



### **United Nations Needs Assessment Mission in Nauru**

Following the Nauru Electoral Commission's request to UNDP on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2017 for technical assistance, under the approval of the Under-Secretary General for Political Affairs and UN Focal Point, a United Nation's Needs Assessment Mission (UN NAM) team was sent on island from the 25<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> August 2017 to assess the electoral needs of Nauru on behalf of the Electoral Commission consulting with the Commission and key stakeholders.

The United Nation Mission comprised of the following delegation;

- Ms. Rose Mutayiza (Electoral Affairs Officer – Head of Mission)
- Ms. Olga Rabade (Electoral Expert)
- Ms. Ellen Alradi (UN Senior Peace & Development Officer for the Pacific)



*The UN Mission Team with some of the Commission staff members*

The purpose of this UN NAM visit was to assess and evaluate the electoral needs required by the Electoral Commission as well as to advise on what package of support is available. The UN visit came at an opportune time as the Commission had just recently completed the development of their Strategic Plan 2017-2020 including their training needs.

The Commission in coordination with the UN officer Ms. Erana Aliklik invited different electoral key stakeholders from the government, non-government organizations, as well as the communities. A few are as follows;

#### **Government;**

- Foreign Affairs & Trade Department
- Female MPs – Hon. Gabrissa Hartman & Honourable Minister Mrs. Charmaine Scotty
- Office of the Supreme Court – Chief Justice
- Home Affairs Department

#### **NGOs;**

- Faith Based Organizations – different church leaders from different religions
- Women's Based Group – women representing different backgrounds (previously ran as candidates, business owners/entrepreneurs, community based women, and many others)
- Nauru Disabled People's Organization – people with disabilities
- Nauru Community Based Organization – community leaders

The Electoral Commissioner Mr. Joseph Cain and the two Deputy Commissioners Mrs. Corinne Joram and Mrs. Sylvanna Deireragea are grateful for this Mission. The outcome of the UN consultation was very promising and positive for the Electoral Commission in terms of UN providing electoral support in the near future.