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TIME	ROOM	ORGANIZERS	TITLE	SHORT DESCRIPTION	CONTACT
12:00 13:30	Room 1	PUBLIC Foundation, UNOPS, the Government of Antigua & Barbuda, The Office of Global Partnerships at the US Department of State	<u>The SIDS Center of Excellence and the growth of a SIDS-based Innovation Ecosystem</u>	This event will focus on educating attendees on the purpose of the CoE and the pivotal role that innovation, technology and entrepreneurship can play in supporting the next 10-year program of action.	info@pvblic.org
12:00 13:30	Room 2	The International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness, The United Nations Friends of Vision Group (Permanent Missions of Antigua and Barbuda, Bangladesh and Ireland)	<u>Delivering Universal Eye Care: Innovative capacity building to end avoidable sight loss, strengthen health system resiliency and accelerate progress towards the SDGs</u>	Explores the impact of avoidable sight-loss on sustainable development and the transformative power of innovative capacity building as a means to achieve a healthier and more equitable future for SIDS.	bblanchard@iapb.org
12:00 13:30	Room 3	Government of Antigua and Barbuda & International Trade Centre, UN OHRLLS, Trade and Investment Promotion Agency (APCI) Sao Tome, Ministry of Economy, Planning and Development, Dominican Republic, Investment Fiji	<u>The importance of data in promoting trade, investment, climate resiliency and SME competitiveness</u>	Recognizing the key role of BSOs in fostering SME competitiveness with exchange of best practices and tools to map climate related risks and opportunities whilst identifying further data needs of SIDS.	bmorrison@intracen.org
12:00 13:30	Room 4	Government of Belize, The Nature Conservancy	<u>How Debt for Nature and Climate Swaps Can Help SIDS Economies: Belize Case Study and Tools for SIDS</u>	A high-level session to address how debt for nature and climate swaps can help SIDS economies, building on the lessons learned from the Belize Blue Bond project and launching a Toolkit for SIDS.	TO.bbfunit@opm.gov.bz
12:00 13:30	Room 5	Malta - Ministry for Foreign and European Affairs and Trade, Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS), Islands and Small States Institute (ISSI) of the University of Malta	<u>Fostering Climate Adaptation and Resilience in Small Islands</u>	This Event will illustrate the Climate Vulnerability and Resilience Index which builds on the MVI and accounts for the efforts and costs faced by States to strengthen and maintain resilience.	patrick.r.mifsud@gov.mt
12:00 13:30	Room 6	UNITAR, Governments of Seychelles, Tonga and Fiji, UNDESA, RCO for Seychelles and Mauritius, ECLAC, UNDRR, Chamber of Commerce of Samoa	<u>Building resilient futures in SIDS using evidence-based planning and policies, robust data systems and technologies</u>	The event will highlight the role of evidence, data and satellite technology for resilient futures in SIDS by creating space for knowledge sharing with SIDS countries and partners.	a2030@unitar.org
12:00 13:30	Room 7	World Bank	<u>World Bank assistance to SIDS: a country perspective</u>	This event will highlight the different types of assistance that the World Bank provides to SIDS across multiple sectors.	jelsawalhi@worldbank.org
12:00 13:30	Room 8	World Trade Organization	<u>Integrating SIDS: Navigating Multilateral Trade Challenges</u>	The session will be focussed on critical issues surrounding the integration of SIDS into the multilateral trading system through the lens of WTO Agreements and disciplines.	robertasarita.allport@wto.org
12:00 13:30	Room 9	Maldives - Ministry of Climate Change, Environment and Energy, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH	<u>From Ambitions to Practice: Advancing SIDS4 Goals through the CSRI Initiative</u>	Bringing together regional and international stakeholders, this side event will explore collaborative partnerships to translate the ambitious goals of SIDS4 into tangible climate action.	climate@environment.gov.mv
12:00 13:30	Room 10	OECD, Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, World Resources Institute	<u>Achieving sustainable and resilient ocean economies in SIDS through development co-operation</u>	This side event will serve to develop the Guidance for Development Co-operation in Support of a Sustainable Ocean Economy by hearing SIDS' priorities for a sustainable and resilient ocean economy.	Antoine.CAHN@oecd.org
12:00 13:30	Room 11	European Union, Cabo Verde, Dominican Republic, Samoa, UNDP, UNCTAD	<u>Building advanced digital network infrastructure to achieve resilient prosperity</u>	This session will identify good practices, gaps, and priorities for building advanced digital network infrastructures and services built on fast, secure, and trusted connectivity.	patryk.pawlak@eui.eu
12:00 13:30	ID Room	The Green Climate Fund (GCF), Government of Dominican Republic, Government of the United Kingdom	<u>Enhancing Access to Climate Finance for Small Island Developing States</u>	This event will assemble high-level representatives to discuss how to strengthen GCF's impact in SIDS, while ensuring alignment with countries' priorities and circumstances.	dkarjama@gcfund.org
12:00 13:30	Overflow ID	UNDESA, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection (BMUV) of Germany, UN-Water	<u>Accelerate implementation of SDG 6 in SIDS - How does the UN System-wide Strategy for Water and Sanitation support SIDS?</u>	To enhance water resilience under climate change and the water-food-energy nexus, we discuss water challenges in SIDS and needed support through the UN System-wide Strategy for Water and Sanitation.	tomoyuki.okada@un.org

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14:00 - 15:30	Room 1	Government of Antigua and Barbuda	<u>Addressing deficits, deficiencies, and inequities in managing epilepsy in Small Island Developing States</u>	Challenges and solutions related to access, psychosocial difficulties and fiscal challenges experienced by those with epilepsy will be addressed.	dave.clarke@austin.utexas.edu
14:00 - 15:30	Room 2	European Commission, Ipos Earth, Office of the Pacific Ocean Commissioner, Ramboll	<u>TOWARDS AN IPOS – THE GATEWAY BETWEEN OCEAN KNOWLEDGE AND POLICY ACTION.</u>	A new mechanism – an International/Intergovernmental Panel for Ocean Sustainability (IPOS) - will be tested with key decision-makers from Small Island States.	maxime.delisle@ipos.earth
14:00 - 15:30	Room 3	Portugal, OECD	<u>Using the new UN MVI to identify and fill in vulnerability financing gaps in SIDS</u>	The event will discuss how MVI could be used by development co-operation providers to better assess SIDS' vulnerabilities and financial needs, and better allocate resources, based on OECD research.	duarte.valente@mne.pt
14:00 - 15:30	Room 4	IOC-UNESCO, Trinidad and Tobago, Grenada	<u>Ocean science and knowledge to underpin sustainable and equitable economic development in SIDS through the framework of the Ocean Decade</u>	The event is an interactive dialogue on the future priorities for ocean science and knowledge in SIDS to support the goal of revitalizing SIDS economies for accelerated and sustainable growth.	iocaribeocean@gmail.com
14:00 - 15:30	Room 5	Government of Tuvalu, Antigua and Barbuda Government, Vanuatu Government, Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty Initiative, UNOHRLLS	<u>Charting the Path for Small Island Developing States: Financing a Just Transition from Fossil Fuels</u>	Join us for facilitated discussion on opportunities for financing and other support in the Just Transition away from fossil fuels. We will hear from a range of SIDS officials, negotiators and experts.	nyadvisor@fossilfuel treaty.org
14:00 - 15:30	Room 6	Pacific Islands Development Forum, National Ocean Technology Center (Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) of the People's Republic of China (PRC)), China Oceanic Development Foundation (CODF), Tonga, Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (Fiji), Blue Praxis (Australia)	<u>Advancing Blue Economy through Marine Spatial Planning</u>	This side event will find effective path, method and technology to link MSP, Blue Economy and Disaster Risk Reduction, which will promote SIDS towards a resilient prosperity future.	arpana.pratap@pidf.int
14:00 - 15:30	Room 7	Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions, Antigua and Barbuda, Belize, Global Environment Facility (GEF), World Bank, UNEP, Basel Convention Regional Centre for Training and Technology Transfer for the Caribbean (BCRC Caribbean), SPREP, The Ashley Lashley Foundation	<u>Protecting SIDS from chemicals and waste: integrated action for healthy environments and sustainable development</u>	Highlighting how preventing pollution from chemicals and waste, including from plastics, and promoting circular economy are fundamental to human and ecosystem health and economic resilience of SIDS	melisa.lim@un.org
14:00 - 15:30	Room 8	FAO, CARICOM	<u>Delivering concrete solutions for SIDS through the FAO Global Roadmap: Achieving SDG2 without breaching the 1.5 C threshold</u>	Mobilizing collective action to support SIDS in the framework of the FAO Global Roadmap: Achieving SDG2 without breaching the 1.5 C threshold to maximize the positive impacts at the local level.	OSL-Director@fao.org
14:00 - 15:30	Room 9	International Organisation of Employers (IOE), Antigua & Barbuda Employers' Federation	<u>Fostering Resilient Economies in SIDS: Enhancing the Role of the Private Sector in Unleashing Job Potential</u>	This event aims to highlight priorities for sustainable business growth and job creation in SIDS.	awuku@ioe-emp.com
14:00 - 15:30	Room 10	Government of Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, Dominican Republic, Jamaica, Samoa, UK, and Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI)	<u>Infrastructure for Resilient Island States (IRIS)</u>	Launch of 2nd call for proposals under IRIS: Climate Action, Mainstreaming Resilience and Strengthening Data for Resilient and Inclusive Infrastructure for SIDS	david.white@CDRI.world
14:00 - 15:30	Room 11	SIDS DOCK Secretariat	<u>GLOBAL OCEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE (GLOEA) REVITALIZING SIDS ECONOMIES FOR ACCELERATED AND SUSTAINABLE GROWTH THROUGH OCEAN ENERGY: THE BLUE AND GREEN ECONOMY ASPIRATIONS OF SMALL ISLAND DEVELOPING STATES</u>	SIDS DOCK & UNIDO Partnership on the GLOEA: Building a bridge between SIDS governments, industry, science and finance to roll-out renewable ocean energy solutions	secretariat@sidsdock.org
14:00 - 15:30	ID Room	Dominican Republic, Kingdom of the Netherlands and Tajikistan	<u>Blue Resilience: Navigating Water Challenges in Small Island Nations</u>	Event focuses on innovative strategies for water resilience, responsible management, and socio-economic growth, fostering partnerships for water and food security	celinarubiosilfa@gmail.com
14:00 - 15:30	Overflow ID	UK Mission to the United Nations and Jamaica	<u>Mobilising Finance for Adaptation & Resilience</u>	A high-level roundtable, co-organised by the UK and Jamaica, focused on strengthening access to climate finance and mobilising wider sources of investment for Adaptation and Resilience (A&R).	Katherine.Lower@fcdo.gov.uk

