



6 - 7 September 2014 – In preparation for the Third International Conference on Small Island and Developing States, [Secretary-General](#) Ban Ki-moon, sailed with a Polynesian voyaging canoe crew aboard the Hōkūleʻa.

“People often say we are in the same boat,” Mr. Ban [told the ship's crew](#) on Monday. “I would say we are all on the same small island on the same small planet Earth; this is like a small boat in the universe.” The canoe’s journey, which started in Hawaii this May, is known as Malama Honua, meaning, “to care for our island earth.”

In total, the voyage plans to cover 47,000 nautical miles, 85 ports and 26 countries, by the time it docks in June 2017. It’s stop in the Samoan capital, Apia, coincides with Third Small Island Developing State Conference, as well as the celebration of the International Year of Small Island Developing States.

