



4TH INTERNATIONAL
CONFERENCE ON
**Small Island
Developing States**
27-30 MAY 2024
ST. JOHN'S, ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA

Media advisory

Renewed urgency for upcoming UN conference to forge new path for prosperity in Small Island Developing States amidst global crises

Media accreditation OPEN until 10 May

World leaders will convene at [The fourth International Conference on Small Island Developing States \(SIDS4\)](#), hosted by Antigua and Barbuda, to deliver a bold new plan of action to build the resilience of 39 small island nations in tackling the world's most pressing challenges and achieving [the Sustainable Development Goals](#).

This Conference takes place at a critical juncture for these small island developing States (SIDS) that are home to approximately 65 million people. Many SIDS are still reeling from the double shocks of the global financial crisis and the COVID-19 pandemic, while also dealing with the rapidly accelerating impacts of climate change.

The four-day Conference will seek to deliver specific initiatives and concrete deliverables to address critical SIDS-specific challenges including the climate crisis, biodiversity loss and spiraling debt. World leaders will be joined by the private sector, civil society and young people to advance new ideas, raise new pledges of support and cover critical issues for the future of SIDS.

The Conference will open with statements expected by the UN Secretary-General, the President of the Conference, the President of the UN General Assembly, the President of the UN Economic and Social Council, the Chair of the Alliance of Small Island States, the Secretary-General of the Conference, the Special Advisor for the Conference and a youth representative.

About the Conference

In addition to eight plenary meetings, there will be five interactive dialogues. The themes of the five interactive dialogues are: *Revitalizing SIDS Economies for Accelerated and Sustainable Growth*; *Enhancing Critical Forms of Financing and Aid Effectiveness through Collaborative Partnerships*; *Making Climate Finance Work for SIDS: Building on the Outcomes of UNFCCC COP28*; *Leveraging Data and Digital Technologies and Building Effective Institutions for a Resilient Future in SIDS* and *Investing in Human Capital: addressing health crises in SIDS and building the potential of youth in SIDS*.

The Conference also will feature five high-level special events:

- The [SIDS Children and Youth Action Summit](#) (24 to 26 May)
- The SIDS Gender Equality Forum (25 to 26 May)
- The [2024 SIDS Global Business Network Forum](#) (25 to 26 May)
- The [SIDS4 Private Sector Roundtable](#) (28 May)
- The [SIDS4 Civil Society Forum](#) (29 May)

The Conference will culminate in the adoption of an agreed programme of action that will focus on practical and impactful solutions to support SIDS in building resilience and attaining their sustainable development objectives. This programme, [The Antigua and Barbuda Agenda for SIDS \(ABAS\) – a Renewed Declaration for Resilient Prosperity](#), will set out the sustainable development aspirations of small islands over the next 10 years.

Media accreditation

Please note that media accreditation closes on 10 May.

Media representatives applying independently are required to submit an application form, including a letter of assignment from a bona fide media organization, samples of their work and a government-issued ID. Instructions are available on the [website](#) of the Media Accreditation and Liaison Unit.

Requests for delegation media, including journalists and official photographers and videographers, should be submitted by Missions and Organizations enrolled in the eRegistration system, which is available through the [e-deleGATE portal](#) ([instructions](#)).

Please note that **all** media representatives **must apply for accreditation in advance**, as there will **not** be on-site accreditation.

For more information, please visit the UN Media Accreditation and Liaison Unit's website or contact them at malu@un.org or +1 212-963-6934.

Key links

Website: <https://sdgs.un.org/conferences/sids2024>

Programme: <https://sdgs.un.org/conferences/sids2024/programme>

List of Side Events: <https://sdgs.un.org/conferences/sids2024/programme/side-events>

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Media Corner: <https://sdgs.un.org/conferences/sids2024/media>

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On X (formerly Twitter):

<https://twitter.com/UNDESA>

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