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# Multi-stakeholder Informative Webinar

on the 4th International  
Conference on Small Island  
Developing States (SIDS4)

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**26 October 2023, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. (EDT)**

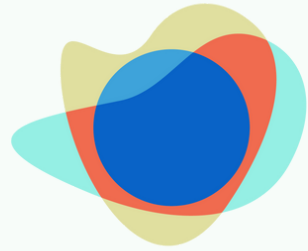
For details about the Webinar:

<https://sdgs.un.org/events/sids4stakeholderwebinar>

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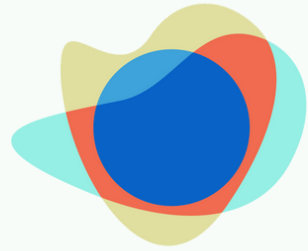
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# Welcome Remarks and Agenda Review



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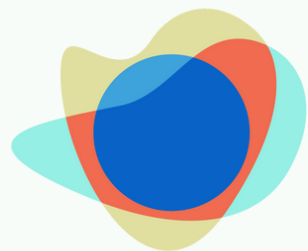


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# Participation Guide

- This webinar **will be recorded**. The recording will be shared on the event's website
- Links to presentation and relevant information will be shared afterwards with all registered participants.
- Twitter: @SustDev
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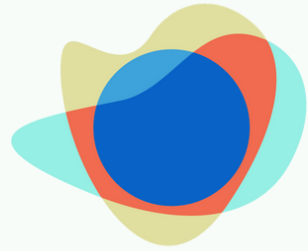


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# Agenda

09:30 – 09:35	Welcome Remarks and Agenda Review
09:35 – 09:45	Vision for the SIDS4 Conference - Perspective of the Host Country
09:45 – 09:55	The preparatory process for the SIDS4 Conference – Message from the Co-Chairs of the Preparatory Committee for the SIDS4
09:55 – 10:05	The SIDS4 Conference – An overview
10:05 – 10:15	Stakeholder Engagement and Special Accreditation Process for Non-Governmental Organizations and other relevant stakeholders
10:15 – 10:25	Q&A
10:25 - 10:30	Closing Remarks



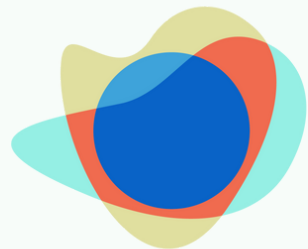


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# Vision for the SIDS4 Conference - Perspectives from the Host Country



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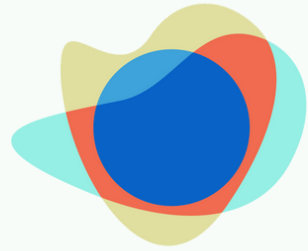
# The preparatory process for the SIDS4 Conference – Messages from the Co-Chairs of the Preparatory Committee for the SIDS4



**H.E. Ms. Carolyn Schwalger**  
Permanent Representative of  
New Zealand to the United  
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**Mr. Ibrahim Zuhuree**  
Deputy Permanent Representative of  
Maldives to the United Nations



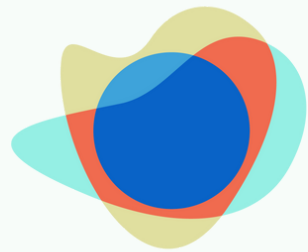
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# The SIDS4 Conference – An overview



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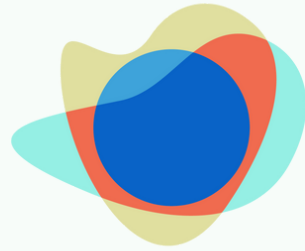


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# 4th International Conference on Small Island Developing States (SIDS4)

- **27-30 May 2024** in St. John's, Antigua & Barbuda
- Theme: *"Charting the course toward resilient prosperity"*
- Conference website: [www.un.org/smallislands](http://www.un.org/smallislands)

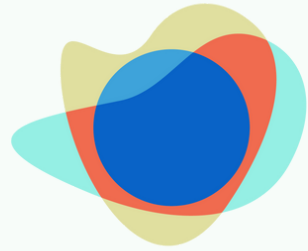




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# Conference Outcomes

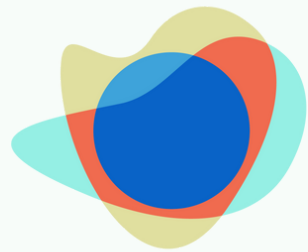
- Intergovernmentally agreed, focused, forward-looking and action-oriented political outcome document.
- New Programme of Action for SIDS, with concrete, measurable, targets to support SIDS to achieve their sustainable development objectives over the next ten years.



