

Summary

- On 23 January, alongside the First Preparatory Committee for SIDS4 plenary meeting in New York, the Permanent Mission of Antigua and Barbuda, [the PVBLIC Foundation](#), the Alliance of Small Island Developing States and UNOPS hosted an event dedicated to the Center of Excellence and the Global Data Hub for SIDS to be hosted in St. John's and launched at the 4th International Conference for SIDS on 27-30 May 2024 (A/RES/78/232, art. 42).
- The event was attended by SIDS and other members of the Preparatory Committee for SIDS4 as well as the Overseas Development Institute, the Alliance of Small Island Developing States, the Family Offices for Sustainable Development, UNDP, UNCDF, UNDRR, FAO, UNDESA and OHRLLS.
- A joint PPT (attached) was delivered to introduce the Center of Excellence and the Global Data Hub for SIDS for which Antigua and Barbuda, the Alliance of Small Island Developing States and the PVBLIC Foundation signed a Memorandum of Understanding on 20 September 2023 alongside the 78th UNGA (attached).
- The Global Data Hub will assist SIDS in establishing country specific Hubs and in strengthening analytical capacities, drawing on advanced technologies including geospatial data to inform the implementation of the new Programme of Action 2024-2034 titled "Charting the Way towards Resilient Prosperity in SIDS". The Global Data Hub and related work in all SIDS will be funded for 5 years by the [Family Offices for Sustainable Development](#), a platform of philanthropies that was established by the PVBLIC Foundation jointly with the UN Office for Partnerships and the Multipartner Trust Fund Office (MPTFO).
- The governance structure of the Center of Excellence, which is designed to be an intergovernmental entity, includes a Steering Committee, an Advisory Board comprising academia, think tanks and other relevant organization, a Secretariat and a Trust Fund to mobilise the necessary resources. In addition to the Global Data Hub for SIDS, the Center of Excellence will include an Innovation and Technology Mechanism and an Island Investment Forum to convene biennially in a Davos-style gathering of stakeholders.