

3rd Stakeholder Webinar on the SIDS4: Updates and Engagement Opportunities

Starting Soon!



8 May 2024, 9:30 - 10:15AM, EDT, New York Time

https://sdgs.un.org/conferences/sids2024/stakeholders





Welcome Remarks and Agenda Review



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Participation Guide

- This webinar will be recorded. The recording will be shared via email with registered participants of the SIDS4 Conference
- Links to presentation and relevant information will be shared afterwards with all registered participants.
- Questions/Comments? Please, use the Q&A box
- Relevant links will be posted on the chat box



Agenda

09:30 - 09:35	Welcome Remarks and Agenda Review
09:35- 09:55	The SIDS4 Conference – Updates and engagement opportunities for stakeholders
09:55 – 10:10	Q&A
10:05 – 10:15	Closing



4th International Conference on Small Island Developing States (SIDS4)

- 27-30 May 2024 in St.John's, Antigua & Barbuda
- Theme: "Charting the course toward resilient prosperity"
- Conference website: www.un.org/smallislands

Outcomes of the Conference



The Antigua and Barbuda Agenda for SIDS (ABAS) – a Renewed Declaration for Resilient Prosperity

- Intergovernmentally agreed, focused, forward-looking and actionoriented political outcome document that sets out a new Programme of Action for SIDS, with concrete, measurable targets to support SIDS to achieve their sustainable development objectives over the next ten years.
- Will be adopted during the SIDS4 Conference

https://sdgs.un.org/sites/default/files/2024-04/SIDS4%20-%20Co-Chairs%20FINAL.pdf

The Antigua and Barbuda Agenda for SIDS (ABAS)

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

- Section 1: The SIDS story
- Section 2: What do SIDS want?
- Section 3: How do SIDS get there
- Section 4: A More Effective UN In Support of SIDS
- Section 5: Monitoring and Evaluation

Format of the SIDS4 Conference



O1 Cultural opening (9am, 27 May)

08 Plenary sessions

05 Interactive dialogues

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Revitalizing SIDS Economies for accelerated and sustainable growth - 28 May - 11 a.m. – 1 p.m

SIDS4 Interactive dialogues

Enhancing critical forms of financing and aid effectiveness through collaborative partnerships: a conversation - 28 May - 4p.m. - 6 p.m.

Making climate finance work for SIDS:

building on the outcomes of UNFCCC COP 28

- 29 May - 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Leveraging data and digital technologies and building effective Institutions for a resilient future in SIDS - 29 May - 4p.m. - 6 p.m.

Investing in human capital: addressing health crises in SIDS and building the potential of youth in SIDS - 30 May - 11a.m. - 1 p.m.

Special Events



- SIDS Children and Youth Action Summit, 24-26 May 2024
- SIDS Gender Equality Forum, 26 May 2024
- 2024 SIDS Global Business Network Forum, 25-26 May 2024
- SIDS4 Private Sector Roundtable, 28 May 2024
- Civil Society and Other Stakeholders Forum, 29 May 2024

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High level meeting on mobilization of resources for SIDS (by invitation only)



- Convened by the UN Secretary-General
- High-level meeting with international financial institutions, development banks and major donors
- Aiming at ensuring the full mobilization of resources for Small Island Developing States (SIDS), in accordance with General Assembly resolution 77/245 and 78/232.
- 28 May 2024



Side Events

- 170 Side Events inside the Conference Venue Running in parallel to the Official Programme
- 10 Side Events outside the Conference Venue across Antigua & Barbuda
- 30 virtual Side Events

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Stakeholder Participation



 Practical guide for representatives of non-governmental organizations, major groups and other stakeholders attending the SIDS4 Conference. (Updated regularly!)