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16:00 - 17:30	Room 1	Government of New Zealand, Global Centre for Climate Migration (GCCM), others tbc	<u>Addressing the threats posed by sea level rise</u>	The event will focus on how actions to overcome challenges, mobilise political leadership, and promote collaboration to address the threats posed by sea level rise.	nzpmun@mfat.govt.nz
16:00 - 17:30	Room 2	Kingdom of Tonga, Kingdom of Tonga, AOSIS, Island Resilience Partnership, PVBLIC Foundation, SDG News	<u>Island Resilience Forum</u>	Public-Private Partnerships for the Goals	tranchin@gmail.com
16:00 - 17:30	Room 3	UNCTAD, ILO, FCDO UK, ESCAP	<u>Building Resilience Through Fostering Green Productive Capacities, Economic Diversification and Decent Jobs: Innovative Strategies and Global Partnerships for Small Island Developing States</u>	Building economy-wide productive capacities is critical to enable economic diversification, advance structural transformation, enhance resilience, and generate decent jobs in SIDS: The discussion.	bolesta@un.org
16:00 - 17:30	Room 4	UNESCO, Cuba	<u>Empowering Caribbean Youth in Cultural and Creative Industries for Innovation and Resilience</u>	Leveraging best practices and experiences on culture as driver of sustainable development in the Caribbean SIDS.	transcultura.programme@unesco.org
16:00 - 17:30	Room 5	Ministry of Industry, Innovation, Science and Technology (MIST) of Barbados & Ministry of Information, Communication Technologies (ICT's), Utilities and Energy of Antigua and Barbuda, ITU, OHRLLS	<u>Partner2Connect Digital Coalition (P2C) Matchmaking Event</u>	This matchmaking event will connect P2C pledge makers, development partners and the private sector with SIDS stakeholders to deliver concrete commitments for digital connectivity projects in SIDS.	youlia.lozanova@itu.int
16:00 - 17:30	Room 6	UNIDO, Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS), Republic of Palau	<u>Sailing ahead: SIDS' pathway to sustainable economic transformation through innovative investment instruments</u>	UNIDO, OACPS, Palau and partners will discuss potential partnerships and solutions to unlock investments into the blue economies of SIDS.	K.OULDCHIH@unido.org
16:00 - 17:30	Room 7	UN Joint SDG Fund, World Bank	<u>How to Use Debt-for-Climate Swaps as Tool of Financing and Aid Effectiveness through collaborative Partnerships</u>	To explore opportunities presented by debt-for-climate swaps for debt-distressed countries, allowing them to address climate commitments while gaining crucial fiscal space.	elaine.genser@un.org
16:00 - 17:30	Room 8	Caribbean Natural Resources Institute, Caribbean Climate Justice Alliance, Antigua and Barbuda Department of Environment, Office of UN High Commissioner on Human Rights	<u>Delivering Finance and Partnerships for Just and Inclusive Caribbean Climate Ambitions</u>	The event explores how we scale up financing and partnerships to better deliver Caribbean climate ambitions for just, inclusive and resilient outcomes and contribute to sustainable development.	sids4@canari.org
16:00 - 17:30	Room 10	Antigua and Barbuda, Jamaica, International Seabed Authority, Cook Islands, Malta, Indian Ocean Rim Association	<u>Leveraging SIDS knowledge, technology, innovation and capacity to advance deep-sea research for the benefit of humanity</u>	How the international community, through ISA, is contributing to the protection of the environment in ABNJ & the rule of law based on the precautionary approach, science, transparency and equity.	gardito@isa.org.jm
16:00 - 17:30	Room 11	Parliamentarians for Global Action, ParlAmericas	<u>Empowering Action on the Escazú Agreement: A Parliamentary-Civil Society Dialogue</u>	Caribbean SIDS parliamentarians & CSO representatives explore the Escazú Agreement as a critical tool for effective & inclusive environmental governance, contributing to regional sustainable growth.	saarah.monawwil@pgaction.org
16:00 - 17:30	ID room	European Union	<u>Caribbean-EU Partnership meeting: the Caribbean Protocol of the Samoa Agreement and the Global Gateway Investment Agenda</u>	The purpose of the event is to illustrate the importance of the Caribbean Protocol of the Samoa Agreement and to showcase progress in the Global Gateway Investment Agenda in the Caribbean	Livia.eliasova@ec.europa.eu
16:00 - 17:30	Overflow ID	German Foreign Office - German Archaeological Institute, Palau and Germany - Ministries of Foreign Affairs, The Permanent Mission of Tuvalu to the UN, Rising Nations Initiative (GCCM/UNOPS)	<u>Climate Crisis Cultural Heritage: New technologies in the Digitisation of Heritage Threatened by Climate Change</u>	Cultural heritage is threatened by climate change; we focus on the urgency of digitising endangered heritage and fostering dialogue to develop strategies of safeguarding it for future generations.	sids4@dainst.org

