



**Submission by Belize
on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS)**

Research and systematic observation/Research Dialogue - Views from Parties on possible topics for consideration at the research dialogue to be held at SBSTA 52 and beyond

The Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) welcomes the opportunity to submit their view on possible topics and considerations for the meetings of the research dialogue to be held in conjunction with SBSTA 52 and beyond.

The research dialogue provides an excellent opportunity for Parties to foster their understanding of the latest scientific developments and to allow for fruitful exchange between Parties and leading experts. The established research dialogue format including the poster session, as well as presentations and opportunities for discussions, has worked very well. With regard to the format of Research Dialogue 11, it is worth noting that while the use of breakout groups provided the opportunity for targeted exchanges between experts and researchers, this format proved to be difficult logistically, particularly with regard to the attendance of smaller delegations.

Possible topics for the twelfth meeting of the Research Dialogue

The RD12 provides an excellent opportunity to consider upcoming information on the issues interlinking climate action and the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Specifically, the RD should:

- shed light on the importance of a climate-positive recovery from the pandemic, as highlighted by the Secretary General¹.
- provide insights on how the COVID-19 response could support collective efforts towards achieving the 1.5°C temperature goal, including in the context of both near-term action under the NDCs and long-term action under long-term low emissions development strategies.
- include a focus on the risks and impacts arising from the COVID-19 pandemic for countries particularly exposed to climate-related natural disasters.

¹ [Secretary-General's remarks to Petersberg Climate Dialogue](#), April 28 2020