

Interregional Preparatory Meeting of SIDS for SIDS4
Cabo Verde, 30 August – 1 September 2023

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Day 1: Wednesday 30 August		
3:00 – 3:30pm	Registration	
3:30pm – 3:45pm	Election of the bureau and adoption of the agenda and programme of work	<p>Chair: H.E. Ms. Maria De Jesus Miranda, Ambassador, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Cooperation and Regional Integration, Republic of Cabo Verde</p> <p>Conference Secretary General: Mr. Li Junhua Under-Secretary-General UNDESA and Secretary General of the 4th International Conference on SIDS</p>
3:45pm – 3:50pm	On the Road to Antigua & Barbuda	Key Note Address: Ms. Tishka Francis on behalf of Rabab Fatima , High Representative, UN-OHRLLS and Special Adviser to the SIDS4 Conference SG
3:50pm – 5:00pm	<p>Plenary: Identifying Critical Priorities for SIDS for SIDS 4 and Discussion on Region Specific Priorities</p> <p><i>Interactive Discussions</i></p> <p>The Hosts of the 3 Regional Meetings (Mauritius, St. Vincent & The Grenadines, Tonga) will provide an overview of the region-specific Priorities emanating from the Discussions. A brief report from the SIDS focal point Meeting will also be heard</p>	<p>Moderator: Mr. Sai Navoti, Chief, SIDS Unit, DESA</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Ms. Bibi A. Lakhi, Second Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade, Republic of Mauritius</p> <p>Ms. Janeel Drayton, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of St. Vincent & The Grenadines to the UN</p> <p>H.E Mr. Viliami Va'inga Tone Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Tonga to the UN</p> <p>Ms. Elizabeth Agathine, Principal Secretary, National Planning Department, Ministry of Finance, National Planning and Trade, Seychelles</p>
5:00pm-5:15pm	<i>Transition to the Convention Centre</i>	
5:15pm-6:00pm	Official Opening Ceremony	Master of Ceremony: Mr. Sidney Cardoso , Adviser to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Cooperation and Regional Integration, Cabo Verde

		<p>Welcome Remarks: H.E Ms. Miryan Vieira, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Cabo Verde</p> <p>Remarks: Ms Peseta Nouméa Simi, Chief Executive Officer, Ministry Foreign Affairs & Trade, Samoa and Chair of AOSIS</p> <p>Remarks: Mr. Li Junhua Under-Secretary-General UNDESA and Secretary General of the 4th International Conference on SIDS</p> <p>Keynote Address : H.E. Mr. José Ulisses Correia e Silva, Prime Minister, Republic of Cabo Verde</p>
6:05pm	<i>Family Photo</i>	
6:10pm	Press Conference	
6:30pm	Reception by the Government of Cabo Verde	
END DAY 1		

Day 2: Thursday 31 August		
9:00-10:00am	<p>Session 1A: Mapping of Common Action Areas for SIDS for SIDS 4</p> <p>In line with the desire of the Host of SIDS4 to have a shorter list of priorities and a succinct Outcome Document. The Meeting will discuss common action areas and nexus approaches with respect to SIDS Priorities</p> <p><i>Interactive Discussions</i></p>	<p>Chair: H.E. Ms. Maria De Jesus Miranda, Ambassador, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Cooperation and Regional Integration, Republic of Cabo Verde</p> <p>Moderator: H.E. Mr Fatumanava-o-Upolu III Dr Pa'olelei Luteru - Chair of AOSIS</p>
10:00am – 11:00am	<p>Session 1B: Presentation of Zero Draft Outcome Document</p> <p>Presentation of the draft outcome document and a high-level discussion on its keys points and how to raise its ambition, and examining concrete outcomes</p> <p><i>Interactive Discussions</i></p>	<p>Chair: H.E Ms. Tania Romualdo, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Cabo Verde to the UN</p> <p><i>(Closed Session)</i></p>
11:00 – 11:15am	Coffee Break	
11:15am - 1:00pm	<p>Session 2: Financing the SIDS Agenda</p> <p>The MVI</p> <p>Debt Management</p> <p>Climate Finance</p> <p>Reform of the International Financing Architecture</p>	<p>Chair: H.E. Ms. Maria De Jesus Miranda, Ambassador, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Cooperation and Regional Integration, Republic of Cabo Verde</p> <p>Moderator: H.E. Mr. Walton Webson Permanent Representative of Antigua & Barbuda to the UN</p>

