



CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP FOR SIDS IN BBNJ NEGOTIATIONS BACKGROUND NOTE

29 May – 1 June 2018
New York

The Maldives, as the Chair of the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS), with support of the Kingdom of Norway, is organizing a four day training workshop for Small Island Developing States (SIDS) with the objective of providing in-depth technical and practical training to negotiators from SIDS to enable enhanced participation and engagement at the Intergovernmental Conference on Marine Biodiversity of Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (IGC) which will be convened in September 2018. The workshop will provide an opportunity for negotiators to engage in discussions and pose queries on the procedural aspects, as well as the substantive issues under consideration in the IGC.

The workshop will take place from 29 May 2018 (Tuesday) to 1 June 2018 (Friday) in New York. Two nominees from each AOSIS country are invited to attend the workshop, ideally the New York based representative at the Permanent Mission covering this issue, and the national focal point from their respective country. For the one participant travelling from capital, return air tickets will be provided, as well as the Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA) for the duration of the workshop.

A draft agenda for the workshop is attached herewith, as well as the nomination form for the participants from each country. All Permanent Missions of AOSIS are kindly requested to submit the nomination forms via email to aosisbbnj@gmail.com by **30 April 2018** to facilitate the necessary administrative and logistical arrangements.

Any suggestions or areas for inclusion in the draft agenda are welcome at this stage, prior to the deadline for nominations, and can be sent to the aforementioned email address, as well as any further questions or clarifications.