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8:00-9:30	Room 2	IOC-UNESCO Subcommission for the Caribbean and Adjacent Regions (IOCARIBE), Government of Grenada	<u>Nature-based Coastal Resilience for Caribbean SIDS</u>	Event focuses on using nature-based, geo-data tech for coastal resilience in Caribbean SIDS, with a workshop for further discussion.	be-advisor@gov.gd
8:00-9:30	Room 3	IUCN, Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS), the EU Delegation to Barbados, Joint Research Centre of the European Commission	<u>Promoting Local Solutions to GBF Target 3 - Exploring the impact of BIOPAMA funding on data collection, resilience and biodiversity conservation</u>	Join us for this celebration and showcase of local actions and partnerships enhancing SIDS economic diversification and propelling sustainable development, through biodiversity conservation solutions.	biopama@iucn.org
8:00-9:30	Room 4	Inter-American Development Bank, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (UK); The Global Environmental Facility (GEF)	<u>Re-thinking financial instruments and collaboration for climate and biodiversity finance in the context of SIDS</u>	The Caribbean vulnerability to climate change requires comprehensive intervention strategies. The IDB's ONE Caribbean program aims at bolstering adaptation, DRM, and resilience together with partners.	bernardod@iadb.org
8:00-9:30	Room 5	OHRRLLS, Government of the Republic of Vanuatu	<u>SIDS National Focal Points Network - Launch of Engagement Strategy</u>	This event marks the official launch of the Engagement Strategy, a collaborative effort between SIDS NFP Network, the UN system and stakeholders.	dominic.sofe@un.org
8:00-9:30	Room 6	Ministry of Housing, Land and Urban Development of Maldives, Ministry of Homeland Security and Technology and National Centre for Information Technology	<u>Smart Maldives: Journey towards a digitally inclusive community</u>	Journey of Maldives in breaking the barriers faced by Small Island States on the journey to digital excellence, community empowerment, good governance, and resilient future	aishath.saadh@housing.gov.mv
8:00-9:30	Room 7	Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS), International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN); The University of the West Indies (UWI); Caribbean Geospatial Development (CARIGEO); United Nations Environment Programme Cartagena Convention Secretariat (UNEP-CEP)	<u>Enhancing Caribbean Development Using Data, Geospatial Information, and Environmental Monitoring: Building a Regional Environmental Information ecoSystem (REIS)</u>	This event will highlight the pivotal role of digital technologies, authoritative data, and geospatial information in advancing environmental and developmental initiatives across the Caribbean.	data4sids@oecs.int
8:00-9:30	Room 8	Government of Cabo Verde, UNESCO	<u>Culture in the SIDS Programme of Action 2024-2034 Youth-Decision makers Panel discussion</u>	The side event will engage youth ambassadors in panel discussions, together with decisionmakers, with a view to shaping innovative approaches to foster sustainable development through Culture.	mm.abi@unesco.org
8:00-9:30	Room 9	Governments of Denmark and Samoa, Government of Samoa, Government of Denmark, BOGA Secretariat	<u>SIDS leadership on a global just transition from fossil fuels - charting a path from SIDS 4 to SIDS 5</u>	High-level dialogue with leaders from government, finance, and civil society sharing their visions of a just transition to a world beyond oil and gas.	afisho@beyondoilgas.org
8:00-9:30	Room 10	UNFCCC, Several of the 53 UN4NAPs partner organizations, including WMO.	<u>Charting the course towards transformational adaptation: catalysing access to finance for NAPs for SIDS</u>	Building on requests for technical assistance by SIDS related to facilitating access to finance for NAPs, SIDS and UN4NAPs partner representatives will develop concrete roadmaps for technical support.	un4naps@unfccc.int
8:00-9:30	Room 11	IOM, Dominica, Cabo Verde	<u>Harnessing the power of migration to accelerate development and for climate resilient prosperity in SIDS</u>	This side event will gather high level stakeholders to discuss and take forward the vision and solutions to unleash the power of migration to propel SIDS' sustainable development	nkobiyama@iom.int
8:00-9:30	Overflow ID	UNDESA, Government of Vanuatu (to add once cleared the Asian Development Bank and International Finance Corporation)	<u>South-South-Exchange on Attracting and Securing Private Financing and Expertise for Inclusive and Resilient Prosperity in Blue Economies</u>	Join a vibrant conversation on public-private-partnership and on attracting and securing private financing, expertise and innovation for inclusive and resilient prosperity in blue economies.	mereseini.bower@un.org

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10:00-11:30	Room 1	France, UK, Barbados, Canada, Vanuatu, Tonga, Timor Leste, Interamerican Development Bank	<u>Climate Resilient Debt Clauses: expanding the ambition in 2024</u>	Six month after COP28 where early movers presented initial results, progress, and a broadened tally of commitments, this event will focus on progress and SIDS specific needs.	hugo.penicaud@diplomatie.gouv.fr
10:00-11:30	Room 2	IOC-UNESCO Subcommission for the Caribbean and Adjacent Regions (IOCARIBE), Government of Grenada	<u>Nature-based Coastal Resilience for Caribbean SIDS</u>	Event focuses on using nature-based, geo-data tech for coastal resilience in Caribbean SIDS, with a workshop for further discussion.	be-advisor@gov.gd
10:00-11:30	Room 3	Ireland, Ireland, Jamaica, Mauritius, Palau, Netherlands, UNESCO, UNESCO Chair MTU (as part of UNESCO delegation)	<u>UNESCO, SIDS and Sport: Bridging the Pacific, Caribbean, and Indian Ocean: Investment, Inclusion and Innovation</u>	We look at sport, human rights and SDGs, identifying policy priorities where sport has a positive contribution such as health, education and employment, to develop a UNESCO policy on Sport and SIDS.	unesco@mtu.ie
10:00-11:30	Room 4	Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development, Permanent Mission of the State of Kuwait to the United Nations in New York	<u>Pathways to Progress: Insights into Kuwait Fund's Assistance for Development Projects</u>	The event will highlight the ways in which the Kuwait Fund has helped, since 1961, different countries pursue their development projects, and how this will be further enhanced in the future.	operations@kuwait-fund.org
10:00-11:30	Room 5	Government of the Independent State of Samoa, Commonwealth Foundation	<u>Fostering Resilience: An intergenerational dialogue on health and climate in SIDS</u>	This event seeks to spotlight the critical intersection of health and climate crises in SIDS, and emphasize youth leadership and Commonwealth collaboration through an intergenerational dialogue.	events@commonwealthfoundation.com
10:00-11:30	Room 6	Global Green Growth Institute, Government of Luxembourg	<u>Financial Resilience for Future Prosperity: Empowering Small Island Developing States Against Climate Change</u>	This event discusses financial sector support for SIDS' climate resilience, fostering dialogue among institutions, policymakers, private sector, and community leaders.	daniel.ms@gggi.org
10:00-11:30	Room 7	Pacific Climate Change Centre, Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Program, Government of Tonga, University of Melbourne	<u>Advancing Climate, Health, and Equity Outcomes through Local Action in the Indo-Pacific</u>	Advancing Climate, Health, and Equity Outcomes through Local Action in the Indo-Pacific	ofak@sprep.org
10:00-11:30	Room 8	Outright Action International, The Frontline Alliance Against Gender Based Violence; Meeting Social and Emotional Needs Holistically (MESH); Women Against Rape Antigua and Barbuda (WAR); Raise Your Voice St. Lucia	<u>A Silent Crisis: Addressing Gender Based Violence Against Women and LGBT People in the Caribbean</u>	This side event addresses the health impact of gender-based violence on vulnerable communities, particularly women and LGBT+ people, and explores inclusive policies to achieve gender equality for all.	lthompson@outrightinternational.org
10:00-11:30	Room 9	Partnership Initiative for Sustainable Land Management (PISLM), UNCCD, GEF, Govt of Dominica, Govt of Barbados	<u>SDG 15.3: The Caribbean SIDS Journey to 2030</u>	Achieving our LND obligations as a region through the GEF funded "Caribbean SIDS SOILCARE" Project	info@pislmsids.org
10:00-11:30	Room 10	PUBLIC Foundation, PUBLIC Foundation, UN Office for Project Services (UNOPS), the Antigua & Barbuda Mission to the United Nations.	<u>The SIDS Global Data Hub: How Geospatial Information and Data Can Create a Resilient and Prosperous Future for SIDS</u>	This event will provide participants with a conceptual overview of the structure and capabilities of the SIDS Global Data Hub, including a first 'proof-of-concept' Data Hub demonstration capability.	info@pvblic.org

