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Permanent Representatives of  
The Member States of the  
Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS)

### **Invitation to the SC1.5NCE NOT SILENCE Forum**

Excellencies,

The Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS), Permanent Mission of Fiji to the United Nations, Permanent Mission of Malta to the United Nations, YOUNGO, March for Science, EarthX, and the Island Resilience Partnership have the pleasure to invite you to participate in a Virtual Event that we are convening entitled “**SC1.5NCE NOT SILENCE**”, which will take place on **16 July 2021** from **1:15pm to 2:45pm ET**.

The objectives of the Event are to generate political and public support for the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C (SR1.5); advocate for the submission of new and revised Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) that are aligned with the 1.5°C goal of the Paris Agreement; and drive climate action and ambition in the lead up to COP26 and beyond, taking into account the impacts of the current COVID-19 pandemic. The Event will be livestreamed to the March For Science Facebook community of 900k+ science advocates across the globe.

In addition to highlighting the importance of the SR1.5, this Event will also illustrate how island leaders and youth advocates are spearheading the global movement for science-based climate action in the midst of a pandemic. It provides a unique opportunity to engage with a wide range of stakeholders, and enhance collaborative, ambitious actions in line with SR1.5. Enclosed you will find the concept note for the Event, containing further details and background information. Also enclosed for your consideration, is the “SC1.5NCE NOT SILENCE Pledge”.

We believe your engagement will greatly contribute to mobilizing greater support and positive momentum for urgent and more ambitious climate actions, which is particularly important for Small Island Developing States (SIDS). SR1.5 recognizes that there are exponentially higher risks for SIDS in a world above 1.5°C, as many limits to adaptation have already been reached. However, it also states that limiting global warming to 1.5°C is still feasible with urgent actions for mitigation, which will also reduce future costs and escalation of impacts.

Therefore, we would greatly appreciate your support by signing onto the SC1.5NCE NOT SILENCE Pledge, which calls on governments around the world to formally welcome SR1.5 at COP26 in Glasgow. Currently, 18 countries have joined the global movement to unite the world behind the

science - a majority of which are small island developing states. The Event will conclude with the recognition of those countries who have formally joined the campaign by the Global Focal Points for YOUNGO, the official youth constituency of the UNFCCC. If your country has not yet done so, we hope you will consider joining so that we may elevate your government's climate action as well.

If you are interested in registering for the campaign and upcoming virtual forum, please fill out this form: [SC1.5NCE NOT SILENCE](#). For further information, please contact [tranchin@marchforscience.com](mailto:tranchin@marchforscience.com).

We look forward to your support and participation in the SC1.5NCE NOT SILENCE Forum.

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

Sincerely,

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