

## **WCC-2016-Rec-109-EN**

### **Aloha+ Challenge Model for Sustainable Development**

NOTING that the planet is faced with urgent issues, such as climate change, urban growth, water scarcity, biodiversity loss, and poverty, which require collaborative solutions;

RECOGNISING the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development as a plan of action for people, planet and prosperity, with the ultimate goal to eradicate poverty in all its forms and dimensions, including extreme poverty, as an indispensable requirement for sustainable development;

ACKNOWLEDGING the Paris Agreement adopted by the 21st Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC COP21 – Paris, 2015);

AWARE that islands are particularly susceptible to climate change, and can demonstrate responses to complex global challenges;

NOTING that pre-contact, the Hawaiian Islands supported a population of up to one million people through sustainable management practices;

ALSO NOTING that the State of Hawai'i is a member of the Global Island Partnership, which co- develops 'challenges' that inspire leadership and catalyse commitments to build resilient communities through innovative partnerships and best practices;

RECOGNISING that the Aloha+ Challenge: A Culture of Sustainability, He Nohona 'Ae'oi'a, is a shared commitment by the State of Hawai'i signed by the Governor, all County Mayors, and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs in 2014, unanimously endorsed by the State Legislature, and supported by a network of public-private partners;

NOTING that the Aloha+ Challenge outlines six sustainability goals with specific targets to be achieved by 2030, including: clean energy, local food production, natural resource management, solid waste reduction, smart sustainable communities, and green workforce and education;

NOTING that the State of Hawai'i is an early sustainable development leader within the United States, with a focus on renewable energy, marine conservation, watershed protection, biosecurity and community-based sustainability initiatives;

ALSO RECOGNISING that at the Third International Conference on Small Island Developing States (SIDS Conference – Samoa, 2014), the United States Department of State announced the Aloha+ Challenge as a model for green growth that could be replicated regionally and globally; and

ACKNOWLEDGING that the Aloha+ Challenge aligns with the recently adopted United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs);

### **The World Conservation Congress, at its session in Hawai'i, United States of America, 1-10 September 2016:**

1. NOTES that the Aloha+ Challenge is a model that can be adapted to incorporate local values, cultures and contexts for the implementation of the SDGs; and
2. CALLS ON Members to support collaborative initiatives to adapt the Aloha+ Challenge framework for locally appropriate implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, fostering a global culture of sustainability for future generations.