mr Dan Porras, regarding Nauru's involvement in deep seabed minerals on the margins of the United Nations General Assembly, September 2024.



**His Excellency President David Adeang addressed the UN General Assembly in September 2024**

In this candid Q&A, the President of Nauru reflects on the Pacific Island nation's deep connection to the ocean, its history with phosphate mining, and the opportunities ahead with Nauru Ocean Resources Inc. (NORI) and deep-sea nodules.

As Nauru navigates challenges like creating economic resilience and adapting to climate change, the President shares how polymetallic nodule collection offers a way forward—not only for Nauru's economy but also in contributing to the global energy transition.

**NORI:** Can you tell us about Nauru's Connection to the Ocean?

**President Adeang:**

If you come to Nauru, you'll find that most people live on the coast. That's because we grew up as fishermen. The ocean provides for us, it connects us, and it's dear to us. Even today, much of our budget comes from selling access to our fisheries, which is a very important part of our economy.

People here love their fish. Stories about the ocean and sea life are deeply embedded in our traditional narratives. Going forward, we can't ignore that Nauru is perhaps a bigger ocean state than a land state. While we are only 22 square kilometres of land, our Exclusive Economic Zone in the ocean is vast.

**NORI:** In the past, colonial powers benefitted greatly from Nauru's resources. How has this colonial past shaped the country?

**President Adeang:**

We have a history shaped by the mining of phosphate, which has been ongoing for over a hundred years. Nauru itself has only benefited from phosphate since 1968, when we became independent. Before that, the colonial powers—mainly Australia, New Zealand, and to some extent, the United Kingdom—took advantage of cheap, or free, phosphate to build their economies. After independence,

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we quickly became one of the richest countries in the world on a per capita basis due to revenues from phosphate. But we made mistakes, and we've learned from them.

Those lessons have greatly shaped how we now approach the opportunity of deep-sea nodules and how we can better manage the abundance they will offer for the people of Nauru. As one of the smallest republics in the world, our resources are limited, but our challenges are significant.

One of the major issues we face is economic resilience. The collapse of the phosphate industry, for example, caused widespread hardship on the island. Another challenge came with the introduction of the refugee processing centre.

Nauru must continually find ways to strengthen its economic resilience, and we see deep-sea nodules as one of the key pillars that can contribute to our economic stability. We've learned to manage resources more wisely, and deep-sea nodules present an opportunity to bring prosperity to Nauru in a more responsible way.

**NORI:** Is it possible for small island states to play a role in the global energy transition?

**President Adeang:**

I think it's important for small islands like Nauru not to just complain about the effects of climate change or beg richer countries to act. Deep-sea nodules give us a real opportunity to contribute to the world's transition to clean energy. We can play an important role in decarbonization, helping to move the world toward clean energy.

It's not just about employment opportunities or revenue—although those are important—it's about Nauru playing its part in solving global challenges. We can proudly contribute to clean energy while ensuring our own economic future.

**NORI:** What is Nauru's role as a regulator for the nodule industry, and how will you protect against serious harm to the deep-sea environment?

**President Adeang:**

We've seen the science, and it is telling us that the environmental impact of deep-sea nodule extraction is minimal—far less than terrestrial mining. We have established the Nauru Seabed Minerals Authority.

We've put the right people in place, and we're resourcing the Authority to ensure we regulate this industry responsibly.

As guardians of the ocean, we have a responsibility to protect it. But we are confident in the science and in our partnership with NORI and The Metals Company.

They have invested heavily in environmental studies which show convincingly that when mining begins, the impact will be minimal.

We are also working with our Pacific neighbours, and we are sharing the science and terabytes of data with those who need to know, so that everyone understands the realities of deep-sea nodule collecting.

Through the Nauru Seabed Minerals Authority, we're working closely with the International Seabed Authority to establish and update regulations. This isn't just about one government; multiple governments are involved, which makes the regulations stronger.

We believe this collaboration will ensure that deep-sea mining is done responsibly, and we're happy to contribute to creating thorough, well-informed international regulations as this industry develops.

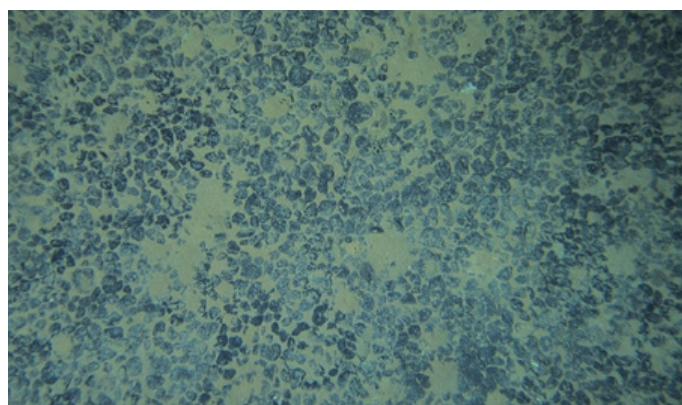
**NORI:** Anything else that you would like to add?

**President Adeang:**

Deep-sea mining is an exciting, promising industry for Nauru and for the Pacific. Its potential to meet the world's energy needs is significant.

We must pursue this opportunity not just to help the world but also to protect the future of small island states like Nauru.

It's time for the International Seabed Authority to adopt the regulations, which we have seen, and which are very comprehensive. And it's time for the islands to show that we can stand up and contribute to a better future for ourselves and the planet. //



**A polymetallic nodule field in the NORI-D area. NORI has conducted 22 offshore campaigns in the Area**



## Germany and Samoa host SIDS meeting

Minister for Foreign Affairs Lionel Aingimea attended a working lunch hosted by Germany and Samoa, 22 September, on exchanging views on international climate policy, financing challenges faced by Small Island Developing States (SIDS), with open discussions and questions on global governance, including the reform of the international financial architecture.



**Leaders of Small Island Developing States convene in New York for an open discussion regarding international climate policy and associated financing challenges**

Minister Aingimea underscored the unique vulnerabilities and distinct challenges faced by SIDS due to their geographical location, small economies, and high exposure to climate risks.

The group also discussed proposed solutions for SIDS financing, strategies for international cooperation such as partnerships with developed nations, international organisations, and the public-private sector.

Other focus areas included innovative financing mechanisms such as blue bonds; global governance and financial architecture reform; and the challenges in the current climate finance landscape such as debt burden, limited development assistance, funding gaps, and misaligned development indicators which fail to capture SIDS' unique vulnerabilities and climate risks.

The meeting was held at the Permanent Mission of Germany in New York. //

## Thoma advocates Pacific island concerns at Russia meeting

Deputy Minister Delvin Thoma attended the Pacific Small Islands Developing States (PSIDS) Russia ministerial meeting held at the United Nations Security Council chambers in New York, 27 September, where discussions centred on Pacific issues such as climate and security, sea level rise, plastics and zone of peace.



**(4th from left) Deputy Minister Delvin Thoma with leaders at the PSIDS-Russian ministers meeting, 27Sept24**

DM Thoma addressed the meeting, pointing out that climate change triggers events and disasters that significantly put a strain on PSIDS' resources like water and arable land, which consequently lead to conflicts and disputes as communities compete for resources.

He further expressed disappointment in recent negotiations of the Pact of the Future that PSIDS is ignored leaving them with the impression that the threats and circumstances on the ground in PSIDS countries are not getting due consideration.

In the interest of building a relationship based on mutual respect, DM Thoma called for support, underlining that "this is more than just conflict related, this is about fundamental threats to our peoples and culture". //

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