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## Resilience study tour supports treaty pillars



*Nauru delegation and Australian DFAT at the Pacific security and strategy roundtable*

Building on from the Nauru-Australia Treaty a team of senior Nauru government officials took part in a series of meetings in Australia on the inaugural National Economic and Security Resilience Study Tour from 1 to 8 June. The program was spread across Brisbane, Canberra and Sydney, and is fully-funded by the Government of Australia.

The study tour provides the opportunity for discussion aligned with key pillars in the Treaty that was signed by President David Adeang and Australian PM Anthony Albanese in December 2024.

The delegation participated in a thoughtfully curated program of engagements to enhance Nauru's economic and security resilience, including high level meetings with Australian government representatives, business and industry leaders, and defence experts.

Discussions focused on economic governance and diversification, national security, crisis management, and the Treaty.

On the invitation by the Australian High Commission in Nauru, the eight-person delegation was led by Director General from the Office of the President, Christiana Detenamo, who co-chairs the joint committee for the Nauru-Australia Treaty.

The delegation included Secretary for ICT Geoffrey Harris, Deputy Secretary for Internal Affairs Jymika Timothy, Director Government Information Office Joanna Olsson, Director for Treasury Stephanie Bam, Director for Disaster Risk Management Diminsky Reweru, Director for Australia/NZ division (DFAT) Darina Jacob and Director for International Security (DFAT) Ad-astra Benjamin.

They were accompanied by Second Secretary at the Nauru Australian High Commission, Aiki Choh.

On the first day, 2 June, the delegation was accorded a Welcome to Country and traditional smoking ceremony, at Brisbane's South Bank.

In the meeting with the Australia Pacific Islands Business Council (APIBC) and Trade and Investment Queensland, discussions included exploring areas of opportunity to grow Nauruan business and trade investment, investing in tourism and engaging with local entities to identify a niche market in Nauru.

Meeting with the Commonwealth Bank of Australia (CBA) headed by Ben Morgan, reinforced the planned live operations of the bank in early August. The CBA's presence in Nauru is for the long term and is guaranteed in Treaty which is not common in many Pacific Island Countries. This would be the first agency arrangement of the CBA.

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Article 3 of the Treaty refers to banking and Australia's support for sustainable banking services in Nauru, access to the international financial system, connectivity and compliance with financial regulatory frameworks.

A back-to-back meeting followed with Treaty officials reiterating the view to bring and evaluate the partnership between Nauru and Australia to a broader people-to-people relationship.

The centrepiece of the study tour was the 2025 Australian Strategic Policy Institute (ASPI) Defence Conference on Preparedness and Resilience, in Canberra, 4 June.

International perspectives from speakers and panelists from the Pacific, Europe and the United States were brought to the discussions contributing to the undertaking of securing Australia and the security and stability of the Indo-Pacific region.

Australia's Minister for Defence Industry and Pacific Island Affairs Hon Pat Conroy, and PNG's Minister for Defence Hon Dr Billy Joseph, presented statements on the connectivity of ministers and assistant ministers as a vital tool in communication; and underscored defence agreements between Australia and PNG as tools to develop a strong alliance for their mutual protection.

The ASPI conference also examined the state of the Australia-US alliance under the Trump administration and its impact on defence planning, the arrangements of the trilateral security partnership between Australia, the United Kingdom, and the United States (AUKUS), and Australian sovereign capabilities.

The key takeaways for the Nauru delegation include the blend of perspectives and opinions on the challenges of sovereign capabilities, national resilience and capacity to act collectively and effectively as a nation in crises.

The roundtable on Pacific security and strategy, with representatives from the Australian Federal Police, and the departments of home affairs and foreign affairs, topics included economic resilience and improving security systems and how Nauru's economy, food and energy security, and climate resilience might be affected by world events.

At the second roundtable on economic resilience and infrastructure, the delegation engaged with representatives from Australian DFAT and the Australian Infrastructure Financing Facility for the Pacific (AIFFP).

Discussions focused on economic governance, ICT, Pacific media and connectivity support, the runway project and UXO removal, social protection and financial management.