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12:00-13:30	Room 1	United Nations Global Geospatial Knowledge and Innovation Centre (UNGGKIC), Land Satellite Remote Sensing Application Center, Ministry of Natural Resources of P.R.China(LASAC,MNR);National Satellite Ocean Application Service,China(NSOAS,MNR)	<u>Geospatial Technologies for Sustainable Development in SIDS</u>	Addressing geospatial data resources and temporal-spatio support,this side event focuses on monitoring solutions based on land and ocean satellites, and geo cloud platform to accelerate SDGs for SIDS.	pengde.li@un.org
12:00-13:30	Room 2	Steering Committee on Partnerships for SIDS, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Palau, Permanent Mission of Ireland, UN DESA, UN OHRLLS	<u>Partnerships in the new Decade of Action for SIDS</u>	Advancing partnerships for SIDS in the Decade of Action.	goranssono@un.org
12:00-13:30	Room 3	Government of Timor-Leste, World Food Programme (WFP), g7+	<u>Social Protection for Zero Hunger in Small Islands and Developing States</u>	Delve into the role of social protection in SIDS, especially for youth and their food and nutrition challenges, to explore practical strategies for inclusive development.	joaquimchaves.pmtlun11@gmail.com
12:00-13:30	Room 4	Jamaica Environment Trust (JET), Caribbean Natural Resources Institute (CANARI), OHCHR, Department of Sustainable Development – Government of Saint Lucia	<u>The Right to a Healthy Environment: A Prerequisite for Sustainable Development in the Caribbean</u>	This side event intends to exchange experiences and identify policies and practices to place equity and justice at the core of development in Caribbean SIDS.	jamaicaenvironmenttrust@gmail.com
12:00-13:30	Room 5	United Nations World Food Programme, Government of Barbados, Government of Fiji, CDEMA, Pacific Island Forum	<u>High-Level Panel: Bridging the Humanitarian-Development Nexus through comprehensive disaster management in Small Island Development States (SIDS) for Climate Action</u>	Bridging the Humanitarian-Development Nexus through comprehensive disaster management for Climate Action	javier.spencer@wfp.org
12:00-13:30	Room 6	Network of NGOs of Trinidad and Tobago for the Advancement of Women, Ministry of Health, Wellness, Social Transformation and the Environment, Antigua and Barbuda, The Directorate of Gender Affairs, Antigua and Barbuda; Caribbean Women in Leadership (CIWIL); Caribbean Development Bank (CDB)	<u>Re-aligning Climate Finance: Accelerating Equal Access and Inclusion</u>	A multistakeholder dialogue on innovative approaches for transforming the climate financing architecture in SIDS, with focus on ensuring gender equality, empowerment of women and just outcomes for all	President@ciwil.org
12:00-13:30	Room 7	UNESCAP Subregional Office in the Pacific, Commonwealth Secretariat	<u>Harnessing digital economy in Asia and the Pacific</u>	Digital transformation is critical for policymaker and stakeholders to remain solutions focused in accelerating SDGs in Asia and the Pacific	basu@un.org
12:00-13:30	Room 8	UN Multi-Country Office in Samoa, Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, Government of Cook Islands, Government of Tonga, UNDP Pacific, UNCDF, WFP, UNICEF,	<u>Financing the Frontlines - Scaling up Effective Climate Finance to Secure the Future of the Blue Pacific</u>	Pacific Islands Forum, UN and partner dialogue on workable, innovative and Pacific-led solutions to scale-up the quantity and accessibility of climate finance to secure the Blue Pacific's future	rco.fiji@un.org
12:00-13:30	Room 9	UNDP, Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI)	<u>Leveraging Risk Data and Analytics in Delivering Disaster Resilient Infrastructure</u>	Insights from GIRI for informing resilient infrastructure investments in SIDS	vanessa.schultz@undp.org
12:00-13:30	Room 10	United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), CAF – Development Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean	<u>Promoting Green, Resilient and Pro-poor Urban Development in Small Island Developing States</u>	Exchange and discover best practices for green urban resilient development in this technical dialogue focused on SIDS, led by UN-Habitat & the Development Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean (CAF)	cerin.kizhakkethottam@un.org
12:00-13:30	Room 11	SAEDI Consulting (Barbados) Inc, UN Women, ECADE, WFP, Grenada's Ministry of Social & Community Development, Housing and Gender Affairs	<u>Just Finance: EnGENDERING Sustainable Climate Resilience</u>	Climate finance is not gender responsive. Gender responsive climate action can support sustainable climate resilience. Exploring efforts to apply socially adaptative climate resilience.	leisa@saediconsulting.com; projectmanager1@saediconsulting.com

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13:30-15:00	ID Room	Department of Emergency Management, Barbados, National Office of Disaster Services (NODS) Antigua & Barbuda, The United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) Regional Office for the Americas and the Caribbean	<u>Ensuring a Multi-hazard approach in the implementation of the Early Warning for All Initiative (EW4All)</u>	Enhanced resilience requires disaster preparedness via multi-hazard early warnings & anticipatory action. This event explores strategies for improved MHEWS considering the interconnectedness of risks.	brendon.taylor@barbados.gov.bb
13:30-15:00	Overflow ID	AOSIS), the Office of the Pacific Ocean Commissioner (OPOC), UN-OHRLLS, UNDESA and UNODC	<u>Leveraging UNCLOS and the BBNJ Agreement in support of resilient prosperity in SIDS</u>	A forum for discussion of the challenges, opportunities and potential contributions of SIDS in the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of ABNJ.	doalos@un.org
14:00-15:30	Room 1	UN Women, Government of Antigua and Barbuda, UNFPA	<u>Linkages between Climate, Racial and Gender Justice: Can the CARICOM 10-Point Plan Deliver for Women and Girls in SIDS?stice:</u>	Exploring linkages between climate, racial and gender justice and will propose recommendations for strengthening a racial justice approach	marie.j.unwomen@gmail.com
14:00-15:30	Room 2	World Health Organization, Government of Antigua and Barbuda; Healthy Caribbean Coalition	<u>By the SIDS, for the SIDS: Next decade of action on NCDs and mental health</u>	To bring together Heads of state and key partners to discuss how to catalyze attention and investment for action on noncommunicable diseases and mental health in SIDS in the next decade.	SIDSminconf2023@who.int
14:00-15:30	Room 3	OHRLLS, Climate Analytics, AOSIS	<u>From Vulnerability to Resilience: Addressing Loss and Damage in Small Island Developing States</u>	This event will be a platform for SIDS to align priorities on addressing loss and damage including operationalization of the Loss and Damage Fund and ensuring that the needs of SIDS are urgently met.	sass@un.org
14:00-15:30	Room 4	Ministry of Climate Change, Environment and Energy of the Republic of Maldives	<u>The Pivotal Role of Public-Private Partnerships for Climate Resilience in SIDS</u>	This event will showcase the Maldives' path toward inclusive development by leveraging public-private partnerships, particularly amidst the challenges posed by the climate crisis	climate@environment.gov.mv
14:00-15:30	Room 5	Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, Cook Islands, Tonga	<u>"Securing the Future of all SIDS in the face of Climate Change and Sea-Level Rise"</u>	Dive into Pacific resilience against climate change, highlighting the innovative 2021 Maritime Zones and 2023 Statehood Declarations to uphold sovereignty and human rights amidst rising sea levels.	marinai@forumsec.org
14:00-15:30	Room 6	Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI), Instituto Dominicano de Desarrollo Integral, International Science Council	<u>Unlocking Multifunctional Solutions: Building Climate Resilience and Sustainable Blue Economies</u>	This event explores the potential for multifunctional solutions (green, grey, blue, hybrid) as a win-win strategy for climate adaptation and a sustainable blue economy in islands and low-lying states.	karina.barquet@sei.org
14:00-15:30	Room 7	Un Joint SDG Fund, Suriname, Ireland, Maldives, Dominican Republic, Bahamas, Bermuda	<u>The Joint SDG Fund's Work across Portfolios Revitalizing SIDS Economies for Accelerated and Sustainable Growth</u>	Joint SDG Fund's interventions in Small Island Developing States (SIDS). By highlighting successful initiatives and best practice.	elaine.genser@un.org
14:00-15:30	Room 8	Canada, UK Government	<u>Delivering Impact and Building Capacity - Bringing the SIDS Principles to Life</u>	To bring to life 'Principles for Improved Development Impact in SIDS', examining how tailored, sustainable, and impactful capacity strengthening can support SIDS move towards resilient prosperity.	SIDSHub@fcdo.gov.uk
14:00-15:30	Room 9	UNDP, AOSIS, Global Environment Facility (GEF), Fiji, Timor Leste, Maldives, Ocean Race	<u>Bluer, Greener & Better for SIDS</u>	The event will explore integrated and inclusive development solutions to promote sustainable blue-green growth to build resilience and reduce vulnerabilities of SIDS.	renata.rubian@undp.org
14:00-15:30	Room 10	UNEP, Cartagena Convention Secretariat, FAO, UNESCO, Govt of Saint Kitts & Nevis, Govt of Dominica	<u>UNEP & SIDS- Showcasing successes and navigating the next decade of action.</u>	Learn about UNEP support for 1) innovative climate and biodiversity financing, 2) data technology, monitoring and assessment and 3) nature-based solutions enhancing enviro and economic resiliency.	monika.thiele@un.org
14:00-15:30	Room 11	Denmark - Permanent Mission of Denmark to the United Nations, Permanent Mission of Denmark to the United Nations, United States of America, Mærsk McKinney Møller Center for Zero Carbon Shipping, UNOHRLLS, UN Foundation	<u>How decarbonizing shipping can contribute to resilient blue-green economies in SIDS</u>	The shipping sector is both a lifeline for SIDS & a major source of GHG emissions. How to achieve decarbonization while contributing to a sustainable & resilient blue-green economy.	emmlor@um.dk

