



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

3 July 2019

Excellency,

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter dated 1 July 2019 from H.E. Lois Young, Permanent Representative of Belize, and H.E. Geraldine Byrne Nason, Permanent Representative of Ireland to the United Nations, in their capacity as the co-chairs of the Steering Committee on Partnerships for Small Island Developing States, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 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”.

The co-chairs invite all delegations to the 2019 Global Multi-stakeholder Small Island Developing States Partnership Dialogue, which will be held on Wednesday, 10 July 2019, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in Conference Room 1. The programme of the Dialogue is also enclosed.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. F. Espinosa Garcés'.

María Fernanda Espinosa Garcés

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New York



Permanent Mission of
Belize to the United Nations



IRELAND

1 July 2019

Subject: 2019 annual Global multi-stakeholder SIDS partnership dialogue

Excellency,

In our capacity as the co-chairs of the Steering Committee on Partnerships for Small Island Developing States (SIDS), we have the honour to invite you to the fourth annual Global multi-stakeholder Small Island Developing States partnership dialogue, to be held on Wednesday, 10 July 2019, from 3-6 p.m., in Conference room 1.

The annual Global Multi-stakeholder Dialogue is a key element of the SIDS Partnership Framework, which was established by the General Assembly following the Third International Conference on Small Island Developing States, to monitor progress of existing, and to stimulate the launch of new, genuine and durable partnerships for the sustainable development of SIDS.

The event will be an opportunity for Member States and other stakeholders to discuss how to stimulate new and additional partnerships for SIDS. It will serve to inform the upcoming General Assembly high-level review of the SAMOA Pathway, to be held on 27 September 2019.

Please find attached a draft provisional programme for the event. For more information, please visit <https://sidspartnerships.un.org/>

We look forward to your active participation in this important event and we count on your continued support to the advancement of SIDS partnerships and the implementation of the SAMOA Pathway.

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

H.E. Ms. Lois M. Young
Ambassador Extraordinary and
Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative of Belize to the
United Nations

H.E. Mrs. Geraldine Patricia Byrne Nason
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Provisional Programme

2019 annual Global Multi-stakeholder SIDS Partnership Dialogue

10 July 2019

3-6 p.m.

Conference Room 1

“Fostering effective partnerships for addressing gaps and priority areas of the SAMOA Pathway”

3:00-3.20 p.m.	<p>Opening session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• H.E. Ms. Geraldine Byrne Nason, Permanent Representative of Ireland to the United Nations and H.E. Ms. Lois Michele Young, Permanent Representative of Belize to the United Nations (Co-Chairs of the Steering Committee on Small Island Developing States Partnerships)• H.E. Mr. Liu Zhenmin, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations• H.E. Ms. Fekitamoeloa Katoa 'Utoikamanu, Under-Secretary-General and United Nations High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States
3:20 – 4:20 p.m.	<p>SIDS Partnership Showcase</p> <p>This session will entail rapid fire presentations by representatives of multi-stakeholder partnerships and voluntary commitments (at local, national, regional and global levels) aimed at driving implementation of SIDS Partnerships. It aims to show what is happening and what works in terms of multi-stakeholder partnerships.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms. Mona Juul, Permanent Representative of Norway to the United Nations• Mr. Pene Baleinabuli, Permanent Secretary for Forest, Fiji• Ms. Diane Quarless, Director, Caribbean Subregional Headquarters, UN Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean• Ms. Charmina Saili, Pacific Island Forum• Mr. Charles Nouhan, Chairman, Stakeholder Forum for a Sustainable Future• Ms. Tiffany Stevens, President, CEO and General Counsel of the Jewelers Vigilance Committee <p>Followed by Q&A and interactive discussion</p>
4:20-4:40	<p>Presentation of the SIDS Partnership Toolbox and the in-depth analysis of SIDS Partnerships</p> <p>This session will present the partnership toolbox, discuss the existing gaps with regards to SIDS partnerships and the way forward.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Alexander Trepelkov, Officer-in-Charge, Division for Sustainable Development Goals, United Nations Department for Economic and Social Affairs• Italy (TBC)

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	<p>Followed by Q&A and interactive discussion</p>
4:40-5:50 p.m.	<p>Fostering effective partnerships for addressing gaps and priority areas of the SAMOA Pathway</p> <p>This session will discuss ideas, suggestions and recommendations on how to forge and strengthen new partnerships at all levels, including <i>inter alia</i> in the area of access to finance, and how to address specific challenges when partnering for SIDS.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• H.E. Ms. Yvonne Hyde, Chief Executive Officer, Ministry of Economic Development and Petroleum, Belize (TBC)• Mr. Rakesh Buchory, Minister Counsellor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade, Mauritius• Mr. Sanaka Samarasingha, United Nations Resident Coordinator for Fiji• Mr. Douglas Slater, Assistant Secretary-General, Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Secretariat• Mr. Andrew Wilson, Permanent Observer for the International Chamber of Commerce <p>Followed by Q&A and interactive discussion</p>
5:50 – 6 p.m.	<p>Closing remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• H.E. Ms. Geraldine Byrne Nason, Permanent Representative of Ireland to the United Nations and H.E. Ms. Lois Michele Young, Permanent Representative of Belize to the United Nations (Co-Chairs of the Steering Committee on Small Island Developing States Partnerships)