

Thank you Madame President I also represent the Pacific Islands Association of NGOs (PIANGO), the regional NGO peak body for NGOs in the Pacific.

We were pleased to note in your key messages that the consultation was an inclusive and transparent process which engaged diverse groups of stakeholders, through a series of stakeholder consultations including sector specific consultations, district open forums and questionnaire distributions.

A good coverage of participation of elders, youth, and people with special challenges was recorded. We are calling on the Government to commit to review and support an effective CSO umbrella (Nauru Island Association of NGOs) especially relating to the implementation of SDGs.

In particular, we would like to see a coordinated mechanism for funding CSO engagement in the national SDG framework, What plans do you have to ensure civil society continue to be systematically engaged once you return home?

We note that Nauru's health challenges are severe with the significant burden of NCD's. Government spends a substantive proportion of its budget on curative measures, however health standards remain poor.

In the Education Sector enrolment numbers have improved however the level of truancy, retention and pass rates are still a concern. How can the government better support CSOs and community groups to assist with family and community awareness to tackle these health and social problems. I thank you.