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16:00-17:30	Room 1	Ministry of Economy and Planning of Saudi Arabia	Regenerative Ocean Action in Small Island Developing States (SIDS)	This side event will showcase ocean innovations for sustainable development in SIDS, promoting best practices and international collaboration.	aalbanyan@mep.gov.sa
16:00-17:30	Room 2	UN Women, Government of Antigua and Barbuda, UNFPA	<u>The role of Digital Art and Artists in cultural institutions and the economic landscape of SIDS.</u>	The role of Digital Art and Artists in cultural institutions and the economic landscape of SIDS.	marie.j.unwomen@gmail.com
16:00-17:30	Room 3	Government of Antigua and Barbuda - ADOMS, The International Maritime Organization (IMO)	<u>Sustainable shipping and ports for SIDS: Resilience and strengthened climate investment</u>	Importance of shipping/ports for SIDS sustainable development, showcasing challenges and opportunities to the implementation of the 2023 IMO Strategy on Reduction of GHG Emissions from Ships.	administration@abregistry.ag
16:00-17:30	Room 4	European Union & International Trade Centre, Government of Mauritius, The Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS), BabyLove's C-G Foods, RAYO Trades Inc., Alligator Head Foundation, South Sea Commodities	<u>Enhancing Economic Resilience Through Blue-Green Growth and Value-Addition in SIDS</u>	Exploring how market-led partnerships or alliances lead to economic, social and environmental sustainability and resilience for MSMEs through blue-green growth, value addition and investment in SIDS.	bmorrison@intracen.org
16:00-17:30	Room 5	CARICOM Secretariat, Government of the United Kingdom	<u>The CARICOM Environment and Natural Resources Policy Framework - a Driver for building resilience, sustaining livelihoods and safeguarding the natural capital needed to drive finance mechanisms</u>	This event will formally launch the new CARICOM Environment and Natural Resources Policy Framework-a blue print for sustainable use of the regions natural resources that drive economic development	amrikha.singh@caricom.org
16:00-17:30	Room 6	Island Innovation, Island Innovation, Peace Boat US, Climate Analytics, Blue Planet Alliance, Ecovybz, Sustainable Ocean Alliance Caribbean, Ashley Lashley Foundation	<u>Amplifying action in the call for climate justice: An inclusive approach for meaningful change</u>	This event will explore the importance of transformative educational experiences to build capacity among young people, and the role of climate justice in building Caribbean regional resilience.	stacey@islandinnovation.co
16:00-17:30	Room 7	Antigua and Barbuda, International Seabed Authority, Cook Islands, UN Technology Bank for LDCs, Indian Ocean Rim Association	<u>Leveraging partnerships and transformative actions to advance women empowerment and leadership in deep-sea research to support inclusive and sustainable ocean governance</u>	Discuss & present concrete actions towards women empowerment and leadership in deep-sea research through collaborative efforts & transformative partnerships, particularly for those from SIDS and LDCs	gardito@isa.org.jm
16:00-17:30	Room 8	UN Capital Development Fund (UNCDF), Government of Fiji (tbc), Pegasus Capital (tbc), UNDP	<u>Island investments unleashed: Blended finance for blue, green and digital economies</u>	This event will convene partners to explore blended finance solutions to mobilize private investments that fuel blue, green and digital economic development in SIDS.	casper.sonesson@uncdf.org
16:00-17:30	Room 9	France MFA, UN DESA, Costa Rica	<u>From Antigua to Nice : UN Ocean Conference Inter-regional consultation</u>	Consultation of SIDS' priorities ahead of the next UN Ocean Conference.	lilou.sciortinomonaco@science.spo.fr
16:00-17:30	Room 10	UNESCO, UNDESA, Government of Seychelles	<u>UNESCO SIDS Operational Strategy; building resilience in SIDS</u>	This side event will explore how UNESCO's Operational Strategy builds resilience in SIDS.	sidsection@unesco.org
16:00-17:30	Room 11	ODI, UNCTAD, Commonwealth Secretariat, Antigua and Barbuda	<u>Financing resilient prosperity in Small Island Developing States</u>	This event sets out concrete actions, reforms and mechanisms needed to help SIDS access affordable finance to cope with shocks, manage debt sustainably, and advance towards resilient prosperity.	e.wilkinson@odi.org.uk

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8:00-9:30	Room 2	Australian Government, Australian Government	<u>Distance from measurements: understanding what remoteness means for SIDS</u>	This event will consider whether current ways of measuring/understanding remoteness appropriately reflecting the development challenges SIDS face due to geographic features.	sibella.stern@dfat.gov.au
8:00-9:30	Room 4	GOVERNMENT OF TONGA, UN ESCAP	<u>Strengthening policy coherence towards planning, coordination and partnership in the Pacific</u>	POLICY COHERENCE DIALOGUE TO ACCELERATE THE SDGs IN THE PACIFIC.	mleha@pmo.gov.to
8:00-9:30	Room 5	INFF Facility, INFF Facility, UNDP, UNDESA, OECD, UNICEF; (Government of Seychelles TBC)	<u>Unlocking NDC Finance in SIDS through Integrated National Financing Frameworks (INFFs)</u>	This event addresses financing challenges for SIDS, offering a platform to exchange experiences, solutions, and best practices for crafting and executing country-led financing strategies via INFFs.	admin@inff.org
8:00-9:30	Room 6	Seychelles (member state national government), Cabo Verde, Equatorial Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Madagascar, Mauritius, Sao Tome and Principe, Union of the Comoros, United Republic of Tanzania, Indian Ocean Commission, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, United Nations Office of Special Advisor for Africa, United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction, Green Climate Fund, Adaptation Fund, Sustainability Debt Coalition, Island Policy Lab at the University of Delaware, Islands and Small States Institute at the University of Malta, SYAH Seychelles, SYAH Cabo Verde	<u>African Island States Climate Commission AIS High-Level Dialogue: Leveraging Partnerships for Climate Resilience</u>	Event to facilitate reflections on innovation, challenges and lessons learned from AIS and African Islands access to sustainable finance and contribute towards a common approach to climate resilience.	pscce@gov.sc
8:00-9:30	Room 7	International Atomic Energy Agency, United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation, Antigua and Barbuda, United States of America	<u>Leveraging Environmental Data for Development through South-South Cooperation</u>	Participants will highlight the importance of evidence-based data for decision making and development in SIDS, with a focus on the role of science & technology in tackling environmental challenges.	TC-Communication-Team@iaea.org
8:00-9:30	Room 8	UN Women, Government of Antigua and Barbuda, UNFPA	<u>The role of Digital Art and Artists in cultural institutions and the economic landscape of SIDS.</u>	The role of Digital Art and Artists in cultural institutions and the economic landscape of SIDS.	marie.j.unwomen@gmail.com
8:00-9:30	Room 9	UNRCO Barbados and Eastern Caribbean, Ministry of Information, Communication, Technology, Utilities and Energy, Government of Antigua and Barbuda.	<u>Digital Transformation for Resilience in the Eastern Caribbean: from crises to opportunities</u>	Join us to explore opportunities for digital transformation to strengthen public services, climate risk management and resilience, use of artificial intelligence and inclusive financial services.	rco.bb@un.org
8:00-9:30	Room 11	The Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP), Pacific Meteorological Council Members and WMO	<u>Resilient Prosperity through Pacific Islands solutions and Genuine Partnerships</u>	The Weather Ready Pacific Programme, a Pacific SIDS-initiative responds to the complex challenges in accessing climate funding. The programme of investment is valued at USD167 million over 10 years.	sids4@sprep.org
8:00-9:30	ID Room	UNOPS, Antigua and Barbuda, Caribbean Development Bank, OECS, UNDESA, YES	<u>The Path Forward in the Operationalization of the Multidimensional Vulnerability Index (MVI) in SIDS</u>	To advance operationalization of the MVI for SIDS access to concessional financing, senior officials, academics and development finance experts will brainstorm solutions in a panel discussion format.	simonam@unops.org
8:00-9:30	Overflow ID	Government of Antigua and Barbuda and Government of Maldives, International Institute for Environment and Development	<u>Global SIDS Debt Sustainability and Investment Support Service</u>	Coordinated action for resilient prosperity of SIDS: Designing a SIDS wide support service for debt sustainability, legal empowerment, and financial mobilisation.	ritu.bharadwaj@iied.org

