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Ambassador Masao Nakayama of Micronesia made interactive comments on three items that emerged from the Panelists' presentations at the SIDS Interactive Session, on the afternoon of February 26, 2007. The summary of his off-the-cuff comments is as follows:

### **On Tidal Energy**

One of the Panelists mentioned that there is a potential for harnessing tidal energy for small islands developing states, particularly those that have lagoons and channels through which tidal currents flow in and out of a lagoon. The Panelist mentioned that pilot projects need to be implemented.

Nakayama supported that tidal energy projects be piloted so that if proven successful they can be up-scaled for implementation.

### **On Growing of Artificial Reefs**

It was also mentioned that the technology to grow artificial reefs has been demonstrated successfully, but the problem is the lack of funds to support the implementation of this technology.

Nakayama also expressed support for mainstreaming coral reef growing into existing and future international programs, as coral reefs are crucial for protection of the seashore, and thus an adaptation measure against rising sea level, and provide habitats for fish and other forms of sea creatures.

### **On Solar Panels Still Expensive**

Also responding to a Panelist statement that solar energy technology is still expensive, Nakayama expresses the hope that the international community would find other ways of interventions, such as governmental incentives, to bring down production costs. As time is of the essence in cutting GHG emissions, relying solely on market forces to bring down the costs of solar energy technologies may not be sufficient.

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