



Evidence-based pathways for resilient prosperity in SIDS

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13.15-14.30 UNHQ, Conference Room D

Side Event Summary Report

The ODI Resilient and Sustainable Islands Initiative (RESI) hosted the captioned side event with the support of the Governments of Antigua-Barbuda and the United Kingdom, as well as UNOPS and AOSIS. The opening address was given by HE Ambassador Walton Webson, Permanent Representative of Antigua-Barbuda, with closing remarks provided by HE James Kariuki, Deputy Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom.

Approximately 30 participants from various UN agencies, AOSIS, SIDS governments and donor partners attended, and the discussion ranged across a number of themes geared towards generating a successful SIDS4 agenda: (i) understanding the challenges ahead; (ii) articulating the desired outcomes and infusing the concept of resilient prosperity with meaning; (iii) agreement on the main obstacles and enablers for success; (iv) commitments from stakeholders regarding their substantive contributions to achieving resilient prosperity.

ODI-RESI colleagues also presented the detail of the SIDS Future Forum which the insights from the foregoing conversation will help to shape. This will be held in New York on March 4-5 2024. It is geared towards providing a stronger evidence-base, through a suite of commissioned policy research papers, tied to each of the substantive themes in the zero draft of the SIDS4 communiqué. The Forum will see structured dialogue between the expert authors and policymakers to help inform thinking towards translating the outcome document into concrete actions and delivering an ambitious 10-year agenda for SIDS.