

United Nations Decade of Sustainable Energy For All (2014-2024)

REFERENCE Note No: SIDS DOCK/Assembly7/010 (2023) – Seventh session of the SIDS DOCK Assembly, 25th September 2023 at 10:00 a.m. (EDT)

The SIDS DOCK Secretariat presents its compliments to the States Parties to the SIDS DOCK, and on behalf of H.E. Mr. Va'inga Tōnē, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Tonga to the United Nations and Chair of the SIDS DOCK Executive Council, has the honour to refer to the forthcoming seventh session of the Assembly of SIDS DOCK, **scheduled to be held virtually, on Monday, 25th September 2023, and wishes to inform State Parties that the time convening the Assembly has been changed to start at 10:00 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time, via Telephone and Teleconference**, and in the margins of the General Debate of the seventy-eighth session of the United Nations General Assembly.

The Assembly will convene on 25th September 2023, at 10:00 a.m., EDT, and the decision to change the time was taken in consultation with the President and Vice Presidents of the sixth extended session of the Assembly of SIDS DOCK, the SIDS DOCK Executive Council and the SIDS DOCK Secretariat. The Assembly was previously scheduled to start at 4:00 p.m. EDT. The change in time is to facilitate participation of State Parties from the three regions to achieve a quorum. The change in time was also necessary as there are several logistical challenges that had to be taken into consideration to enable us to achieve a smooth handover of the Bureau, and this includes revising and shortening the Draft Provisional Agenda A/7/1/Rev.2 (2023), that was transmitted on 23 July 2023. In this regard, please refer to the proposed revised Draft Provisional Agenda A/7/1/Rev.5 (2023), for the seventh session of the SIDS DOCK Assembly.

Regarding Bureau Election, State Parties will recall **Note No: SIDS DOCK/Assembly7/002 (2023) – Bureau Elections of the seventh session of the SIDS DOCK Assembly**, was transmitted via email to the State Parties on 23rd July 2023, informing that the Assembly is to elect a President and two Vice-Presidents. The President of the seventh session of the Assembly should be elected from the AIS Region, and the Vice-Presidents from the Pacific and Caribbean Regions, respectively.

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In this regard, interested States Parties were urged to communicate to the Secretariat their desire to be elected for one of the positions under reference, **as soon as possible and before 25 August 2023**. In this regard, the Chair of the Executive Council has the honour to inform the Assembly that the Secretariat has received three nominations for the positions of President (1) and Vice Presidents (2). The nominees are as follows:

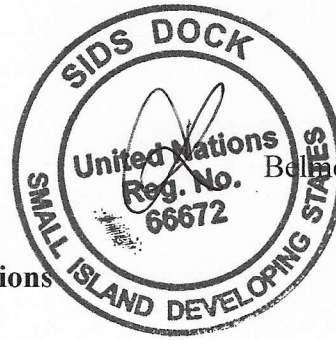
Nominee	Representative
President (representing the AIS Region)	His Excellency Mr. Wavel Ramkalawan, President of the Republic of Seychelles
Vice President (representing the Caribbean Region)	Honourable Mr. John Briceño, Prime Minister of Belize
Vice President (representing the Pacific Region)	Honourable Siaosi 'Ofakivahafolau Sovaleni (Hon. Hu'akavameiliku), Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Tonga

These are the only nominations received by the Secretariat, and the following Notes Verbales are attached for the Assembly's attention:

1. Note No.: SMUN/164/2023, dated 24th July 2023, from the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Seychelles to the UN, informing that H.E Mr. Wavel Ramkalawan, President of the Republic of Seychelles is desirous of serving as the seventh President of the Assembly of SIDS DOCK representing the AIS Region.
2. Note No. 57, Reference: PM/E/54, dated 25th July 2023, from the Permanent Mission of Belize to the UN, informing that Honourable Mr. John Briceño, Prime Minister of Belize, is desirous of serving as the seventh Vice President of the Assembly of SIDS DOCK representing the Caribbean Region.
3. Note Verbale dated 27 July 2023, from the Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Tonga to the UN, informing that Honourable Siaosi 'Ofakivahafolau Sovaleni (Hon. Hu'akavameiliku), Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Tonga, is desirous of serving as the seventh Vice President of the Assembly of SIDS DOCK representing the Pacific Region.

The Secretariat of the SIDS DOCK has the further honour to inform that all participants of the Assembly are required to submit credentials seven days in advance of the date of the Assembly. Credentials of representatives and the names of members of the delegation must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, and 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. The original credentials and names of delegations for the Assembly under reference, duly signed by the Head of State or Government or Foreign Minister, should be submitted 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 18th September 2023** (Sample Credentials attached).

The Secretariat of the SIDS DOCK avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the States Parties of SIDS DOCK the assurances of its highest consideration.



Bellefleur, 15 September 2023

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