



Guidelines for Major Groups' Participation in the five-year Review of the Mauritius Strategy of Implementation for Small Island Developing States (SIDS)
High-level Review
New York, 24-25 September 2010

Introduction

In accordance with UN General Assembly Resolutions 63/213 and 62/191 and decision 64/555, the United Nations will hold a [High-level Review on progress in the implementation of the Mauritius Strategy of Implementation \(MSI\) for Small Island Developing States \(SIDS\)](#) at UN Headquarters in New York, from 24-25 September 2010, five years after its adoption in 2005.

[GA Resolution 64/199](#), outlining the proposed follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, “stresses the need for the effective participation of civil society, in particular non-governmental organizations and other major groups, in preparing for the high-level review, as well as the need to ensure appropriate arrangements, taking into account the practice and experience gained at the International Meeting held in Mauritius, for their substantive contributions to and active involvement in the preparatory meetings and the high-level review, and in this context invites the President of the General Assembly, in consultation with Member States, to propose to Member States appropriate modalities for their effective involvement in the High-level Review”.

This information note aims at providing major groups organizations¹ with information on how they can participate in the High-level Review.

Modalities for Major Groups' Participation

In response to resolution 64/199, Member States agreed that major groups would have an active involvement during two multi-stakeholder roundtables and one interactive dialogue on cross-regional perspectives, in accordance with the General Assembly's rules and procedures. Concept notes for these discussions will be made available on the web before the High-level Review. A few seats on the floor will be reserved for major groups' organizations represented at the highest level who will participate in the discussions; others are welcome to observe from the limited number of seats (20) at the back of Conference Room 2 in the NLB. Organizations interested to actively participate in the two multi-stakeholder roundtables and in the interactive dialogue on cross-regional perspectives should contact Tonya Vaturi at vaturi@un.org.

A limited number of major groups' representatives will be available to observe the Opening plenary meeting and Closing Plenary meeting from the fourth floor balcony of the General Assembly Hall.

¹ It is recalled that paragraph 23.3 of Agenda 21 provides that “any policies, definitions or rules affecting access to and participation by non-governmental organizations in the work of the United Nations institutions or agencies associated with the implementation of Agenda 21 must apply equally to all major groups”. Agenda 21 defines major groups as comprising women, children and youth, indigenous people, non-governmental organizations, local authorities, workers and their trade unions, business and industry, the scientific and technological community and farmers. Therefore, based on Agenda 21, rule 64 shall apply equally to non-governmental organizations and other major groups.

(Subject to final decision by the General Assembly)

Multi-stakeholder Roundtable I: Reducing Vulnerabilities and Strengthening Resilience of SIDS

Friday 24 September
15:00 to 18:00
Conference Room 2 (NLB)

Multi-stakeholder Roundtable II: Enhancing International Support for the SIDS

Friday 25 September
10:00am-13:00pm
Conference Room 2 (NLB)

Interactive dialogue on Cross-Regional Perspectives

Saturday 25 September
15:00-18:00
Conference Room 2 (NLB)

Registration

Any interested non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and other major groups **MUST** be accredited to the United Nations to participate in the High-level Review.

Interested NGOs and other major groups that are currently in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) or on the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD) Roster that wish to participate in the High-level Review should notify the [Major Groups Programme of the Division for Sustainable Development](#) and pre-register to participate through the [CSO Net – the Civil Society Network](#). *Please note that registration is now closed as of 17 September.*

- Contact the DESA NGO Branch:
www.un.org/ecosoc/ngo/contact
The NGO Branch maintains up-to-date lists of accredited organizations including those that have recently been granted consultative status but are not yet included in the lists available on the Internet.
- Contact the Major Groups Programme at the Division for Sustainable Development:
E-mail: csdmgregister@un.org
Tel: +1 212-963 4704
Fax: +1 917 367 2341

Once registered, you will be instructed to pick up a UN grounds pass upon arrival at UN Headquarters from the offices of the DESA NGO Branch in DC1-1480 (if you have an annual ECOSOC grounds pass) or from the security checkpoint located at 46th Street and 2nd Avenue (if you do not have a UN grounds pass). Each pass is only valid for one morning or afternoon session of the review. You are advised to limit your delegations to one representative per organization per session, to allow for maximum participation by all. Just prior to each session, A UN staff member will meet and escort participants from the checkpoint at 46th Street and 2nd Avenue to the conference room or GA hall balcony.