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SIDS4 CIVIL SOCIETY FORUM

A SPECIAL EVENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE SIDS4 CONFERENCE

Empowering Resilient Prosperity: Civil Society's Engagement in the Implementation of the outcomes of the Antigua and Barbuda Agenda for SIDS (ABAS)

29 May 2024, 18:30 – 20:00, Interactive Dialogue Room

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Moderators:

H. E. Ms. Dessima Williams, President, Parliament, Grenada

Ms. Karuna Rana, Co-Founder, SIDS Youth AIMS Hub (SYAH), Mauritius

18:30 – 19:00	<u>Opening Remarks</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Li Junhua, SIDS4 Secretary-General, Under Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, UN DESA• H. E. Ms. Paula Narváez, President of the UN Economic and Social Council• H. E. Ms. Penelope Beckles-Robinson, Minister of Planning and Development, Trinidad and Tobago• Ms. Emeline Siale Ilolahia, Pacific Islands Association of Non-Governmental Organizations (PIANGO)• Ms. Nicole Leotaud, Caribbean Natural Resources Institute (CANARI)
19:00 – 19:20	<u>Actions and commitments by civil society towards an inclusive implementation of the Antigua and Barbuda Agenda for SIDS (ABAS)</u> <p><i>Concrete innovative solutions/good practices/initiatives/plans/commitments from CSOs to implement the priorities proposed in the SIDS Civil Society Roadmap and Action Plan</i></p>

	<p><i>declaration and contributions to the implementation of the Antigua and Barbuda Agenda for SIDS (ABAS).</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Vani Catanasiga, Executive Director, Fiji Council of Social Services (FCOSS), Fiji • Ms. Rueanna Haynes, Director, Climate Analytics Caribbean, Trinidad and Tobago • Ms. Elciline Borges, Board Member, SIDS Youth AIMS Hub (SYAH) Cabo Verde, Cabo Verde • Ms. Karen Panton, Executive Director, Bahamas Protected Areas Fund and Consortium of Caribbean Conservation Funds, Bahamas
<p>19:20 – 19:40</p>	<p><u>Promoting partnerships with civil society and support for the inclusive implementation of the Antigua and Barbuda Agenda for SIDS (ABAS)</u></p> <p><u>CSO representatives</u></p> <p><i>Outcomes and lessons learned from sustainable development partnerships in SIDS to inspire and guide partnerships to implement the Antigua and Barbuda Agenda for SIDS (ABAS).</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Noelene Nabulivou, Executive Director, DIVA for Equality, Women's Major Group, GPPAC, Fiji • Mr. John Mussington, Barbuda Land Rights and Resources / Stronger Caribbean Together Network, Antigua and Barbuda • Ms. Krshtee Sukhbilas, Investment Analyst, SIDS Youth AIMS Hub (SYAH), Mauritius • Mr. Richard Jones, Officer in Charge, Caribbean Policy Development Centre (CPDC), Barbados <p><u>Partners interventions</u></p> <p><i>Current or upcoming initiatives to support SIDS civil society organizations towards the implementation of the Antigua and Barbuda Agenda for SIDS (ABAS) and the SIDS4 Civil Society Action Plan and Roadmap.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Luc Bagur, Director for Sustainable Policy and Coordination, EU Commission Directorate General for International Partnership, European Union • Mr. Olivier Langrand, Executive Director, Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF) • Ms. Beiateiti Taira, Climate Action Officer, Kiribati Red Cross

<p>19:40 – 19:50</p>	<p><u>Creative expressions on SIDS sustainable development issues</u></p> <p><i>Featuring SIDS artists, creatives and innovators that use dynamic approaches to address sustainability, socio-economic and resilience challenges using unique, culturally-conscious activities that celebrate and honor the SIDS experience.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Joshuanette Francis, Good Humans 268, Antigua and Barbuda • Ms. Hérica Socorro Gomes de Oliveira, Friends of the Environment, Cabo Verde • Mr. Elijah James, Volunteers United, Antigua and Barbuda
<p>19:50 – 20:00</p>	<p><u>Closing Remarks</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Horisha Danylle Michell Savy, SIDS Youth AIMS Hub (SYAH) Seychelles • Ms. Tishka Francis, Head of SIDS Sub Programme, OHRLLS • H. E. Mr. Everly Paul Chet Greene, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Agriculture, Trade & Barbuda Affairs, Antigua and Barbuda