

Information note for inter-governmental organizations (IGOs) planning to participate at the International Meeting to review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

Port Luis, Mauritius 10 –14 January 2005

This information note provides **non-accredited and accredited inter-governmental organizations (IGOs)** with information related to accreditation and pre-registration to participate at the International Meeting.

1. Inter-governmental organizations with standing invitation (accredited) to participate as observers in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council are invited to notify in writing the Secretary of the International Meeting of their interest to participate at the International Meeting and transmit the credentials of their representatives they may wish to accredit. The Secretary of the Meeting will then transmit their communications to the UN Protocol and Liaison Service which will subsequently contact them with detailed information on the pre-registration process.

Intergovernmental organizations wishing to verify their standing invitation status to participate as observers in the sessions and work of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council should access the following internet address:

http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/csd/csd12/igos_list.pdf

2. Intergovernmental organizations that do not have standing invitation (non-accredited) to participate as observers in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council but wish to participate at the International Meeting must submit their application in writing to the Secretary of the International Meeting. The application will be reviewed by the General Assembly during its current 59th session against the existing criteria (geographical scope, and membership (at least three Member countries must be specified in the application) or on the first day of the International Meeting on 10 January 2005.

Only after approval by either the General Assembly or the International Meeting could those intergovernmental organizations be accredited to participate, as observers, on an ad hoc basis, at the International Meeting only and are invited officially to submit credentials of their representatives in

writing to the Secretary of the International Meeting. Subsequently, information regarding their pre-registration process will be communicated to them by the United Nations Protocol and Liaison Service, as described under (1) above.

All applications should be submitted to:

Mr. Nikhil Seth
Secretary of the International Meeting
ECOSOC Affairs Branch
General Assembly Affairs and Conference Management
United Nations – Room S-2950-C
New York, New York 10017
Fax: (212) 963 5935

All applications must be addressed the Secretary of the International Meeting at the above address and received no later **15 October 2004** for consideration and approval by the General Assembly in November (date to be determined), or by **1 December 2004** for approval by the International Meeting in Mauritius.

Pre-registration information will be made available on the Internet in due time at: <http://www.un.org/smallislands2005/>