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## Ethics and conduct training for lawyers



**CLE training programs strengthen key institutions to ensure effective, inclusive and accountable political governance**

The Nauru Law Society, with support from Australia and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), hosted a Continued Legal Education Programme (CLE), 6 June at the Supreme Court, Yaren.

The one-day event titled 'Upholding Justice: A Training Programme on Professionalism, Ethics, and Conduct' brought together legal professionals to reinforce standards in legal practice.

The official program, led by master of ceremony Clerk of Court Rosita Rokobuli, began with a prayer by Pastor Jezza Agadio followed by remarks from Nauru Law Society Vice President Raynor Tom.

"As officers of the court, we bear solemn duty to uphold justice, preserve the rule of law and act with integrity to both sides. This is an opportunity for reflection, dialogue and reaffirming of our commitment to official, ethical legal practice."

The keynote address was delivered by Acting Secretary for Justice Bhavna Narayan on behalf of Minister for Justice Hon Lionel Aingimea, MP.

"Ethical legal practice ensures that clients receive honest counsel, it ensures courts function in fairness, and society benefits from a legal system that prioritises righteousness over personal or financial gain. Legal practitioners must recognise that their actions not only shape individual cases but set precedents for the profession itself."

The CLE training programme focused reference to the Nauru Legal Practitioner's Act 2019 on the topic of Regulatory Framework, Foundations of Professionalism, Ethics and Conduct and Disciplinary Procedures and was facilitated by UNDP.

CLE training programmes are provided under the Nauru Accountable Inclusive Governance (NAIG) project. A project aimed to strengthen key institutions to ensure effective, inclusive and accountable political governance, which extends to the judiciary division.

The event concluded with a Q&A session and evaluation, reinforcing the nation's commitment to upholding justice through continued legal education and professional accountability. //

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AIFFP support in Nauru include improved internet connectivity via submarine cable and resurfacing the international airport runway and main ring road infrastructure.

A visit to Australia's National Emergency Management Agency and a meeting with the Australian Cyber Security Centre explored the mechanics of disaster risk reduction and recovery, emergency preparedness, and response to space, weather and cyber threats.

Official meetings wrapped up with a roundtable with the Lowy Institute and the Pacific Trade and Invest Australia (PTI), in Sydney, 6 June.

At the Institute discussions centred on Nauru's economic resilience challenges and diversification opportunities, transnational security, regional collaboration, intelligence sharing and graduation from the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) official development assistance (ODA) list, and the possible effects this will have on Nauru's economic development and welfare.

PTI Australia whose mission is to grow Pacific export by helping find buyers in the Australian market, also facilitate trade connections, exhibitions, and business advice, they provided 35 services to Nauru businesses, while 14 Nauru businesses have attended PTI workshops and events, including digital services webinar, digital tourism program, and social media masterclass.

The comprehensive meeting schedule was complemented with cultural and community events including a guided tour of the exhibition of South Sea Islanders at the Queensland Museum and the well protected artefacts collection.

They later visited a Lite n' Easy factory – a Pacific Australia Labour Mobility (PALM) -recognised workplace where 15 Nauruans are currently employed and are demonstrating good work ethics and workplace performance according to recruitment company, Regional Workforce Management (RWM).

Another guided tour at the Botanical Gardens in Sydney provided an inspiring lesson in Aboriginal heritage and food sourced from the bush highlighting connections to native ingredients.

The inaugural study tour is aimed at connecting and opening the conversation among senior government officials and industry experts on areas of mutual interest, deepening collaboration across key sectors. //

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## TMC, Nauru announce updated NORI sponsorship agreement

The Government of Nauru along with the Nauru Ocean Resources Inc., (NORI), and The Metals Company jointly announced the signing of a revised sponsorship agreement updating the terms of the agreement signed between the two parties in 2017.



*Photo caption (L-R): Gerard Barron, Chairman and CEO of TMC and Nauru President David Adeang*

The agreement signed on 4 June in Brisbane, guarantees the Republic of Nauru will continue to receive existing financial benefits, training and capacity building programs and in-country community and social programs it receives today, while ensuring that, in consideration for its continued sponsorship of NORI, Nauru will receive continuity benefits upon the commencement of commercial production by NORI or another TMC subsidiary.