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10:00-11:30	Room 1	Government of Vanuatu, UNESCAP and PIFS	<u>Scaling up economic development opportunities in the Pacific</u>	Economic development opportunities to advance the SDGs in the Pacific	sylvainkalsakau2022@gmail.com
10:00-11:30	Room 2	UCC WHALE Center Inc, Fugro, UCC WHALE Center Inc	<u>Restoring Coastal Community Economies Through Innovative Technologies, Coastal Resilience, & Restoration</u>	Proven strategies to improve coastal economies through innovative technologies, predictive Earth system modeling, and case studies of best practices for coastal resilience, and restoration,	drandle@bluecommunity.info
10:00-11:30	Room 3	Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP), UNEP, Cook Islands Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Palau Ministry of Environment and Fiji Government	<u>Strengthening the Pacific Environment Portal (PEP) and National Environmental Portal for better Environmental Decision</u>	Effective data management is crucial for informed decision-making and evidence-based policy development in the Pacific.	joped@sprep.org
10:00-11:30	Room 5	UNESCO-UWH, WMO, OLA/DOALOS, IOC-UNESCO, FAO, IAEA, UNCTAD, UNDP, ISA	<u>Ocean action to support resilient prosperity in SIDS</u>	This side event will showcase how UN-Oceans members are working together to enhance the ability of SIDS to chart a course towards resilient prosperity and sustainable development.	doalos@un.org
10:00-11:30	Room 6	Prime Minister Office of Barbados- Bridgetown Initiative Unit	<u>Mobilising Capital to build Prosperity and Resilience in SIDS:Progress on and next steps for the Bridgetown Initiative</u>	Tackling vulnerability through financial system reform at the 4th International Conference on Small Island Developing States	Pepukaye.Bardouille@barbados.gov.bb
10:00-11:30	Room 7	Pan American Health Organization, UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO); Antigua & Barbuda Ministry of Health, Wellness and Environment; Jamaica Ministry of Health; St Vincent & the Grenadines Ministry of Health & the Environment	<u>Smart hospitals addressing emergencies and climate change: a strategy for SIDS</u>	Showcasing the Smart Hospitals Initiative as a successful approach for building climate resilient and low carbon sustainable health infrastructure in Small Island Developing States.	emergenciesinfo@paho.org
10:00-11:30	Room 8	CARICOM Secretariat, Government of Belize and Government of United Kingdom	<u>LEVERAGING CARICOM NATURAL CAPITAL TO CAPITALISE ON INNOVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS TO DRIVE CARICOM RESILIENCE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT</u>	Explore how innovative mechanisms can help CARICOM countries address environmental and economic challenges, while enhancing resilience to climate change, biodiversity loss and ocean pollution	amrikha.singh@caricom.org
10:00-11:30	Room 9	Commonwealth Secretariat, Government of Fiji, Government of Samoa	<u>Building Resilient Economies for a Common Future</u>	The event will advance the advocacy strategy for small states with a view to mobilise support and action on economic vulnerability, climate risks, access to development finance and debt distress.	m.matsela@commonwealth.int
10:00-11:30	Room 10	UNEP Cartagena Convention Secretariat, Government of France, Government of the Dominican Republic, Regional Activity Centre for the Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife Protocol (SPAW RAC)	<u>Sargassum: Turning the Golden Tide - Crisis or Opportunity for Caribbean SIDS</u>	Interactive discussion to share knowledge, best practices and experiences to enable greater collaboration, action and potential business solutions to address the Sargassum influx in the Caribbean.	unep-cartagenaconvention@un.org
10:00-11:30	Room 11	Caribbean Development Bank (CDB), United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)	<u>Achieving Climate, Economic & Social Resilience in Caribbean SIDS through Low-Carbon Industrial Development</u>	Event explores Caribbean energy integration, highlighting geothermal and offshore wind opportunities for economic diversification and global decarbonization.	Leslie.smith@gov.gd

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12:00-13:30	Room 1	Dominica Ministry of Environment, Rural Modernisation, Kalinago Upliftment and Constituency Empowerment	<u>Raising Resilience in SIDS: The Dominica Example</u>	Dominica's event, Building Climate Resilience Ambition in SIDS has 3 themes: Building Resilience: Dominica's Challenge; The Kalinago Living Icons of Caribbean Resilience; Resilience Planning in Action	huntere@dominica.gov.dm
12:00-13:30	Room 2	The Government of Saint Kitts and Nevis, The University of the West Indies	<u>Towards Sustainable Island States</u>	Tackling Human Capital and Health Crises in the Caribbean	denaula.laplace@gov.kn
12:00-13:30	Room 3	International Renewable Energy Agency, Antigua and Barbuda, Alliance of Small Islands States (AOSIS tbc)	<u>Transforming SIDS Economies through Energy Transition and Climate Action towards Prosperity, Resilience and Sustainable Development</u>	IRENA, Antigua & Barbuda through the SIDS Lighthouses Initiative will host a forum on financing, technology, capacity and partnerships to expediate energy transition and sustainability in SIDS.	islands@irena.org
12:00-13:30	Room 4	Global Environment Facility	<u>SIDS and GEF: Three Decades of Environmental Leadership and Innovation</u>	To showcase SIDS as drivers of innovation and leadership in the global environmental agenda and reflect on future priorities for GEF funding.	abobbsemp@thegef.org
12:00-13:30	Room 5	International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Government of Belize, UNEP Cartagena Convention Secretariat, The Commonwealth Secretariat, The Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)	<u>Ocean Health, Human Wealth: The importance of coral reefs</u>	To explore opportunities for economic diversification beyond traditional reef-based activities, to catalyse transformative change towards a more resilient, sustainable future for SIDS and coral reefs.	margaux.monfared@icriforum.org
12:00-13:30	Room 6	The Caribbean Biodiversity Fund, The Nature Conservancy, Government of Grenada and Aruba, UN Environment Programme, Convention on Biological Diversity, Blue Nature Alliance, St Lucea National Conservation Fund, Conservation International, Environmental Awareness Group	<u>Forging partnerships for the future: Achieving the GBF 30x30 target and securing a nature-positive future for the Caribbean</u>	The event will gather Caribbean leaders from the NGO, private sector and government for a focused discussion on achieving the GBF 30x30 target and a nature-positive future for the Caribbean region	secretariat@caribbeanbiodiversityfund.org
12:00-13:30	Room 7	UNEP, Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO, DESA (tbc)	<u>Tackling the triple-planetary crisis in SIDS</u>	Practical solutions, policy, knowledge and investment frameworks to upscale nature-based blue economies in SIDS, incl. SIDS Restoration Flagship, whole-of-SIDS approach and Ocean Decade Alliance.	ole.vestergaard@un.org
12:00-13:30	Room 8	UN-Habitat, Development Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean (CAF)	<u>Promoting Green, Resilient and Pro-poor Urban Development in Small Island Developing States</u>	Exchange and discover best practices for green urban resilient development in this technical dialogue focused on SIDS, led by UN-Habitat & the Development Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean (CAF)	cerin.kizhakkethottam@un.org
12:00-13:30	Room 9	Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations (IDDRI), Caribbean Natural Resources Institute (CANARI), eco-union	<u>Unlocking Community Based Blue Tourism in the Caribbean: Trends, Challenges, and Policy Pathways</u>	This side event will launch a recent study on Community Based Blue Tourism as a pathway to deliver inclusive, environmentally sustainable, and resilient economic development in Caribbean SIDS.	angelo.sciacca@iddri.org
12:00-13:30	Room 10	Integrated Health Outreach, Marine Ecosystem Protected Areas Trust, ScrubLifeCares, Circle of Friends	<u>Local CSO Solutions: Empowering Women and Vulnerable Communities</u>	Dedicated to showcasing local and community innovative approaches to financing and effectiveness through collaborative partnerships.	info@ihoab.com
12:00-13:30	Room 11	Government of Antigua and Barbuda, John Paul DeJoria, Deborah Brosnan Associates, OceanShot	<u>How investing in SIDS can create economic, environmental, and community benefits; a model from Antigua and Barbuda and SIDS</u>	This panel convenes government leader, major investor and philanthropist, and leading scientist to discuss how biodiversity and financial return on investment co-exist in ways that create co-benefits	waldman@deborahbrosnan.com