Access it here: https://sdgs.un.org/documents/practical-guide-representatives-non-governmental-organizations-major-groups-and-other

More information: https://sdgs.un.org/conferences/sids2024/participate



Stakeholders Registration

- Registration for representatives of NGOs, major groups and other relevant stakeholders closed on **26 April 2024**.
- Each approved representative receives a confirmation letter by e-mail, which serves as an official invitation to the Conference.
- No late application or on-site application will be accepted for this category.
- Swapping representatives is also not possible



Before you travel

- Representatives are responsible for their travel and for acquiring necessary visas for transit countries.
- For the conditions and procedures for obtaining a visa for entry into Antigua and Barbuda, visit https://immigration.gov.ag/visa-services/general-visa-information.
- Representatives are responsible for their accommodation and can make reservations by visiting the following websites set up by the host government: https://sids4.gov.ag/accommodations.php, https://www.visitantiguabarbuda.com/ or all major booking websites to secure their accommodations.



Before you travel - Transport Service

IMPORTANT! In order to be included in the transport service provided by the host country, participants must fill <u>this form</u> at their earliest convenience: <u>https://bit.ly/transportarrangements</u>



Registration Centre in Antigua and Barbuda

Conference badges for stakeholders whose registrations have been approved will be issued and distributed from 24 to 30 May 2024 at the United Nations Registration Centre located at the AICASA building of the Conference venue.

United Nations Registration Centre at the Conference venue will be open as follows:



Arrive early to avoid lines!

24-25 May - 9 a.m.- 6 p.m. 26-27 May - 8 a.m.-6 p.m. 28-29 May - 8 a.m.-5 p.m. 30 May - 9 a.m.-1 p.m.



How can I get my badge?

- A printed confirmation letter or a copy on a tablet or smartphone.
- A valid government-issued photo identification
- Participants younger than 18 years old must be accompanied by a registered chaperone.



A valid photo identification issued by the government of a United Nations Member State.



Must be original (no photographs or photocopies accepted), in Latin/Roman characters, and may include passports or national identity cards (for nationals of Antigua and Barbuda).



The name on your ID must match the name on your INDICO registration exactly.



Do I need to wear a badge all the time?

- **YES!** The wearing of conference badges will be strictly enforced, and access will be denied to anyone not wearing a valid badge.
- The loss of a conference badge or any personal item must be reported to the registration centre and/or the United Nations Security and Safety Service, located in the Registration Centre at the Conference venue.
- Please, expect queues and allocate appropriate time to go through security proceedings.
- Participants are solely responsible for taking care of their own personal belongings. Any bags or objects left unattended will be removed for security reasons.



Access to Official Sessions

PLENARY

- Secondary access cards will be necessary to access the Plenary Room.
- A limited number of single seats will be assigned to non-governmental organizations, major groups and other stakeholders.
- Information about distribution of secondary access cards (**Plenary**) to stakeholders will be shared by the Secretariat with registered participants.
- All other interested stakeholders are invited to follow the plenary meetings in the Plenary Overflow Room on the first floor of the South Block building of the Conference venue.



Access to Official Sessions INTERACTIVE DIALOGUES

- Representatives of non-governmental organizations, major groups and other stakeholders will be able to observe the proceedings from the seats allocated in Area 3 of the Interactive Dialogue Room.
- Seats in this area will be available on a **first-come first-served basis**, up to the capacity of the room.
- Interested representatives unable to enter the Interactive Dialogue Room, due to seating capacity restrictions, are invited to follow the interactive dialogues in the Interactive Dialogue Overflow Room on the first floor of the South Block building of the Conference venue.



Speaking Slots - PLENARY AND INTERACTIVE DIALOGUES

- Registered stakeholders can now register their interest to deliver short
 interventions during the Plenary OR Interactive Dialogues by signing up to a
 dedicated form by 10 May 2025 at 17:00 EDT.
- Considering the limited availability of speaking slots, preference will be given to statements that are delivered on behalf of groups of organizations, including major groups.
- Only one application per organization/individual will be considered.