President of the Republic of Nauru, His Excellency David Adeang, says, "NORI and TMC have been trusted and respectful partners to Nauru throughout this pioneering journey".

"Together, we have worked to establish a responsible pathway for deep-sea mineral development—one that can serve as a model for other developing states. As a Pacific Small Island Developing State (SIDS), our identity and future are inseparable from the ocean, and we would never support any activity that risks serious harm to it. Science, not slogans, has always guided our stewardship, and we remain committed to that path.

"We believe the world must explore new sources of critical metals if we are to address the urgent realities of climate change. For small island nations like ours, this is not an abstract concern—it's an existential one," the President said.

"We seek practical, science-based solutions that allow us to participate meaningfully in the energy transition. We are grateful to NORI and TMC for their continued partnership and commitment to responsible development that will deliver lasting benefits to the people of Nauru."

Since becoming the first developing State to sponsor a polymetallic nodule exploration contract in the Reserved Area of the Clarion Clipperton Zone (CCZ), Nauru and NORI have taken a leading role in shaping the deep-sea mining industry.

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Over the course of 22 offshore research campaigns, NORI has assembled the world's most comprehensive dataset of deep-sea environmental information and conducted the first integrated mining test in the CCZ since the 1970s. This has generated valuable in-field impact data, ensuring that environmental management is informed by evidence and best practice.

Nauru's efforts align with the 2050 Blue Pacific Strategy, a shared vision by Pacific leaders for a region of peace, harmony, security, social inclusion, and prosperity, where all Pacific peoples can lead free, healthy, and productive lives.

Through the sustainable use of our ocean resources—what Nauru calls the Blue Economy—the country aims to generate economic growth, improve livelihoods and create jobs, while preserving the health of our marine ecosystems for future generations.

As one of the most vulnerable countries in the world, Nauru strongly supports the application of the Multidimensional Vulnerability Index (MVI) to capture better the economic and environmental risks that Nauru face.

The development of deep-sea minerals, guided by robust science and ecological safeguards, presents an opportunity to enhance Nauru's economic stability and resilience, with the support of responsible partners like NORI and TMC.

In accordance with the agreement, Nauru will channel the majority of the financial benefits into its Intergenerational Trust Fund, as a strategic measure to address structural vulnerabilities and to enhance the nation's long-term economic resilience.

Gerard Barron, Chairman and CEO of TMC, says, "Over the past 14 years, we have been fortunate to receive the steadfast support and partnership of the Government and people of Nauru".

"Their courage and leadership in championing a science- and rules-based approach to deep-seabed mineral development have helped shape not only our company, but the trajectory of this emerging industry. Without their trust and commitment, none of what we've built would have been possible," Mr Barron said.

"We remain unshakeable in our commitment to developing this project responsibly, transparently, and in a way that delivers real benefits for all Nauruans. We are deeply proud of the work we have done together—from building the most comprehensive environmental research program in deep-seabed resource development, to pioneering a path for other small island developing states to participate meaningfully in this industry.

This is a partnership rooted in shared values, and we look forward to continuing this journey, guided by science and respect for the ocean that connects us all.

"I'm also heartened by the recent Executive Order's call for a joint assessment of a seabed benefit-sharing mechanism, and certain that 'Big Ocean States' like Nauru will continue to play a leading role in this industry," Mr Barron said.

Looking ahead, Nauru remains committed to working with the International Seabed Authority (ISA) and will continue to sponsor NORI.

"Together, we can drive and deliver on the promise of the Blue Pacific—one that strengthens our sovereignty, secures our oceans, and uplifts the lives of our people," President Adeang said. //

About The Metals Company is available at [www.metals.co](http://www.metals.co).

## **Australia addresses Nauru food security with the second consignment of rice**

On behalf of the Government and the people of the Republic of Nauru, His Excellency President David Adeang extended heartfelt thanks and deep appreciation to the Government and people of Australia for their generous and unwavering support in assisting Nauru once again during a time of need.



**Communities collect their rice from designated collection points**

A consignment of 20 tonnes of rice, donated by Australia, arrived in Nauru on 1 June via a chartered flight from Fiji. The rice was distributed to communities around Nauru in the same manner as the previous delivery.

