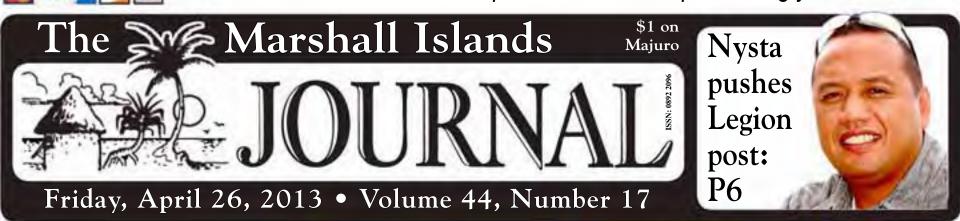


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## Glen vs Goliath

MIMRA Director Glen Joseph was a featured speaker this week at an agenda-setting meeting for the Small Island Developing States (SIDS) group at the United Nations in New York.

His talk was titled, "Beachfront Property," and if you think that's an odd name for a speech for a Pacific island strategy session, it just shows you don't know Glen Joseph, who understands the David and Goliath battle he's involved in.

"I thought this (title) is relevant in the context of framing our SIDS global agenda for the post-2015 meeting," he said. "Developed nations view 'beachfront property' as an exclusive, premium property. In our case, (it is) inundation, over-fishing, hardship, and challenging as we continue to live on it as 'home."

## MIMRA head speaks at UN small island meeting in NY

Joseph sees the agenda of small islands — on fisheries, climate change and development — repeatedly undermined by the weight of policies from developed nations who have been reaping benefits at the expense of small countries

"We have all heard it from the international community on the wide ranging issues affecting us," he said. "We have all seen it as first hand victims of the effects of the global community on food security, over-fishing and climate change. Yet SIDS is basically being pushed to one side while issues effecting them continue to be debated."

The RMI and other small islands need "to frame our agenda" to gain action from the international community "instead of just rhetoric," he said.

His talk on "ocean governance" this week was at the Expert Group Meeting on Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and Post-2015 Development Agenda held at UN Headquarters.

Joseph said small islands have to develop strategies to keep their agenda in the center of global discussions and, at least as important, to get the bigger nations to support sustainable develop-

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## Solaris bug shuts down RMI email

NTA's email system was shut down last weekend by a "bug," forcing technicians to work around the clock to fix the problem.

From early Friday until Sunday afternoon, NTA's Tilmake website could not be accessed to check email, and people sending emails to NTA customers received "delivery delayed" notifications.

The good news is that when the system came back on line at 5pm Sunday, emails sent since Friday were waiting in customers' mail boxes.

NTA General Manager Tommy Kijiner praised NTA technical staff who rebooted the system. "Our people went without sleep for two nights," he said. "Archie **Continued page 3** 

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