



Permanent Representative of the Maldives to the United Nations

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Excellency,

In my capacity as Chair of AOSIS, I am pleased to announce the fourth year of the AOSIS Climate Change Fellowship Program. As you may recall, the Fellowship Program brings young professionals from AOSIS countries to New York for a year of training on relevant issues of law, policy, and science. This program is building lasting capacity in AOSIS and in member governments.

In 2016, the Fellowship Program welcomed an exceptional group of Fellows from Mauritius, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Solomon Islands, Tonga, and Maldives. The Fellows have supported AOSIS at UNFCCC meetings and have engaged in a rigorous training program, including classes at Columbia University. We would like to thank the Missions that hosted Fellows this year.

In 2017, the Fellowship Program will train a new class of Fellows in climate change issues and the UNFCCC process. With the consent of the Head of Mission, Fellows will work from their home country's New York Mission and will work both on national and AOSIS priorities. The attached concept note provides more information about the Fellowship Program and the criteria for candidates.

The new class of Fellows will begin March 1, 2017. We kindly ask that missions submit only one candidate per country. **The deadline to submit candidates is January 17, 2017.** Please send the candidate's Fellowship Application, cover letter, CV, and a writing sample to our Fellowship Coordinator, Amelia Linn (amelia.linn@aosis.org). The 2017 AOSIS Climate Change Fellowship Program will be funded by the Government of Italy.

Thank you for your continued support of this important program.

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

Yours sincerely,

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