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## **Invitation to High-Level Roundtable on Climate Change, Sea-Level Rise, and International Law: Current Progress**

Thursday, 24 October 2024

1:00 – 3:00 pm

Conference Room 8, United Nations Headquarters, New York

Under the auspices the Permanent Missions of Antigua and Barbuda and Tuvalu, Co-Chairs of the Commission of Small Island States on Climate Change and International Law (COSIS), you are cordially invited to attend the *High-Level Roundtable on Climate Change, Sea-Level Rise, and International Law: Current Progress*, to be held on 24 October 2024 from 1:00–3:00 pm at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, Conference Room 8.

COSIS is organizing a high-level roundtable on the sidelines of the 79<sup>th</sup> Session of the UN Sixth Committee (Legal), following the first UN General Assembly High-Level Meeting on Sea-Level Rise held on 25 September 2024, the AOSIS Declaration on Sea-Level Rise and Statehood (23 September 2024), the Pacific Island Forum's declarations of 2021 and 2023 on preserving maritime zones and the continuity of statehood, and the International Law Association (ILA) completion of its work on International law and sea level rise after twelve years.

Discussions will focus on key milestones, including the Advisory Opinion issued by the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS) in May 2024 regarding States' legal obligations to mitigate climate change and the anticipated advisory opinions from the International Court of Justice and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights. The event will also address possible future actions to advance the climate change agenda in international law, with briefings from the Co-Chairs of the International Law Commission (ILC) Study Group on Sea-Level Rise and presentations from the International Law Association (ILA).

Participants will include official representatives from member states, international organizations, and legal experts. A concept note, including the agenda and speaker list, is attached.

Kindly register online [here](#) to confirm your participation, as seating is limited. For inquiries, please contact us at [info@cosis-ccil.org](mailto:info@cosis-ccil.org).

We look forward to your participation.