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13:30-15:00	ID Room	Alliance of Small Island States (Samoa Mission), To be confirmed	<u>Small Islands, Plastic Oceans</u>	SIDS experts exploring key challenges to addressing plastic pollution across sectors such as fisheries and tourism, which are key to SIDS economies, to support the development of appropriate solutions	saeed.hamid@aosis.org
13:30-15:00	Overflow ID	ITU	<u>Accelerating universal and meaningful connectivity in SIDS</u>	This Ministerial Round Table will spotlight governments' actions to advance the meaningful connectivity policy agenda and ITU's commitment to accelerate sustainable development in SIDS.	youlia.lozanova@itu.int
14:00-15:30	Room 1	Republic of Palau, DSM Moratorium SIDS (Pending: Fiji, FSM, Samoa), DSCC (Deep Sea Conservation Coalition)	<u>Precautionary Pause on the Push to Mine the Deep Sea</u>	Highlighting threats from deep-sea mining to resilient prosperity, this event explores sustainable marine management solutions.	bridge@palaupresident.info
14:00-15:30	Room 2	German Federal Foreign Office, Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund	<u>Women's leadership in climate action</u>	This event will highlight the work of women as change agents and first responders in tackling the climate crisis and showcase good practices	S01-1@auswaertiges-amt.de
14:00-15:30	Room 3	UNRCO Micronesia, UNOPS, ITU, UNDP, UNICEF, UNCTAD, UNESCO, Joint SDG Funds, PIANGO	<u>Digital Horizons: Building Resilient Futures through Innovation in Pacific SIDS</u>	Unlock the Pacific's potential! Join us to explore how digital tech transforms SIDS resilience and human rights. Discover cross-sectoral partnerships igniting innovation for a brighter future.	riors@unops.org
14:00-15:30	Room 4	Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Greening the Islands Foundation, Government of Tonga	<u>Small Islands Leading the Energy Transition: Roadmaps to 100% Renewables</u>	Roadmaps to 100% renewables will be presented for small islands in the 3 regions, highlighting lessons learned to raise ambition, engage others and showcase how SIDS can become models for the mainland	rosemary.ohehir@un.org
14:00-15:30	Room 5	United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction, Antigua and Barbuda	<u>Investing in Resilience - The Good Business Case for Disaster Risk Reduction in SIDS</u>	This event will discuss the role of disaster risk reduction to achieve the Antigua and Barbuda Agenda for SIDS by fostering a risk-informed and resilient approach to investment in SIDS.	nehali.anupriya@un.org
14:00-15:30	Room 6	THE NETWORK OF RURAL WOMEN PRODUCERS TRINIDAD and TOBAGO with UN ECOSOC Accreditation, The Trinidad and Tobago Community Oriented Police Section/Police Youth Clubs . all participants are registered	<u>Charting the Course towards Resilient Prosperity</u>	We will seek Synergies for Sustainable Futures, Navigating, Mental, Environmental, Youth and Technologies Challenges in SIDS	president@nrwptt.net
14:00-15:30	Room 7	UN Road Safety Fund, Office of the Secretary General's Special Envoy on Road Safety, UN Road Safety Fund and Pan-America Health Organization	<u>Overcoming the Leading Cause of Youth Mortality: Strengthening Emergency Care Systems</u>	Road traffic injuries is the #1 cause of death for youth globally. An effective emergency care system can prevent these deaths. Join us to learn how the UN and PAHO are tackling this issue in SIDS.	Nneka.henry@un.org
14:00-15:30	Room 8	Indian Ocean Commission, Overseas Development Institute (ODI); Northeastern University; Commonwealth Secretariat	<u>Closing the Blue Funding Gap: Mobilising a Blue Innovation Fund for Community Development in SIDS</u>	Addressing sustainable blue financing in SIDS by exploring causes of the blue funding gap, showcasing ocean innovations from SIDS, and exploring the creation of a SIDS Blue Innovation and Impact Fund.	karuna@oceanstates.org
14:00-15:30	Room 9	Caribbean Policy Development Centre, Caribbean Climate Smart Accelerator	<u>Just and Accessible Climate Finance - Why Now?</u>	The need for climate finance for SIDS is critical at this juncture given climate change and global calls for international financial reform. they are likely to have for Caribbean SIDS.	cpdc@caribsurf.com
14:00-15:30	Room 10	Government of Antigua and Barbuda, Deborah Brosnan & Associates, Fugro	<u>Assigning cross-sector values to nature-based interventions and solutions for the ocean and specifically for SIDS</u>	Nature-based solutions (NBS) and technology are expanding solutions across sectors. This dialogue focuses on how to value and use NBS that increase in biodiversity, economic returns and resilience.	waldman@deborahbrosnan.com
14:00-15:30	Room 11	Caribbean Telecommunications Union, Dynamic Coalition on Small Island Developing States in the Internet Economy	<u>2nd SIDS Internet Governance Forum</u>	Enhancing the cooperation among SIDS in the realm of Internet Governance, Internet Policy and the Digital Economy to foster a more inclusive, resilient, and sustainable digital future for all.	events@ctu.int

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16:00-17:30	Room 1	The Government of Guinea-Bissau through the Ministry of Environment and Climate Action (MABAC), Institute for Biodiversity and Protected Areas ;COASTAL PROJECT; UNICEF	<u>Omatí Minhô - Guinea-Bissau's contribution to the world (Candidature File for the World Natural Heritage List) and Coastal Project</u>	To promote the Bijagós Archipelago - Omatí Minhô Candidature File for World Natural Heritage status and Strengthening the adaptive capacity and climate resilience of coastal communities vulnerable	maritodealmeida@gmail.com
16:00-17:30	Room 3	International Science Council, United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction, Research Office of the University of the South Pacific, University of the West Indies Five Islands Campus, Stockholm Environment Institute	<u>Amplifying Science in and from SIDS: Exploring the Role of Regional Scientific Cooperation</u>	Showcasing resilience in SIDS through regional scientific cooperation, this event will champion inclusivity, youth engagement, and evidence-informed solutions to face SIDS challenges effectively.	james.waddell@council.science
16:00-17:30	Room 4	Expertise France	<u>Efforts and resources in common: shared pathways towards sustainability.</u>	Highlighting the sustainable growth efforts of European and UK OCTs, exemplified with concrete testimonies from partners of ongoing EU funded projects implemented by Expertise France	romain.riollet@expertisefrance.fr
16:00-17:30	Room 5	UN Tourism (World Tourism Organization), Antigua and Barbuda, Saint Kitts, Pacific Tourism Organization, NOAH ReGen, Secretariat of the 10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production in UNEP	<u>Regenerative tourism for resilience: Policy, practice and finance.</u>	The event explores levers for regenerative tourism including ecosystem restoration, local supply chains, circular business models and innovative financing, in alignment with the Glasgow Declaration.	vftrapa@unwto.org
16:00-17:30	Room 6	Kiribati, Antigua and Barbuda, High Seas Alliance, Maldives, Palau	<u>Equitable Partnerships As a Cornerstone for the Ratification and Implementation of the BBNJ Treaty for Small Island Developing States (SIDS) to Navigate Towards a Sustainable and Resilient Future</u>	The BBNJ Treaty has co-benefits advancing several priorities including the Sustainable Development Goal 14 and the SAMOA Pathway as well as its successor agreement for SIDS4	olive@highsealliance.org
16:00-17:30	Room 8	Youth Association in Sierra Leone, Global Youth Network for Empowerment and Development (GYNED), Office of Presidential Infrastructure Initiative - Office of the President	<u>Sustainable Development for Island Inhabitant - Bonthe Island as case study</u>	Sustainable Development for Island Inhabitant - Bonthe Island as case study	youthassociationofsierraleone@gmail.com
16:00-17:30	Room 9	Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), Government of the Virgin Islands, Ministry of Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change; Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS); Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)	<u>Climate change and environmental legislation in support of the delivery of the new programme of action for SIDS</u>	A showcase of how innovative legislation can bolster climate finance in the Caribbean, organized by participants of the Parliamentary Observatory on Climate Change and Just Transition (OPCC).	jonatas.depaula@un.org
16:00-17:30	Room 10	The University of the West Indies, None	<u>Leveraging AI and 4IR Digital Technologies to Build Effective Institutions for a Resilient Future in SIDS</u>	Unleashing Generative AI & 4IR Superpowers: Shaping a Resilient and Thriving Future for SIDS!	curtis.charles@uwi.edu
16:00-17:30	Room 11	Sustainable Energy for All (SEforAll), Government of Barbados, Government of Vanuatu, Commonwealth Secretariat	<u>Accelerating Just and Equitable Energy Transitions in Small Island Developing States</u>	The event will showcase the potential of transforming SIDS economies while also achieving sustainable energy access and transitioning to cleaner and more resilient energy systems.	divya.kottadiel@seforall.org