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# Format of the Conference

- **Eight plenaries:** Announcement of commitments, plans, actions, and best practices.
- **Five interactive dialogues:** collaborative, multi-stakeholder, gender and geographical balance, focused on addressing existing and new and emerging challenges and opportunities for the sustainable development of SIDS and ways and means to address them.
- **Side Events**
- **Informal Special Events**



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# Regional Preparatory Process

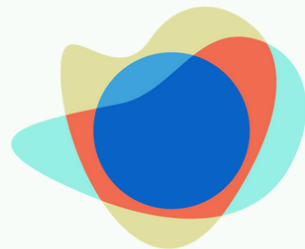
## Regional preparatory meetings

- AIS : 24-26 July 2023 in Mauritius
- Caribbean: 8-10 August 2023 in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
- Pacific: 16-18 August 2023 in Tonga

## Interregional meeting

- 30 Aug-1 Sept 2023 in Cabo Verde

More information: <https://sdgs.un.org/smallislands#events>



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# Key pillars identified by SIDS in the preparatory meetings - Praia (Cabo Verde) Declaration

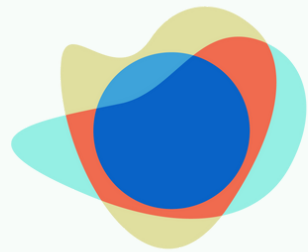
**Revitalizing our Economies: Strategies for Dynamic and Inclusive Growth**

**Transformative Actions to Enhance Environmental Resilience**

**Forging a Path to Empowerment, Equity, Inclusion, Peaceful Societies and Safe Communities**

**Strengthen Institutional and Statistical Capacity**

**Means of Implementation: From Vulnerability toward a more Resilient Future**



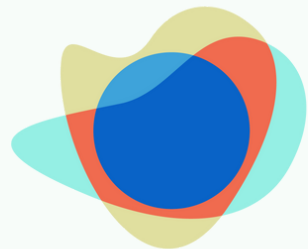
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# Preparatory Committee Meetings

The Preparatory Committee will convene two sessions next year at the UN Headquarters, in New York to discuss the outcome document among others:

- First session: 22-26 Jan 2024
- Second session: 1-5 Apr 2024





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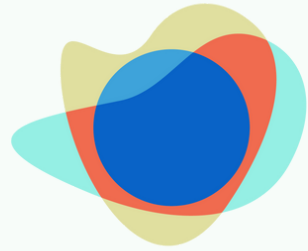
# Stakeholder Engagement and Special Accreditation Process for Non-Governmental Organizations and other relevant stakeholders for the SIDS4



**Ms. Kathryn Good**  
Head, UN Non-governmental  
Liaison Service at United  
Nations, UN-NGLS, UN DGC



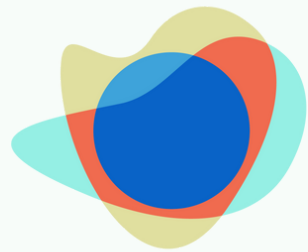
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# Stakeholder Engagement

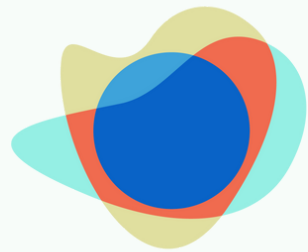
1. **Awareness-raising and information sharing** to all stakeholders about the Conference and its preparatory process through multiple channels.
2. Creating and providing **opportunities for stakeholders to engage** in, and contribute to, including to intergovernmental process on the outcome document.



