Multi-stakeholder Informative Webinar

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

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

For details about the Webinar:
https://sdgs.un.org/events/sids4stakeholderwebinar

Learn more: www.un.org/smallislands
Welcome Remarks and Agenda Review

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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
- Questions/Comments? – Please, use the Q&A box
- Relevant links will be posted on the chat box
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Vision for the SIDS4 Conference - Perspectives from the Host Country

H.E. Mr. Walton Alfonso Webson
Permanent Representative of Antigua and Barbuda to the United Nations
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 Nations

Mr. Ibrahim Zuhuree
Deputy Permanent Representative of Maldives to the United Nations
The SIDS4 Conference – An overview

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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 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.
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
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
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
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
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

Ms. Naiara Costa
Senior Sustainable Development Officer, Outreach and Partnerships Branch, Division for Sustainable Development Goals (DSDG), UNDESA
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.
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
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**
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.
Stakeholder Engagement - Online Consultation

Regional Snapshot: Atlantic, Indian Ocean and South China Sea (AIS) Region
Global Online Stakeholder Consultation

Regional Snapshot: Caribbean Region
Global Online Stakeholder Consultation

Regional Snapshot: Pacific Region
Global Online Stakeholder Consultation

More: https://sdgs.un.org/events/online-stakeholder-consultation-fourth-international-conference-small-island-developing
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
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](http://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.
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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Questions & Answers

- Questions/Comments? Please, use the Q&A or the chat box.

- Please consult the Frequently Asked Questions for more information
Thank you!

Conference website: www.un.org/smallislands
Questions? Please contact dsdg@un.org - Add subject: [SIDS4 - Stakeholders]

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