This timely assistance is yet another reminder of the enduring bonds of friendship and solidarity that transcend geographical boundaries. Australia has once again demonstrated its commitment to the well-being of the Nauruan people, reinforcing the close and trusted partnership we share.

This act of goodwill is a testament to the strength of the bonds of friendship and the spirit of *amin bwini* that exists between our two nations.

The recent Treaty signed between Nauru and Australia further underscores our shared values and commitment to mutual cooperation and support. It is a significant milestone in the evolution of our bilateral relationship and a reflection of the confidence and trust we place in each other, not just as partners and friends, but as family. //

## Families receive keys to new homes

The Department of Infrastructure under the new Nauru Government Housing Program completed and handed over the first two houses in Buada and Meneñ, 4 June.



*Quan and Anjela Detenamo received their house key from President Adeang*

In an official handover ceremony, His Excellency President David Adeang, performed the cutting of the ribbon before presenting the keys to the new homeowners, Quan Detenamo and his family and Rexson Gaskell and his family.

Secretary for Infrastructure Annalina Solomon said “the new housing program is a continuation of the Smart House program, with slight changes in design to a more sustainable design, one that meets the families' needs and the standard of living.”

The new Nauru Government Housing Program continues its initiative for long-term sustainable development and enhancing the quality of living for Nauruans and the communities through the program.

Minister for Infrastructure Jesse Jeremiah affirmed more houses will be built under the new housing initiative. He congratulated the new homeowners on their new homes and thanked all contributors to the construction of the houses.

In the budget speech 2024-2025 presented by President and Minister for Finance David Adeang in August 2024, “the government housing budget has set more realistic targets this year with 11 two-bedroom houses to be built by the Department of Infrastructure plus another 11 houses to be built against the list of red zone residents”.

Also in attendance at the handover were ministers Asterio Appi, Charmaine Scotty, Maverick Eoe, and Shadlog Bernicke. //

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## Business meeting with Grace Road



*Business development opportunities focus on agriculture, food supply and improving health*

His Excellency President David Adeang and his delegation met with the president of the Grace Road Group for a business meeting during a brief trip to Fiji, 31 May.

President Adeang, along with Minister for Commerce and Foreign Investment Maverick Eoe and deputy ministers Isabella Dageago and Delvin Thoma, met with the president of the Grace Road Group, Daniel Kim, to discuss potential business development opportunities in Nauru, with a focus on agriculture, food supply, and improving the health of the people of Nauru.

Discussions centred on projects to enhance local food production, reduce reliance on imports, and promote healthier lifestyles through sustainable agriculture and food systems.

The Grace Road Group expressed strong interest in supporting Nauru's food security goals through modern farming initiatives. His Excellency, the President and Ministers, also visited their hydroponic farm in Nadi.

The meeting was initiated by Minister for Commerce and Foreign Investment Eoe as part of his department's foreign investment initiative to attract strategic partners to support economic growth and national well-being.

The government looks forward to continued engagement as it works to build a stronger, more self-reliant economy for the people of Nauru. //

## AML legislation training for legal practitioners

A three day Continued Legal Education (CLE) program on anti-money laundering legislation training for Nauru Law Society practitioners was conducted at the USP centre on 27 May.



*Lawyers are made aware of obligations under anti-money laundering laws*

CLE is a training program provided for lawyers and practitioners to enhance and elevate their professional knowledge and to ensure they're kept up to date with any changes or emerging changes that happen in the law system. CLE is supported under the Nauru Accountable and Inclusive Governance (NAIG) project funded by the Australian Government and implemented by UNDP.

Under the Legal Practitioners Act 2019, lawyers are required to report any matters relating to anti-money laundering to the Nauru Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU).

In September 2023, Nauru underwent a mutual evaluation review on compliance with the Financial Action Task Force (FATF). It identified law firms of Nauru as legitimate Designated Non-Financial Professional Bodies (DNFBP).

This categorisation as DNFBP now requires law firms to undertake reporting of their financial activities for clients. Law firms must practice due diligence of their clients. Any funds which are deposited into the trust account of the lawyers must be properly documented including identifying the source of that funding.

