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*Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Nuku'alofa*

15th June 2018

Dear Sir/Madam,

Invitation for a Press Conference with H.E. Ms Fekitamoeloa 'Utoikamanu, Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS)

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Government of the Kingdom of Tonga is hosting the Pacific Regional Preparatory Meeting on the Mid-Term Review of the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (S.A.M.O.A.) Pathway in Nuku'alofa from 19th to 21st June 2018 at the Taufa'ahau Tupou IV Domestic Wharf's new terminal.

This regional preparatory meeting is convened pursuant to UN Resolution (A/72/217) that called upon the Department for Economic and Social Affairs (UN-DESA) and the UN-OHRLLS and relevant agencies of the UN System, including the regional commissions, within their respective mandates and existing resources to organize regional preparatory meetings of the Small Island Developing States (SIDS) in their respective regions.

The main objectives of the Pacific Regional Preparatory Meeting in Nuku'alofa are to:

- Discuss the achievements, challenges and gaps in the implementation of the SIDS regional priorities in the Pacific; and
- Agree on a priority list of actions as well as identified practical and pragmatic action-oriented strategies or mechanisms for accelerating the implementation of the SAMOA Pathway in the region.

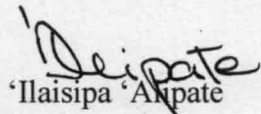
This meeting will allow the Pacific SIDS members to assess the progress achieved thus far in the implementation of the SAMOA Pathway and identify emerging priorities to be presented at the inter-regional meeting to be held in Samoa in November 2018. The Pacific Regional Preparatory Meeting will also provide PSIDS the opportunity to discuss possible themes and desirable outcomes of the mid-term review.

The meeting will be attended by Her Excellency Ms. Fekitamoeloa 'Utoikamanu, the United Nations Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States, Ambassadors and Permanent Representatives to the United Nations, together with their Deputies in New York and representatives from Pacific Countries, Regional Commissions, and other UN Agencies and CROP Agencies.

During the said meeting, Her Excellency, will be hosting a Press Conference with the local media on Tuesday 19th June 2018, at the Taufa'ahau Tupou IV domestic wharf's new terminal at 12:30 pm to 1:00 pm.

As such, the Ministry welcomes your participation in the aforesaid event and would appreciate receiving your confirmation of attendance to process meeting passes. Should you wish to obtain more information regarding the aforesaid press conference please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned person at email address: laupeau@gmail.com.

Yours sincerely,



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