

On Zero Draft Outcome Document: Fourth International Conference on Small Island

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In the pursuit of creating a secure and sustainable future, it is imperative to address critical issues related to renewable energy and carbon equality. These recommendations aim to enhance the effectiveness of policies and initiatives aimed at fostering a more resilient and inclusive global community.

[Suggestion] Fostering Biodiversity-Friendly Renewable Energy
Paragraph: C. A secure future, #25.

In describing "renewable energy," we suggest emphasizing its biodiversity-friendly nature. One of the key aspects of creating a sustainable future lies in embracing renewable energy sources (say, marine windpower). However, it is crucial to ensure that the transition to renewable energy is not only about reducing carbon emissions but also promoting biodiversity. This addition underscores the importance of balancing ecological preservation with the promotion of clean energy alternatives.

[Suggestion 2] Advancing Carbon Equality for a Safer Tomorrow
Page 12, before Paragraph "33. We therefore commit to":

We suggest incorporating the idea of "equal rights of carbon" before addressing the 33rd point. The principle of "carbon equality" introduces a transformative approach to carbon emissions, emphasizing equal rights and responsibilities for every individual. This principle asserts that every person has an equal right to carbon emissions and, correspondingly, shares an equal responsibility for carbon reduction. It promotes a fair and just distribution of carbon rights and responsibilities among all nations, including citizens of small island developing states (SIDS).

Acknowledging the historical and developmental inequalities, particularly faced by SIDS, the recommendation stresses the need to advocate for "carbon equality" globally. This principle advocates for equal opportunities to enjoy the rights associated with carbon emissions, challenging the prevailing disparities. Small island nations often bear the brunt of climate change impacts, such as rising sea levels, despite contributing less to global carbon emissions.

By championing the cause of "carbon equality," the international community can work towards a more just and secure future for all.