Section 31 of the Legal Practitioners Act provides as follows: 'Practitioner duty to report on any money laundering – A practitioner shall inform the relevant authorities for any suspicious activities of money laundering by clients under the Anti-Money Laundering and Targeted Financial Sanctions Act 2023'.

The key objective of the CLE training is to ensure lawyers are aware of their obligations under the Anti-Money Laundering and Targeted Financial Sanctions Act 2023.

Secretary Udit highlighted in his opening speech that "If law firms do not comply, Nauru's international standing on technical compliance and effectiveness will be at stake".

"Currently, Nauru ranks as the third most compliant country in the Asia Pacific Group on Money Laundering (APGML) which is good news."

Secretary Udit encouraged participants to use this CLE program as an opportunity to rectify any deficiencies they may have in the system, so their practice is never questioned for compliance.

As Nauru becomes more integrated to the global digital finance, the risk of being susceptible to suspicious financial activities such as money laundering and cyber-enabled fraud can also increase. This capacity training program is vital for strengthening detection, regulation and response to help mitigate those risks. //

## Lucky loads 27k tonnes phosphate



*STR Lucky is third phosphate shipment this year*

The bulk carrier vessel STR Lucky arrived in Nauru waters on Wednesday, 28 May, marking the third phosphate shipment of the year. The vessel loaded 27,000 metric tonnes of phosphate.

Loading operations progressed smoothly, aided by favourable weather conditions. STR Lucky Star departed for South Korea on Monday 2 June.

This shipment underscores RONPhos' commitment to strengthening trade ties to the South Asia region and expanding its presence in the competitive market.

RONPhos is Nauru's state-owned phosphate mining company established in 2005 following the restructuring of the earlier Nauru Phosphate Corporation. //

## Brazil donates specialised medicine

The Government of Brazil, through the collaboration between the Brazilian Embassy and the Nauru High Commission in Canberra, donated specialised medicines for the treatment of chronic and rare diseases including 5,010 tablets of levetiracetam, 1,008 tablets of deferasirox and 1,008 tablets of rivastigmine.

Nauru's Department of Health and Medical Services (DHMS) says the medicines are essential for the department and will be critical to treat patients suffering from illnesses including neurodegenerative disorders, chronic iron overload, seizures and other rare diseases.

The consignment arrived in Nauru on 29 May and received by the DHMS.

The government and the people of the Republic of Nauru express its gratitude and deep appreciation to Brazil for their generosity and kind donation. //



*Special medicine critical to treating rare diseases and disorders*

## Iraqi brothers receive honorary citizenship



*Honorary citizenship is provided in Section 19.1 of the Naoero Citizenship Act*

Two brothers from Iraq were formally sworn in as honorary citizens of Nauru during a brief ceremony held in the Cabinet meeting room, 9 June.

The ceremony followed the approval of honorary citizenship in accordance to Section 19.1 of the Naoero Citizenship Act 2017, which allows the President, in consultation with the Cabinet, to grant honorary citizenship to any person.

Administered by Acting Chief Justice Kini Viliame Keteca, Dadvan Yousuf and Walat Yousuf took their oath and pledged their allegiance to Nauru.

This was witnessed by His Excellency President David Adeang, Hon Minister Lionel Aingimea, Hon Minister Shadlog Bernicke, Deputy Minister Delvin Thoma and other senior government officials.

In accordance to the Naoero Citizenship Act 2017, a person who is granted citizenship shall take the oath of allegiance or make affirmation at a public ceremony, unless exempted by the minister for justice.

The ceremony concluded with photographs and congratulations from Cabinet members and officials. //

## Nauru supports UNDP strat plan, goals

United Nations Permanent Representative Ambassador Lara Daniel delivered a national statement at the Executive Board Annual Session 2025, Interactive Dialogue with the UNDP Administrator at the UN Headquarters, 4 June.



*Ambassador Daniel acknowledges UNDP prioritisation of SIDS needs*

Ambassador Daniel underscored the importance of having a strong, unified and well-resourced UN development system, capable to address today's multidimensional and interconnected challenges.

