

## **AOSIS CLIMATE TEAM NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER, 2024**

- **Message from the Chair of AOSIS**

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Talofa reader,

For our Climate team, the tireless efforts of this past year will come to a head in just a few weeks at COP29. As we prepare for Baku, I am confident that our small island developing states are strong and unified in our positions. After a fruitful AOSIS Leaders Meeting, as well as our Climate Change Coordinators meeting in September on the fringes of UNGA, we are fortified and committed to the task ahead of us.

As this unpredictable hurricane season proceeds, the citizens of small island developing states are fraught with the fear that the next storm could completely dismantle their lives. We keep our people close at heart as we enter the intense negotiations of COP29. They are depending on us to fight for them, and their faith bolsters our tenacity.

We know that AOSIS is the moral voice of these negotiations. It is imperative that we achieve an outcome that Keeps 1.5 Alive, to avoid the most tragic effects of the climate crisis. Climate finance is at the core of addressing this crisis. Without adequate and efficient financial flows, actions on adaptation, mitigation, and loss and damage cannot function in a truly impactful way. High ambition on the NCQG will be key to ensuring the world can keep global temperatures at the crucial 1.5°C limit.

I thank you all for your invaluable contributions thus far, the dedication and sacrifices you have made.

We are all in this together, and I look forward to standing with you at COP29 to ensure a sustainable future for our islands.