



“The Road to Antigua and Barbuda: a Preview of the 2024 SIDS Conference”

Monday, 4 December 2023

13:15-13:30 Dubai time

Concept note

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Overview:

Ahead of the Fourth International Conference on Small Island Developing States (SIDS4), to be held from 27 to 30 May 2024 in Antigua and Barbuda, UN DESA is hosting an informational session at the SDG Pavilion to explore how this Conference will advance SIDS’ sustainable development objectives and help them meet their climate-related goals. Small Island Developing States are particularly vulnerable to the accelerating impacts of climate change. This event will discuss how SIDS4 can advance outcomes of COP28.

Proposed date: Sunday, 3 December 2024

Proposed time: 13:15-13:30 Gulf Standard Time (04:15-04:30 NY time)

Place: SDG Pavilion, Blue Zone, COP28, Dubai

Online: Streaming UN DESA’s [YouTube page](#) and [Facebook page](#)

Speakers:

- **Mr. Li Junhua**, UN Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, and Secretary-General of the 2024 SIDS Conference (confirmed)
- **Ms. Rabab Fatima**, UN Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (tbc)

Moderator

- **Ms. Nanette Braun**, Director, Communications Campaigns, UN Department of Global Communications

Guiding questions:

1. Can you please tell us about the Conference? The preparation timeline, its goals, its intended impact? (For USG DESA)
2. How do international agreements like the 2030 Agenda, Paris Agreement and Samoa Pathway collectively support SIDS? (For USG OHRLLS)
3. What are the key priorities for SIDS4? (For USG DESA)
4. How do you intend to advocate for the interest of SIDS? (For USG OHRLLS)