

Update to UNEP/GRID-Arendal's Action Pledge 1
Adaptation in the Arctic and SIDS
"Many Strong Voices"

1/ MSV is planning an event at the Poznan COP in association with IIED's Climate and Development Days. It will launch the MSV Ambassadors initiative with two high level speakers who will then help carry the messages forward into the COP and also elsewhere. We've received some support from the UK Foreign Office for this. The event is at an early stage of planning. MSV will also participate in other side events in Poznan.

2/ The second MSV Stakeholders' Workshop will be held in Washington DC from 31 March to 4 April 2009 November. This will be an opportunity to review progress in an assessment being carried out in the Small Island Developing States, and to focus communications and outreach efforts as we head towards the COP XV meeting in Copenhagen.

3/ MSV will also contribute to an Indigenous Peoples' Climate Change Assessment being coordinated by UN University out of its Institute for Advanced Studies. This work will get underway in the next couple of months. MSV is also supporting the Indigenous Peoples Climate Change Summit, scheduled for April next year.

4/ A new MSV project called Portraits of Resilience is underway and two photographers are gathering images from the Arctic to be used in a travelling exhibition to be launched in Copenhagen at next year's COP.

5/ Considerable effort has been expended in the last few months building the MSV network in the SIDS and a number of new partners have joined, including the Sea Level Rise Foundation, the Global Island Network, Cayman Institute and others. More information can be obtained on the MSV web site www.manystrongvoices.org.