



Local2030 Islands Network Secretariat

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Dear colleagues,

As an island people, Ireland recognises our similarities with other islands across the globe, including culturally, through our maritime tradition and our widely-dispersed diaspora.

Ireland's vision of the world is anchored in values, and focused on achieving a world that is equal, peaceful and sustainable. We are committed to the Sustainable Development Goals and in particular to reaching those furthest behind. In order to do this, our international development activity is focused on achieving gender equality, reducing humanitarian need, climate action and strengthening governance

We welcome the Local2030 Islands Network initiative and support its four Principles:

- Identify local goals to advance the SDGs and strengthen long-term political leadership on climate resilience and net-zero emissions pathways.
- Strengthen public-private partnerships that support diverse stakeholders in integrating sustainability priorities into policy and planning.
- Measure SDG progress through tracking and reporting on locally and culturally informed indicators.
- Implement concrete initiatives that build island resilience and a circular economy through locally appropriate solutions, particularly at the water-energy-food nexus

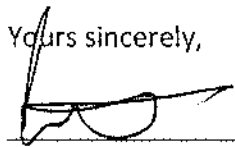
With this communication, we express our commitment to the principles and to engaging in collaborative island projects that advance the local implementation of the SDGs. Our top priorities for collaboration with the Local2030 Islands Network are: supporting peer-to-peer learning and communities of practice across the Network's membership; exploring the commonalities of island communities which can support SDG implementation; and leveraging

the inherent connection of islands to the ocean to strengthen the connection between climate action and the protection of our marine environment.

Our focal point for this initiative will be our Deputy Director for Small Island Developing States, Mr Tim Reilly

We look forward to the advancement of this initiative over the coming period.

Yours sincerely,

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