Stakeholder Caucus Room

- The Secretariat has reserved a Conference Room to be used as "caucus room" for organized groups of civil society, major groups and stakeholders' networks during the SIDS4 Conference.
- The Stakeholder Caucus Room will only be booked for **internal meetings of groups/major groups/networks** from civil society and other stakeholders.
- This space cannot be booked by individual organizations, for bilateral meetings or public events.
- Only representatives of CSOs, major groups and other stakeholders with valid badges to access the SIDS4 Conference will be able to attend.
- Interested networks/major groups/constituencies can apply by 17 May 2024, 17:00 EDT.



SIDS4 Civil Society Forum

- 29 May 2024 from 18:30 20:00
- Informal special event in connection with the SIDS4 Conference.
- Opportunity to rally and mobilize civil society, including indigenous peoples, women's
 organizations and stakeholder groups to highlight their contributions to the sustainable
 development of SIDS and to share reflections, priorities and announce commitments towards
 the implementation of the SIDS4 outcome document.
- Registered representatives of accredited non-governmental organizations, major groups and other relevant stakeholders attending the SIDS4 Conference in person, are invited to indicate their interest to make short interventions during the CSO Forum Special Event, subject to the availability of time, by 10 May, 17:00 EDT.



Written Inputs

- Non-governmental organizations, major groups and other relevant stakeholders who have been accredited in accordance with General Assembly resolution A/RES/77/245 as well as by A/CONF.223/2024.PC.L1., can now submit written statements/inputs to the Conference via a <u>dedicated</u> form.
- Deadline: 30 May 2024.
- Statements will be published between 27 31 May 2024.



Outreach

- Stakeholders are welcome to use the promotional videos, digital cards, sample social media messages and other materials available on the UN's SIDS4 Trello board here: https://trello.com/b/CUPe3IBO
- Please use hashtags #SIDS4 and #SmallIslands when writing about the Conference.
- Accounts to follow:
 - Twitter/X: @UNDESA, @UNOHRLLS, @SustDev, @GlobalGoalsUN
 - Facebook: @joinundesa, @unohrlls, @sustdev, @globalgoalsun
 - Instagram: @unohrlls, @unitednations



Important Notes

- Within United Nations premises, including the Conference zone, all persons are required to comply with safety and security regulations, as well as the rules and procedures of the organization.
- Any act that disrupts the normal functioning of the organization's programmatic activities, such as public displays of any form, including, but not limited to, clothing, banners, placards or other written or visual means, as well as vocal/audio sounds, gatherings or demonstrations of any kind, including passive, is **not allowed**.
- All individuals present on the United Nations premises, including the Conference zone, are
 expected to fully cooperate with United Nations security officers at all times. Refusal to
 comply with applicable regulations may result in temporary detention or removal from or
 denial of access to the premises in accordance with the Host Country Agreement and
 ST/Al/2019/5, entitled "Authority of United Nations Security Officers".



Attending the Conference

- Please bring your own water bottle!
- Wear comfortable shoes as the venue is quite spacious.
- Light summer clothing is customary all year round. Formal attire for men includes light suits or blazers and/or button-down collars and ties, and women wear a dress or a blouse and skirt or pants. Evenings can become cooler, and packing a light sweater is recommended.
- By attending the SIDS4 Conference you will be entering an area where photography, as well as audio and video recording, may occur. By joining the event, participants consent to appearing in images and recordings and for the release, publication, exhibition and reproduction of such images and recordings.
- Backpacks and bags larger than 14" (35 cm) x 13" (33cm) high x 4" (10 Cm) deep are not permitted and that there are no luggage storage facilities available.
- The United Nations Security reserves the right to deny entry or remove from the premises anyone not behaving or dressed appropriately.
- The SIDS4 Conference premises is accessible for disabled visitors and persons with limited mobility.
- Anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a duly registered chaperone.



Questions & Answers

• Questions/Comments? Please, use the Q&A box.



Thank you!

Conference website: www.un.org/smallislands
Questions? Please contact sids4@un.org - Add subject: Stakeholders]