

SUSTAINABLE GOALS

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NOMINATIONS TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

The Executive Council is responsible for the overall policy and direction and for providing oversight and advice for the development of the institution. The Executive Council delegates responsibility for day-to-day operations to the Secretary-General and committees.

In accordance to Article VII (i) of the SIDS DOCK Statute "Governance shall be placed in an *Executive Council of no less than three (3) and no more than nine (9) member government* representatives who shall serve in their official capacities for three (3) year terms. No member of the Council may serve for more than two (2) consecutive terms. One third of the members of the first Council shall be elected to serve for one (1) year, one third shall be elected to serve for two (2) years and one third shall be elected to serve for three (3) years. Thereafter all members of the Council shall be elected to serve their respective term for three (3) years."

Further, according to Article VII (ii) "The Executive Council shall bear responsibility for the overall direction, operation, and functioning of the SIDS DOCK and its Secretariat, including its activities, work programmes and projects and shall discharge its responsibilities in a fair, equitable and transparent manner as fiduciaries. Members of the Council can only be removed and relieved of their responsibilities for cause, or if unable to perform their duties as a result of death, illness, or any medical, or emotional incapacitation."

The composition of the Executive Council should reflect the needs and goals of the institution. SIDS DOCK's key mission is to catalyze the transformation of the energy sector of SIDS to increase energy security, reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, and generate resources for investment in adaptation to climate change. The SIDS DOCK Work Programme outlines the key activities and services that SIDS DOCK would engage in to pursue its mission, and lays out a financial plan that would enable it to become an operational entity.

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Election and membership on the Executive Council shall reflect a range of professional expertise with individuals having multiple years of experience, must have gender balance, and equitable regional representation with no fewer than one (1) member from each regional group as established by UN-DESA (AIMS, Caribbean and Pacific). In addition, no two members may be nationals of the same State. Individuals nominated should demonstrate:

- 1. Extensive experience working with international, regional and/or local organizations which focus on socio-economic development and environmental management.
- 2. Knowledge and understanding of the policy and decision-making processes/environment in SIDS, and experience in providing policy advice at the regional and national levels.
- 3. Significant experience working with SIDS, and a full understanding of the challenges facing SIDS with a focus on climate change and energy.
- 4. Commitment to the principles of good governance and management experience at the senior level. Successful advocacy record on behalf of AOSIS members and ongoing involvement in the recent international development process (Sustainable Development Goals SDGs).
- 5. Knowledgeable on issues and development challenges facing regional SIDS, especially in the areas of energy and climate change, and diplomatic experience at the highest level in representing a region and/or country at international arena.
- 6. Experience in the negotiation of international agreements in areas such as trade, environment, and financing for development.
- 7. Understanding of the international financial markets, and how SIDS can access resources for investments in sustainable energy and climate resilience.
- 8. A record of success for resource mobilization on behalf of small island states and experience with regional governance mechanisms in SIDS.
- 9. Personal network of professional contacts in multilateral organizations, private foundations, bilateral development partners, civil society, and the private sector.
- 10. Professional training in one or more of the following areas: finance, investments, economics, climate change, energy (with focus on EEC and RE), environmental management, public policy/social development, research and development at international, regional, local levels.

Nominations should be addressed to the SIDS DOCK Secretariat, C/O Ministry of Public Utilities, Energy, Logistics and E-Governance, Government of Belize, NEMO Building, Melhado Parade, Belmopan, Cayo District, Belize, Central America., and transmitted through the State Party's United Nations Permanent Mission or other relevant Government Authority, where applicable, to the Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Tonga to the United Nations, 250 East 51st Street, New York, NY 10022, Email: tongaunmission@gmail.com, no later than 25 August 2023. Each submission shall include a forwarding Note Verbale from the appropriate Government Authority and the Curriculum Vitae of the nominee.

The election of members to the Executive Council will be held during the Seventh Assembly of the SIDS DOCK, which is scheduled to be held <u>virtually</u> on Monday, 25th September 2023, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time, Via Telephone and Teleconference, and on the margins of the General Debate of the seventy-eighth session of the United Nations General Assembly.