Nauru voiced its strong support for the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Strategic Plan and its four goals; effective governance, prosperity for all, a healthy planet and crisis resilience, highlighting the importance of innovation in areas such as digital transformation and sustainable finance.

Ambassador Daniel acknowledged UNDP's continued prioritisation of the needs of the most vulnerable and the Small Island Developing States (SIDS).

"UNDP serves as the operational backbone and reform of a development system both visible and impactful. In Nauru, our partnership with UNDP has yielded tangible results, including support to Parliament, justice and electoral sector, development of energy road map and promotion of climate-smart agriculture aimed at enhancing food security and reducing reliance on imports.

"These are meaningful interventions that support the full realisation of our citizen's rights and path to sustainable self-reliance."

Ambassador Daniel echoed global calls for increased and predictable core funding to ensure UNDP's universal and responsive presence.

Ambassador Daniel took the opportunity to express her sincere appreciation to the outgoing Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Achim Steiner, for his exceptional leadership. She praised his transformative stewardship over the past eight years, which helped UNDP evolve into a more agile and responsive institution aligned with the needs of the Global South. //

## Philippines ambassador presents credentials

His Excellency President David Adeang received Ambassador-designate of the Philippines Antonio A. Morales for the presentation of credentials accrediting him as the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Philippines to Nauru, 3 June.



*Ambassador Morales inspects the NPF guard of honour*

Ambassador Morales was met by Acting Secretary for Foreign Affairs Tilson Ephraim on arrival and then escorted by Acting Commissioner of Police David Canon to inspect the Nauru Police Force Guard of Honour before proceeding to the Office of the President to present his credentials.

President Adeang expressed appreciation to the Philippines government for their enduring friendship and commitment to cooperation and acknowledged the contribution of Filipino workers whose services have been invaluable in Nauru's development and economy.

"We hope to collaborate more closely with your government on matters of shared global concern, including climate change, promotion of peace and advancing sustainable development across our region".

Ambassador Morales responded by assuring President Adeang the Government of Philippines anticipate collaborating to maintain and enhance mutual partnership, acknowledging 57 years of diplomatic engagement between Nauru and the Philippines.

"Our bilateral relations have remarkably progressed in recent times and I am assured that this advancement shall persist. As Pacific Island States, we share fundamental attributes and principles. These common values have been reinforced by the robust, interpersonal connections of Philippines residents who have established their homes or livelihoods in Nauru, thereby contributing to Nauru's development."

Ambassador Morales' diplomatic career spans over three decades and has served in various roles in Philippine's diplomatic missions including Italy, Hong Kong, USA, Malaysia and Turkey. He holds a degree in Economics and Law from the University of the Philippines. //

## Spain ambassador presents credentials

His Excellency President David Adeang received Ambassador-designate of Spain Esther Monterrubio Villar, for the presentation of credentials accrediting her as the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Kingdom of Spain, 3 June.



*President Adeang receives Ambassador Villar*

Ambassador Villar was met on arrival at the government office by Acting Secretary for Foreign Affairs Tilson Ephraim, and then escorted by Acting Commissioner of Policer David Canon for the inspection of the Nauru Police Force Guard of Honour, before being escorted to the Office of the President for the presentation of her Letter of Credence.

President Adeang said Nauru values its partnership with Spain in sharing commitment to peace, international cooperation and addressing global challenges. He also acknowledged Spain's role as a member of the European Union, who are strong advocates for multilateralism which allows them a unique position to support the development aspirations of Small Island developing States (SIDS).

"We look forward to exploring avenues to deepen engagement and collaboration in key areas, including renewable energy, education. Climate resilience and cultural exchange and working with you to foster stronger relationships that benefit our two nations."

Ambassador Villar has extensive diplomatic experience which started in 1993 in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs where she served as Director of North America Affairs and Russia and Eastern Europe Affairs. Other positions in Madrid include Chief of Staff to the State Secretary for Foreign Affairs and Ambassador at Large for Peacekeeping Operations and Ambassador at Large for International Environment and Sustainable Development Affairs. She has previously served as Permanent Representative of Spain to the United Nations in Vienna (2020 – 2024).

In addition to her high-profile assignments, she played integral roles within the Regional Government of Aragon serving as Commissioner for External Relations and Director of the Regional Government's Office in Madrid.

