



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.

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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
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