



October 29, 2009

Congressman Michael Honda
United States Representative
1713 Longworth HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Honda:

It is our great pleasure to invite you to speak at an important and timely luncheon event "Developing Technical and Financial Solutions for the Survival of SIDS: Looking beyond Copenhagen" to take place Thursday, November 12, 2009, from 1:00 – 3:00 at the Delegate Dining Room, West Terrace, United Nations Headquarters, co-sponsored by the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) and the Columbia Consortium for Risk Management (CCRM) of Columbia University directed by Professor Graciela Chichilnisky. The event will also be supported by UNEP, Special Unit for South-South Cooperation (SU/SS), UN Global Compact and UNIDO.

Many of the Small Island Developing States are already being negatively impacted by the global climate change and based on the scientific evidence an average temperature increase of 2 degree C that is currently contemplated, would have devastating effects on the economies and population of the majority of these countries.

We expect participants in the event to include US Congressmen, senior business leaders, and leading academicians as well as journalists. Background material in preparation for the event will be provided the week before.

We look forward to hearing from you regarding your participation at your earliest convenience. Please contact Professor Graciela Chichilnisky or Jeff Lagomarsino at: jlagomarsino@gmail.com or (tel) 212-678-1148 or (fax) 212-678-0405 for logistic issues.

We look forward to seeing you at our event very soon.

Sincerely,

Ambassador Dessima Williams
Permanent Mission of Grenada to the United Nations
Chair Alliance of Small Island States

c.c. Professor Graciela Chichilnisky, Columbia University