The Ambassador holds a Master's Degree in Law is currently based in Canberra, Australian Capital Territory. //

## HE Adeang receives German book on Nauru

High Commissioner Camilla Solomon had the honour to present to His Excellency President David Adeang, the translated 'Two Early Descriptions of Nauru' book, on behalf of the German Embassy in Australia, on 31 May.



*Germany continues to support strong partnerships with Nauru*

The book is a translation of the works of Antonie Brandeis (1868-1945), a German collector and ethnographer who gathered cultural material from Nauru in 1903 and German Catholic missionary Father Alois Kayser MSC (1877-1944), a who spent most of his life on Nauru and published widely on the Nauruan language and culture.

Germany continues to cultivate strong partnership with Nauru through translating historical documents from its colonial era.

Through the respective Missions in Canberra, Nauru and Germany enjoy amicable bilateral relations today.

Germany offers bilateral assistance to Nauru including a project with EcoNauru on climate and biodiversity, an improvement for disability access project with the Department of People Living with Disabilities as well as close collaboration with the Naoero Museum. The relation is further enhanced through the reciprocal appointment of honorary consuls. //

The Two Early Descriptions of Nauru can be accessed online here: [Foreword: Antonie Brandeis, an Early German Woman Visitor to Nauru - Nomos eLibrary](#), [Ethnographic Observations about the Nauru Islanders - Nomos eLibrary](#).

## India donates livelihood development items

The vocational training department have received additional equipment and products to support their programs through a generous donation by the Government of India.



*Barefoot college present livelihood products to Nauru*

The material for three livelihood activities for candle making, mosquito net production and sanitary napkin manufacturing were received by President David Adeang and Acting Minister for Education Charmaine Scotty, 28 May.

Representing the Government of India, the non-profit organisation, Barefoot College India, presented the items which Minister Scotty said would be valuable for women and acknowledged the project.

Director for Energy Phaedora Harris says the items will be passed on to the new Department of Vocational Training and Professional Development to support their training programs.

The project is funded by India's Ministry of External Affairs, and in collaboration with the non-profit organisation, Barefoot College India who is spearheading the project. Barefoot also facilitated the roll out of the broader project titled 'Solar Electrification of 2,800 houses in 14 Pacific Island countries and Provide Livelihoods'.

Project lead, Dhilsha Jubair Amaryil says for Nauru, this translates to the electrification of 200 households using decentralised solar home lighting systems and the introduction of the livelihood activities

The solar units were distributed to the 14 districts a week earlier and training on installation and repairs provided by Barefoot College.

"These livelihood components are designed to not just to generate income but to strengthen community resilience, improve health and wellbeing, and promote local enterprise in a sustainable and dignified way," Ms Amaryil said. //

## IGN decisions to reflect global threats

Charge d'Affaires Ms Josie Ann Dongobir represented Nauru to deliver statement at the Informal Meeting of the Plenary on the Intergovernmental Negotiations (IGN) on the question of equitable representation and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Council at the UN Headquarters, New York, 29 May.



*Nauru calls for updated conflict terms, crisis management*

Ms Dongobir voiced strong support for the Caribbean Community and Common Market (CARICOM) model. The model proposes a dedicated non-permanent seat for SIDS and Low-lying Coastal States.

Ms Dongobir emphasised the proposal is not merely about expanding the Council and fair representation, but also about securing space at the table for those whose survival is at stake. She encouraged the decisions being made at the Council, to reflect the full spectrum of global threats.

"SIDS like mine are experiencing the devastating consequences of climate change in real time. Rising sea levels, prolonged droughts, salt water intrusion, and collapsing ecosystems are not future risks, they are today's crises."

Ms Dongobir expressed concern on the Security Council's outdated conflict definitions, it must evolve to address modern threats, including environmental crises. The current approach cannot meet the scale and complexity of today's global security challenges.

Nauru remains fully committed to supporting a reform process that delivers tangible results, acknowledging the longer the delay on concrete action, the more risk eroding the credibility and relevance of the process. IGN have served its role in building understanding, now the time has come to build on that foundation with greater urgency and renewed determination and spirit of compromise. //

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