

UN Steering Committee on Partnerships for SIDS

Ambassadorial level Meeting

Friday 30 May 2025, 10:00am

Conference room 1

Background

The Co-Chairs of the Steering Committee on Partnerships for Small Island Developing States (SIDS), H.E. Dr. Ali Naseer Mohamed, Permanent Representative of the Maldives to the United Nations and H.E. Ms. Sanita Pavļuta-Deslandes, Permanent Representative of Latvia to the United Nations, will convene the Ambassadorial-level meeting of the Steering Committee on 30 May 2025 from 10:00 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 1, UNHQ, New York.

Paragraph 37 of the Antigua and Barbuda Agenda for SIDS requests the United Nations Secretary-General, in consultation with States, including through the Steering Committee on Partnerships for SIDS, to present recommendations for the strengthening of the SIDS Partnership Framework and the SIDS Global Business Network and its Forum. In response, UN DESA and UN OHRLLS have undertaken an inclusive consultation process with member States, UN entities, civil society, private sector and other stakeholders.

The proposed recommendations emerging from this process will be presented at the meeting for the Committee's consideration.

The recommendations will be included in the upcoming Secretary-General's report on the follow-up to the SAMOA Pathway and the Antigua and Barbuda Agenda for SIDS (ABAS), and Member States will have an opportunity to discuss during the General Assembly's Second Committee on SIDS during its 80th session.

Interpretation services will not be provided for this meeting.

Provisional Agenda

Item 1	Opening remarks
10:00-10:20am	<p>Remarks by Co-Chairs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• H.E. Dr. Ali Naseer Mohamed, Permanent Representative of the Maldives to the United Nations• H.E. Ms. Sanita Pavļuta-Deslandes, Permanent Representative of Latvia to the United Nations <p>Remarks by the Secretariat</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms. Rabab Fatima, High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States• Mr. Navid Hanif, Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs

Item 2	Presentation on the recommendations to strengthen the SIDS Partnership Framework and the SIDS Global Business Network
10:20-10:40am	Presentations by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNDESA on the SIDS Partnership Framework • OHRLLS on the SIDS Global Business Network and its Forum
Item 3	Interactive dialogue and take note of the recommendations
10:40am-11:25am	<i>General comments and feedback on the recommendations</i>
Item 4	Closing remarks
11:25-11:30am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Dr. Ali Naseer Mohamed, Permanent Representative of the Maldives to the United Nations • H.E. Ms. Sanita Pavļuta-Deslandes, Permanent Representative of Latvia to the United Nations