



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

29 May 2020

Excellency,

I have the pleasure to forward herewith, a letter from H.E. Mr. Walton Alfonso Webson, Permanent Representative of Antigua and Barbuda to the United Nations, and H.E. Ms. Vanessa Frazier, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Malta to the United Nations, co-chairs of the Steering Committee on partnerships for small island developing states.

The co-chairs invite you to the first Ambassadorial Meeting of the Steering Committee scheduled for Tuesday, 9 June 2020 from 3 to 5 p.m. The proposed 2020 programme of work for the Steering Committee and the provisional agenda for the Ambassadorial Meeting are attached. Details pertaining to the virtual arrangements for the meeting will be circulated in due course.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized 'T' followed by a flourish.

Tijjani Muhammad- Bande

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



**Permanent Mission of Antigua and
Barbuda to the United Nations**



**Permanent Mission of the Republic of
Malta to the United Nations**

27 May 2020

Excellency,

In our capacity as Co-chairs of the Steering Committee on partnerships for small island developing States (SIDS), we have the honor to convey that the first Ambassadorial Meeting of the Steering Committee, under our chairmanship, to take stock of the Committee's activities and to approve the proposed Work Programme for 2020, will be held on **Tuesday, 9 June 2020**, from **3:00 to 5:00 pm**, on a virtual platform.

In this connection, we wish to invite your Excellency to participate at the aforementioned Meeting. We look forward to your presence and to hearing your views and ideas on the 2020 Programme and on how, under the current COVID-19 crisis situation, the Committee can further enhance its efforts in supporting the follow up of existing, and in promoting the launching of new, genuine and durable partnerships that advance resilience and sustainable development of SIDS. Details for virtual participation will follow.

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

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H.E. Mr. Walton Alfonso Webson
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative of Antigua and
Barbuda to the United Nations

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H.E. Ms. Vanessa Frazier
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- Appendix**
1. Provisional Agenda
 2. Proposed 2020 Work Programme



Steering Committee on Partnerships for Small Island Developing States
Ambassadorial Meeting
Tuesday 9 June 2020
3:00pm – 5:00pm
(Virtual Platform)

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item. 1	<p>OPENING</p> <p>Remarks by Co-chairs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Mr. Walton Alfonso Webson (Antigua & Barbuda) • H.E. Ms. Vanessa Frazier (Malta) <p>Remarks by the Secretariat</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Mr. Liu Zhenmin, Under-Secretary-General, UNDESA • H.E. Mrs. Fekita 'Utoikamanu, High Representative, OHRLLS
Item. 2	<p>REVIEW OF ACHIEVEMENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation – Mr. Alexander Trepelkov, OIC, DSDG, UNDESA • Remarks by outgoing Co-chairs: • H.E. Mrs. Geraldine Patricia Byrne Nason (Ireland) • H.E. Ms. Lois M. Young, (Belize)
Item. 3	INTRODUCTION OF 2020 Work Programme
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Mr. Walton Alfonso Webson (Antigua & Barbuda) • H.E. Ms. Vanessa Frazier (Malta)
Item. 4	GENERAL DISCUSSION
ITEM. 5	OTHER MATTER



Small Island Developing States Partnership Framework

Proposed 2020 Programme of Work

Wednesday, 4 March 2020 3:30pm – 6:00pm Conference Room 9	Steering Committee Meeting (Expert Level) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of activities in 2019 • Discussion of the 2020 Programme of Work and expected outputs
Tuesday 9 June 2020 3.00pm-5.00pm Webex Virtual Meeting	Steering Committee Meeting (Ambassadorial Level) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of activities in 2019 • Discussion of the 2020 Programme of Work and expected outputs
June/July 2020	Expert level Meeting (as necessary)
10 July 2020 3.00pm-6.00pm Venue/Platform (TBC)	Global Multi-stakeholder Dialogue on SIDS Partnerships in the margins of the HLPF
End of July 2020	Steering Committee Outreach Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>1st Global Webinar Series</i> <i>"COVID19: Lessons learnt and mapping the way forward"</i>
End of August 2020	Steering Committee Outreach Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>2nd Global Webinar Series</i> <i>"SIDS & Tourism: Propelling resilience forward?"</i>
September - December 2020	<i>Steering Committee Meeting/outreach activities/Expert Meeting – as necessary</i>