1 March 2023

Excellency,

In our capacity as Co-Chairs of the Steering Committee on Partnerships for Small Island Developing States, we have the pleasure to inform you that application for submission of nominations for the 2023 United Nations Small Island Developing States (UN-SIDS) Partnership Awards is open with the deadline of **Friday 28 April 2023**.

Further information, including application details and submission guidance can be found on the United Nations website at the following link: [https://sdgs.un.org/SIDSPartnershipsAwards](https://sdgs.un.org/SIDSPartnershipsAwards)

Only partnerships registered on the SIDS Partnerships Database shall be considered, any parties interested in nominating a partnership must complete the registration process in advance of submitting their application for the UN SIDS Partnerships Awards. Information on registering your partnership can be found here: [https://sdgs.un.org/partnerships/small-island-developing-states/register](https://sdgs.un.org/partnerships/small-island-developing-states/register)

The awards shall be presented at the annual global multi-stakeholder SIDS partnership dialogue in marge of the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development 2023. We invite all eligible partnerships to be nominated for consideration, and thus encourage Member States to nominate eligible partnerships and to divulge the UN-SIDS Partnerships Awards through their respective networks.

We look forward to considering your nominated partnerships for the UN-SIDS Partnerships Awards and we count on your continuous support to the advancement of SIDS partnerships and the implementation of the SAMOA Pathway. Please contact Ms. Sae Kajima (kajima@un.org) with a copy to Ms. Eva Marie Vestergaard (eva.vestergaard@un.org) should you have any questions.

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

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