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# Stakeholder Engagement - **Awareness Raising**

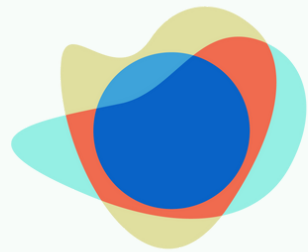
- Stakeholders **mailing list** and regular communications
- Dedicated “**Stakeholders**” page at the Conference’s website
- Periodic **informational virtual briefings** and webinars for stakeholders to share information about opportunities and ways to engage.
- Regular outreach through UN DESA’s, OHRLLS and partners’ social media channel



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# Stakeholder Engagement - **Creating Space (1/2)**

- Identifying **strategic opportunities** for stakeholders participation in the intergovernmental process.
- Organizing **substantive online consultations**
- Carrying out the **Special Accreditation process**
- **Special Events** in connection with the Conference
- **Side events**

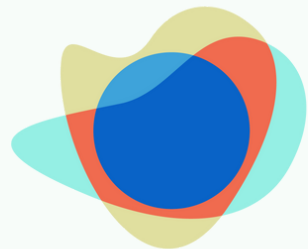


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# Stakeholder Engagement - **Creating Space (2/2)**

- Setting up **registration processes** for the Preparatory Committee meetings and the Conference.
- Organizing **speaking slots** during meetings of the preparatory Committee (as appropriate) and Conference official sessions
- Collect **written statements** from accredited organizations in connection with the Conference.





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# Stakeholder Engagement - Online Consultation

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### Regional Snapshot: Atlantic, Indian Ocean and South China Sea (AIS) Region

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### Regional Snapshot: Caribbean Region

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### Regional Snapshot: Pacific Region

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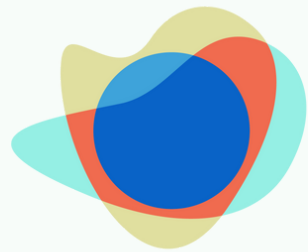
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More: <https://sdgs.un.org/events/online-stakeholder-consultation-fourth-international-conference-small-island-developing>



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# Stakeholders Participation: Who can attend the SIDS4 Conference?

1. Non-governmental organizations and major groups identified in Agenda 21 and other stakeholders in **consultative status with ECOSOC**.
2. Organizations that were accredited to the **previous United Nations' conferences on the sustainable development of SIDS**.
3. Organizations that receive **special accreditation** by the Preparatory Committee or the General Assembly to attend the SIDS4 Conference <https://sdgs.un.org/smallislands#stakeholders>

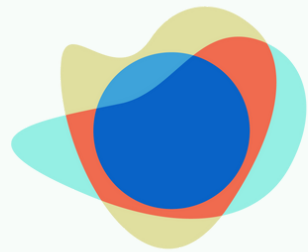


# Special Accreditation for the SIDS4 Conference - Documentation

Interested organizations must apply by **10 November 2023**.

- Applications can only be done through the dedicated online form available here: [indico.un.org/event/1007774](https://indico.un.org/event/1007774).
- Important supporting documentation will be required, including:
  - Purpose of Organization and expression of interest
  - Proof of legal status,
  - Copy of the constitution and/or by-laws of the organization.
  - Copy of the annual or other reports of the organization with financial statements
  - Examples of organizations' work relevant to the conference and its preparatory process.
  - At which level organization's work is undertaken (National, Regional, International, None)
  - List of members of the governing body of the organization (Board) and their countries of nationality.
  - Description of the membership of the organization, indicating the total number of members.



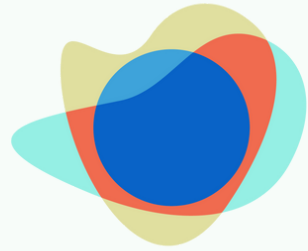


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# Special Accreditation for the SIDS4 Conference - **Review Process**

- The secretariat will review the relevance of the work of the applicants.
- All submissions will be subject to the approval of the Preparatory Committee or the General Assembly.
- Approved organizations will be notified by the Secretariat by late January 2024 (estimated).
- Once an organization or entity receives special accreditation, it will be able to register representatives to participate at the 4th International Conference on Small Island Developing States and/or its preparatory meetings.

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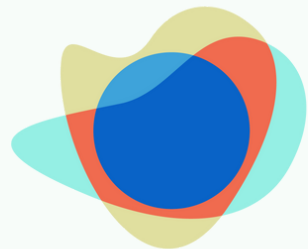


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# Questions & Answers

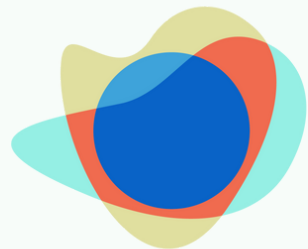
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# Closing Remarks



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# Thank you!

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