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8:00-9:30	Room 1	Indian Ocean Commission, Seychelles, Comoros, Mauritius, France, SYAH-Seychelles, UNDRR	<u>Strategic Partnerships amongst island States to reduce health and climate risks for sustainable economic growth.</u>	The side event will focus on partnerships in the islands of the Western Indian Ocean on health, climate, disaster risk reduction and youth efforts in addressing the triple environmental crisis.	gina.bonne@coi-ioc.org
8:00-9:30	Room 3	UNESCO International Institute for Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean (IESALC), Higher Education Sustainability Initiative, through UN DESA, UNITAR and UNESCO-IESALC	<u>Enhancing Higher Education for Sustainable Development in Small Island Developing States (SIDS)</u>	Enhancing Higher Education for Sustainable Development in Small Island Developing States (SIDS).	goranssono@un.org
8:00-9:30	Room 5	Pacific Community, Group on Earth Observation	<u>Digital Earth Pacific: Earth Observation Technologies for Navigating Climate Resilience in Small Island Developing States</u>	Digital Earth Pacific enhances climate resilience for SIDS, as an operational digital public infrastructure, by providing decades of Earth observation data and products to every Pacific island.	andiswam@spc.int
8:00-9:30	Room 7	Export Barbados (BIDC), United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), Caribbean Centre for Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency (CCREEE)	<u>The Barbados BLOOM Cleantech Cluster – A collaborative model to unlock green entrepreneurship and innovation in SIDS</u>	The Barbados BLOOM Cleantech Cluster – A collaborative model to unlock green entrepreneurship and innovation in SIDS.	jsargeant@bidc.org
8:00-9:30	Room 8	Global Fund for Coral Reefs, UN Environment Programme, UN Development Programme, UN Capital Development Fund, Global Fund for Coral Reefs, International Coral Reef Initiative	<u>Blended Finance for a Blue/Green Transition in SIDS – Showcasing Global Fund for Coral Reefs Solutions</u>	GFCR is pioneering blended finance approaches for a sustainable blue and green transition to enhance the resilience of coastal reef ecosystems and communities by unlocking public and private resources.	stephanie.gerretsen@un.org
8:00-9:30	Room 9	Circle of Friends, Antigua Barbuda Association of Persons with Disabilities, St. Kitts Nevis Association of Persons with Disabilities, Advocacy Grenada Inc, St. Vincent & Grenadines Blind Society, Trinidad & Tobago DPI Chapter, LEAD Center for Public Policy, Advocacy and Social Justice, Caribbean Consortium for Sustainable Regional Change Development and Innovation	<u>Enabling Inclusion: Addressing Disability Challenges</u>	Investing in human capital in Small Island Developing States (SIDS) by addressing disability issues and harnessing the potential of people with disabilities.	circleoffriends1971@gmail.com
8:00-9:30	Room 10	United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, The Republic of Latvia, The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (IFRC)	<u>Addressing climate related shocks through humanitarian finance and action</u>	The event will explore innovations in humanitarian finance and action, and ways to ensure coherence with climate finance, to better respond to loss and damage and build resilience in SIDS.	puley@un.org
8:00-9:30	Room 11	PADI AWARE Foundation, The Professional Association of Diving Instructors (PADI); Barbados Blue; Government of Antigua and Barbuda	<u>Diving into SIDS - The role of the recreational diving sector in the Blue Economy and SDGs</u>	The PADI AWARE Foundation will present examples of how the scale of the recreational diving sector can assist SIDS to meet their ocean conservation commitments.	ian.campbell@padiaware.org
8:00-9:30	ID Room	Government of Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of The Commission of Small Island States on Climate Change and International Law (COSIS)	<u>Small Islands, Big Impact: COSIS and Global Climate Justice</u>	COSIS at SIDS4 explores climate justice triumphs, current environmental challenges, and strategic prospects towards making a global impact and the development of international law on climate change.	secretariat@cosis-ccil.org
8:00-9:30	Overflow ID	Antigua and Barbuda, Maldives, Vanuatu and High Seas Alliance	<u>SIDS Leadership in the Race for Ratification - Action to Protect Marine Biodiversity in Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction</u>	A high level event to build political momentum and showcase SIDS leadership on ratification and preparation for implementation of the BBNJ Treaty.	olive@highseasalliance.org

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10:00-11:30	Room 1	International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), Colombia, Croatia, Italy, Jamaica, Nigeria, Thailand (TBC) and IFRC	<u>Strengthening disaster and climate risk governance: From hurricanes to health emergencies</u>	While SIDS face high-levels of exposure, not all hazards have to be disasters. If countries invest in multi-hazard risk governance, authorities are better able to prepare for and build resiliency.	kallie.aultman@ifrc.org
10:00-11:30	Room 3	UN Office for South-South Cooperation/UNDP, Government of India, Government of Brazil and Government of South Africa	<u>IBSA and India-UN Fund Championing Advocacy and Walking the Talk on Supporting SIDS Resilience</u>	The event will convene SIDS Ministers to discuss projects supported by two South-South trust funds, IBSA and India-UN Fund, in SIDS; results and impact on SDGs; invites SIDS to submit proposals.	ines.tofalo@unosscc.org
10:00-11:30	Room 4	Government of Cabo Verde, European Union, Local2030 Coalition, United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), Cabo Verde UN Country Team	<u>SDG localization tailored for SIDS</u>	A discussion and exchange of ideas on how to improve the impact and scale of SDG localization in SIDS and their specific challenges, in order to accelerate the achievement of the SDGs.	leinira.sanches@m nec.gov.cv
10:00-11:30	Room 5	International Development Law Organization	<u>Advancing Climate Justice for SIDS: A Rule of Law-Centred Approach to Loss and Damage</u>	Following on from COP28, this event will explore the significance and implications of a rule of law-centred, human rights-based approach for fostering effective loss and damage initiatives.	ibottigliero@idlo.int
10:00-11:30	Room 6	UNFCCC (Regional Collaboration Centre for the Caribbean - RCC Caribbean), Island Innovation	<u>Unlocking sustainable future in SIDS: national climate policies and actions on clean energy and climate finance.</u>	As SIDS set their climate targets, this event explores the role of clean energy with focus on national strategies, financing opportunities including carbon markets, and use of BTRs to report success.	rcccaribbean@unfccc.int
10:00-11:30	Room 7	WMO and the United States Agency for International Development's Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (USAID/BHA)	<u>Empowering SIDS for Resilience: Harnessing data and digital technologies to mitigate flash flood risks – Flash Flood Guidance System (FFGS)</u>	The FFGS, a life-saving technology, empowers forecasters with real-time data and products to predict flash floods, critical in combating their increased frequency and severity due to climate change.	pmutic@wmo.int
10:00-11:30	Room 9	10 Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production (10YFP), UN World Tourism Organization, UN Environment Management Group	<u>Advancing Sustainable Development of SIDS through Tourism: Fostering Sustainable and Circular Consumption and Production</u>	Showcasing solutions for promoting sustainable tourism that drives economic development while conserving and protecting the fragile environmental and cultural ecosystems of SIDS.	svitlana.mikhalyeva@un.org
10:00-11:30	Room 10	CARICOM Secretariat and United States (USAID)	<u>Advancing Data Management in the Caribbean for a Climate Resilient Future</u>	The panel will explore strategies and actions to bridge data gaps and enhance technological and institutional capacities that empower evidence-based decision-making.	knichols@caribbeanclimate.bz
10:00-11:30	Room 11	Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean	<u>Disaster Risk Financing and Sustainable Prosperity ... A Likely Combination?</u>	Disaster risk financing instruments support governments in meeting their debt and fiscal sustainability targets and accelerate growth and inclusive prosperity in key social and economic sectors.	liz.emanuel@gmail.com

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12:00-13:30	Room 1	Palau, High Seas Alliance, Office of the Pacific Ocean Commissioner, Maldives, Antigua and Barbuda	Connections that Matter: Building Bridges Between Local and Indigenous Knowledge Holders, Scientists and Policy Makers	This session will include dialogue between representatives of indigenous peoples and local communities knowledge holders, scientists and policymakers to highlight the synergies and collaboration.	olive@highseasalliance.org
12:00-13:30	Room 4	United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS)	<u>Accelerating SIDS Access to Climate Finance</u>	Unlocking Climate Finance for SIDS: Advancing country-driven solutions and collaboration for climate-resilient development.	events-secretariat@unops.org
12:00-13:30	Room 5	Blue Planet Alliance, Brooklyn Story Lab and Peace Boat US	<u>Youth Will Lead the Way</u>	Blue Planet Alliance + Peace Boat US are exploring how island youth are being negatively impacted by climate change — and what they can do to make a difference.	francois@blueplanetalliance.org
12:00-13:30	Room 6	WMO, Jamaica, Canada, UNDRR, ITU, IFRC, Climate Risk and Early Warning Systems Initiative (CREWS) and the Systematic Observations Financing Facility (SOFF)	<u>Scaling up climate finance support for Early Warnings for All in SIDS</u>	Early warnings save lives and provide significant socioeconomic benefits. As called for by the first global stocktake, partners are scaling up support to close the early warning gap in SIDS and beyond.	lpaterson@wmo.int
12:00-13:30	Room 7	CARICOM Secretariat	<u>Building Climate Resilience in the Caribbean: Integrating Water, Energy, Food and Ecosystems</u>	This event discusses the GCF's various financing mechanisms and proposal types, two WEFE Nexus examples from Barbados and CCCCC's experiences in project formulation, development, and implementation.	adminassistant.3crews@caribbeanclimate.bz
12:00-13:30	Room 9	University of Auckland, Oxfam in the Pacific	<u>Advancing Research and Action on the Health Crisis in the Pacific</u>	A panel discussion on addressing the health crisis in Pacific SIDS, considering access to health care, impacts of climate change, and the geographic isolation and vulnerability of communities.	y.underhill-sem@auckland.ac.nz
12:00-13:30	Room 10	University of the West Indies, Five Islands Campus, University of Newcastle	<u>Blue Economy and Climate Finance in SIDS</u>	The panel will explore the crucial role of the Blue Economy in SIDS as well as the issues around the financing for Blue Economy and Climate Adaptation projects in SIDS.	justin.robinson@uwi.edu
12:00-13:30	Room 11	The Cook Islands (Associate Member), Chair of the Pacific Islands Forum, UN ESCAP (UN Secretariat/Regional Commissions)	<u>Pursuing Wellbeing in the SIDS</u>	Advancing wellbeing, is the recognizing that people must have access to all the goods and services required to live in dignity regardless of geography and institutional structures.	tamarua.marsters@cookislands.gov.ck