	<p><i>Interactive Discussions</i></p>	<p>Keynote Address: Dr. Alcindo da Cruz Mota, Secretary of State for Finance, Republic of Cabo Verde</p> <p>Setting the Stage: Mr. Li Junhua Under-Secretary-General UNDESA and Secretary General of the 4th International Conference on SIDS</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Ms. Natalie Cohen, Member High Level Panel on the MVI for SIDS</p> <p>Dr. Emily Wilkinson, Director, RESI and ODI Senior Research Fellow, UK.</p> <p>Dr. Hyginous Leon, President, Caribbean Development Bank</p> <p>H.E. Ms. Ilana Seid, Permanent Representative of Palau to the UN</p> <p>H.E. Ms. Carla Grijó Ambassador of the European Union to Cabo Verde</p> <p>Dr. Madelyn Antoncic, Senior Fellow, NYU Development Research Institute; former Vice-President and Treasurer of the World Bank and IDA: former Senior Advisor to UNCTAD. (<i>virtual</i>)</p>
<p>1:00 – 3:00pm</p>	<p>Lunch</p>	
<p>3:00–4:45pm</p>	<p>Session 3: Operationalizing the SIDS4 Outcome (Part 1)</p> <p>Means of Implementation</p> <p>The Future of Partnerships including SIDS-SIDS Cooperation</p> <p>Role of Civil Society and Other Stakeholder including the Private Sector</p> <p>Centre of Excellence for SIDS</p> <p>Mainstreaming Youth and gender for success</p>	<p>Chair: Chair: H.E. Ms. Maria De Jesus Miranda, Ambassador, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Cooperation and Regional Integration, Republic of Cabo Verde</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Ibrahim Zuhuree, Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Maldives to the United Nations</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Mr. Jorge Aranda, Deputy Permanent Representative of Portugal to the UN and Co-Chair of the Steering Committee on SIDS Partnerships</p> <p>H.E. Mr. Walton Webson Permanent Representative of Antigua & Barbuda to the UN</p> <p>Ms. Lotta Tahtinen, Chief, Outreach and Partnerships, Division for Sustainable Development Goals, UNDESA</p> <p>Ms. Tonni Ann Brodber Representative, UN Women, Multi-Country Office- Caribbean (<i>virtual</i>)</p>

		Ms. Tanya Radosavljevic - Deputy Representative UNICEF, Multi-Country Office – Caribbean (<i>virtual</i>)
4:45-5:00pm	Coffee/Tea Break	
5:00 – 6:00pm	Closed Session (SIDS Countries Only)	
END DAY 2		

Day 3: Friday 1 September

9:00 – 10:45am	<p>Session 4: Operationalizing the SIDS4 Outcome (Part 2)</p> <p>A Monitoring & Evaluation Framework for SIDS4</p> <p>Ensuring localization and coherent implementation</p> <p>Effective Public Institutions for Results</p> <p>Capacity Building, STI and Digital transformation</p>	<p>Moderator: Mr. Travis Sinckler, Senior Environmental Officer, Ministry of the Environment of Barbados (<i>Virtual</i>)</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Mr. Guo Weimin Deputy Director (Climate Change & Sustainable Development), International Organisations Directorate, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Singapore</p> <p>Ms. Kennethia Douglas, Project Manager-SDGs, Ministry of Planning and Development, Technical Cooperation Unit, Technical Co-ordinating Secretariat</p> <p>Dr. Olney Daly, International Consultant (<i>Virtual</i>)</p> <p>Mr. Yared Befecadu, Programme Management Officer, Office for Africa, Division of Country Programmes, International Trade Centre (ITC)</p> <p>Ms. Cristina Rodriguez-Acosta, Inter-Regional Adviser, Public Administration, Division for Public Institutions and Digital Government (DPIDG), DESA (<i>Virtual</i>)</p>
10:45 – 11:00am	<i>Tea/Coffee Break</i>	
11:00am-1:00pm	Discussions on the Outcome Document (closed sessions)	Chair: H.E Ms. Tania Romualdo , Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Cabo Verde to the UN
1:00 – 3:00pm	<i>Lunch</i>	
3:00 – 4:00pm	Discussions on the Outcome Document (closed sessions)	Chair: H.E Ms. Tania Romualdo , Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Cabo Verde to the UN
4:00-4:30pm	Presentation of Outcome Document	Chair: H.E Ms. Tania Romualdo , Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Cabo Verde to the UN
	Discussions	
4:30pm	Closing Ceremony	Master of Ceremony: Mr. Sidney Cardoso , Adviser to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Cooperation and Regional Integration, Cabo Verde

		<p>Concluding Remarks: H.E. Mr. Walton Webson Permanent Representative of Antigua & Barbuda to the UN</p> <p>Concluding Remarks: Under-Secretary-General UNDESA and Secretary General of the 4th International Conference on SIDS</p> <p>Closing Address: H.E. Mr. Rui Figueiredo Soares, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Cooperation and Regional Integration, Republic of Cabo Verde</p>
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