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President Kun attends coronation of King Charles III

His Excellency President Russ Kun and Madam Simina Kun attended the coronation of Charles III and Camilla as king and queen of the United Kingdom and the other Commonwealth realms, at Westminster Abbey, 6 May.

The coronation of King Charles is the first in seven decades since the late Queen Elizabeth II was crowned on 2 June 1953.

Charles acceded to the throne on 8 September 2022, upon the death of his mother, Elizabeth II.

The symbolic ceremony was held at Westminster Abbey, with the King becoming the 40th reigning monarch to be crowned there since 1066.



Moments after the Archbishop bestowed Saint Edward's Crown on King Charles III

Prior to the coronation, on 5 May President Kun met King Charles at Marlborough

House during the Commonwealth leaders meeting which Deputy Minister Asterio Appi also attended. The President and Deputy Minister Delvin Thoma later met with Prince William at a reception at Buckingham Palace.

President Kun also had a bilateral meeting with the UK Minister of State (Overseas Territories, Commonwealth, Energy, Climate and Environment), the Rt Hon. Lord Goldsmith at the Small Island Developing States (SIDS) Coronation Event in London, 5 May.

Discussions centred on close cooperation on climate change, and exchanged views on a closer relationship •

US\$8m fisheries fund approved for Nauru

The Adaptation Fund recently approved US\$8 million for Nauru's project proposal titled, 'resilient coastal fisheries and aquaculture'. This is the first time for Nauru to access the Adaptation Fund.

Secretary for the Department of Environmental Management and Agriculture (DEMA), Berilyn Jeremiah says this is a milestone achievement for Nauru in terms of climate resilience "as it will address long-standing barriers that hamper the implementation of adaptation solutions in the coastal fisheries and aquaculture sector and therefore will contribute to greater food security, nutrition and ecosystem health".

Ms Jeremiah encourages all Nauruans to participate and contribute to the implementation of the project as the community plays an important role in the development of the aquaculture sector in Nauru whether it is at a community or domestic level.

"A mini grant facility will be established for new and existing aquaculture operators to access," Ms Jeremiah said.

The grant facility will enable the sustained production of milkfish for domestic food supply and income.

"This project will also deliver training modules to small-scale fishers as well as prospective and existing aquaculture operators. The training will be assorted with on-site practical training for relevant topics such as safety at sea, sustainable fishing methods

and marketing which will contribute to the better management of our marine resources.

"The Fish Market will be upgraded to increase the attractiveness and quality of fresh fish and fish products produced in Nauru, creating a unique location where fish farmers and fishers will be able to store, package, process, and sell their catch.



Fishing is a source of food and income for many local fishermen

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“These are just some examples of how the community can participate and contribute to the project.”

The six-year project’s components include strengthened policy and planning strategies together with increased technical abilities of civil servants and communities for an integrated approach to climate change and development challenges.

It will also look at improved food security and nutrition through farmed fish supply, and increased resilience of ecosystems and adaptive capacity and income of aquaculture operators. It will also look at reduced pressure on climate-vulnerable coastal and reef ecosystems.

Data and knowledge sharing mechanisms for adaptation planning and environmental protection will also be targeted outcome to increase the resilience of ecosystems and capacity of communities.

In the face of climate variability and change several concrete outcomes are expected including increased adaptive training and capacity of aquaculture operators and artisanal fishers and the

US Ambassador Marie Damour visits Nauru

The United States Ambassador Her Excellency Marie Damour arrived in Nauru and re-engaged discussions with government officials and strengthen diplomatic relations, 3-5 May.

Ambassador Damour spent her time engaging with various government officials and followed up on their previous conversations during her last visit to Nauru in February.

The Ambassador sought to have a better understanding of the government’s concerns which she says will raise with Washington in June.

“I hope to have a better understanding of what the government of Nauru is most concerned about; what they’re paying attention to and how they are viewing the increased engagement of the United States to comprehend more clearly on what’s happening.”

The Ambassador paid courtesy calls the next day, 4 May, on His Excellency Acting President Rennier Gadabu and Cabinet Ministers Pyon Deiyee and Timothy Ika.

Acting President Gadabu welcomed the visit as an opportunity for Nauru to pick up discussions with the Ambassador and raise other points of concern that are important to the Nauru government.

