



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

17 February, 2016

Excellency,

I have the honour to forward a letter, dated 16 February 2016, from H.E. Mr. Sebastiano Cardi, Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations and H.E. Mr. Ahmed Sareer, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Maldives to the United Nations, in their capacity as Co-facilitators of the Steering Committee on Partnerships for SIDS.

In this communications, the Co-facilitators inform that they will be convening the first meeting of the Steering Committee on 25 February, 2016. The letter also communicates a tentative programme for the first meeting of the Steering Committee.

This meeting is held pursuant to paragraph 11 of the General Assembly resolution A/RES/70/202, entitled “Follow-up to and implementation of the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway and the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States”, which decided, in accordance with paragraph 101 of the Samoa Pathway, to establish the SIDS Partnership Framework, to monitor and ensure the implementation of pledges and commitments through partnerships for SIDS.

I would like to take this opportunity to echo the message of the Co-facilitators, to encourage Member States to actively participate at this meeting.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurance of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Mogens Lykketoft', written in a cursive style.

Mogens Lykketoft

All Permanent Representatives  
and Permanent Observers to the United Nations  
New York



12 February 2016

Excellency,

We have the honour to invite you to the first meeting of the Steering Committee on Partnerships for Small Island Developing States (SIDS). This meeting will be held at the ECOSOC Chamber in the United Nations Headquarters in New York, on Thursday 25 February 2016, from 3:00pm to 6:00pm.

This meeting is held pursuant to paragraph 11 of General Assembly resolution A/RES/70/202 “*Follow-up to and implementation of the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway and the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States*”, which decided, in accordance with paragraph 101 of the Samoa Pathway, to establish the SIDS Partnership Framework, to monitor and ensure the full implementation of pledges and commitments through partnerships for SIDS.

An integral part of the SIDS Partnership Framework is the establishment of a Member States-driven Steering Committee to support the follow-up of existing, and promote and advocate the launching of new, SIDS partnerships. The first meeting of the Steering Committee will discuss, inter alia, the working methods of the Committee.

The President of the General Assembly has appointed us to be the co-chairs of the Steering Committee, pursuant to his letter dated 20 January 2016.

The success of the Steering Committee will rely on robust participation of Member States dedicated to the sustainable development of SIDS. By joining us at the first meeting of the Steering Committee, you will signal strong and meaningful support to the advancement of SIDS partnerships and the implementation of the SAMOA Pathway.

We look forward to welcoming you at the meeting.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurance of our highest consideration.

H.E. Mr. Ahmed Sareer  
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary  
Permanent Representative of Maldives to the UN

H.E. Mr. Sebastiano Cardi  
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary  
Permanent Representative of Italy to the UN

Steering Committee on Partnerships for Small Island Developing States  
Economical and Social Council Chamber  
25 February 2016

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME	
3:00 - 3:05	Introductory film on SIDS
3:05 - 3:10	Opening remarks by H.E. Mr. Ahmed Sareer, Permanent Representative of Maldives to the United Nations, Chair of AOSIS and Co-Chair of the Steering Committee on the Partnerships for SIDS
3:10 - 3:15	Remarks by H.E. Mr. Mogens Lykketoft, President of the Seventieth session of the United Nations General Assembly [TBC]
3:15 - 3:20	Remarks by Mr. Wu Hongho, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations Department for Economic and Social Affairs (UN-DESA)
3:20 - 3:25	Remarks by Mr. Gyan Chandra Acharya, Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS)
3:25 - 3:35	UN-DESA presentation of the SIDS Partnership Standardized reporting template and process
3:35 - 3:40	Adoption of the Working Methods of the Steering Committee
3:40 - 4:10	Interactive dialogue
4:10 - 4:15	Closing remarks by H.E. Mr. Sebastiano Cardi, Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations and Co-Chair of the Steering Committee on the Partnerships for SIDS