On Friday 5 May, Acting President Gadabu and Cabinet Ministers embarked on a short scenic tour on board the ambassador’s aircraft.

The scenic tour gave officials the opportunity to view the protection of Nauru’s borders and its Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) from a different perspective and have brief discussions on the matter.

Commander Victor Lange of the United States Navy said that Nauru

resilience of marine ecosystems.

To increase the resilience of the aquaculture sector there will be provision for infrastructure, equipment and national institutions to enhance training, services and income.

“Aquaculture has always been a part of us as Nauruans as it is a practice passed down from generation to generation. Not only has it been part of our culture but it is a source of our food security so the concept has always been a priority to develop this sector,” Ms Jeremiah said.

The project will be implemented in January 2024, with a mid-term review carried out in the third quarter of 2026. The project is expected to conclude in December 2029 and an evaluation conducted in 2030.

The signing agreement is yet to be done in which case the Pacific Community (SPC) will be the implementing agency, the Nauru government as the executing entity and the project operationalised through the Nauru Fisheries and Marine Resources Authority (NFMRA).

The Adaptation Fund was established under the Kyoto Protocol of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change •



Ambassador Damour during an interview at the Nauru Airport VIP lounge

and the United States need to work together with their Pacific allies to ensure that borders are securely protected from external threats.

The scenic tour was conducted twice more with small contingents from the Nauru Police Force (NPF) and the Nauru Fisheries and Marine Resources Authority (NFMRA).

The experience is beneficial to the NPF and the NFMRA as they often operate within Nauru’s EEZ for security and monitoring purposes.

While the scenic tour was taking place, the Ambassador visited the Naoero Museum.

Having majored in history, she said that it was good to be back at the museum saying it was “very dear” to her and hopes to follow up on the museum again in the near future.

Reflecting on her visit, the Ambassador said she had “a wonderful set of conversations with various members of your government about how we in the United States and the US government can be a better partner to Nauru moving forward”.

Ambassador Damour has residence in Suva, Fiji. She departed Nauru for Fiji on 5 May •



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Nepal establishes diplomatic relations

The Permanent Representative of the Republic of Nauru to the United Nations Her Excellency Margo Debye, signed the Joint Communiqué with her counterpart the Permanent Representative of Nepal His Excellency Amrit Bahadur Rai, formally establishing diplomatic relations between the two countries, at the Permanent Mission of Nepal, in New York, 4 May.



Ambassadors Debye and Rai following the signing of the communiqué

The two Permanent Representatives also signed a joint letter informing the Secretary General of the United Nations, His Excellency Antonio Guterres, about the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries.

Nepal is a least developed country (LDCs) and also a land locked developing state (LLDCs).

Nepal lies along the southern slopes of the Himalayan mountain ranges and located between India to the east, south, and west and the Tibet Autonomous Region of China to the north. Its territory extends roughly 500 miles (800 kilometres) from east to west and 90 to 150 miles from north to south. The capital is Kathmandu.

Nepal and Nauru are members of the Asia Pacific Group (APG) and share similar challenges on the impacts of climate change.

Due to climate change, Nepal is affected by landslides and flood events which are triggered by rapid snow and ice melts in the mountains as well as by extreme, torrential rainfall during the monsoon season.

This historic ceremony presents opportunities for enhanced cooperation in development aspirations at the multilateral level •

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Ambassador Debye engages discussions with Ambassador Alrowaiee

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Nauru and Bahrain have engaged through the first summit between the League of Arab States and the Pacific SIDS partnership that was held from 23 to 24 June 2010 in Abu Dhabi. The outcome of the meeting is called the Abu Dhabi Communiqué. The Abu Dhabi Communiqué strengthens the engagement between these two groups in the fields of economic, cultural, education, political and environmental. The second summit will commence this year from 11 to 12 June in Saudi Arabia.

Bahrain has requested the support of the Government of the Republic of Nauru for its candidacy to the United Nations Security Council for the term 2026-2027.

Bahrain is a small Arab state situated in a bay on the southwestern coast of the Persian Gulf. It is an archipelago consisting of Bahrain Island and some 30 smaller islands and located in one of the world's chief oil-producing regions •

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