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SIDS Partnership Webinar for the Scientific Community

4 September 2019, 9.30 am – 10.30 am (EDT)

<p>Moderator: Ms. Lotta Tahtinen, Chief of Outreach and Partnership Branch, Division for Sustainable Development Goals, DESA</p> <p>Welcome and introduction (5 min)</p>	
<p>H.E. Amb. Lois Young, Permanent Representative of Belize to the United Nations, Chair of the Alliance of Small Island Developing States (AOSIS), Co-Chair of the SIDS Steering Committee. (5 minutes)</p>	<p>Suggested topic: Sustainable Development in Small Island Developing States (SIDS): Overview of the Samoa Pathway, Unique challenges facing SIDS and opportunities for Partnerships</p>
<p>Mr. Mícheál Tierney, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Ireland to the United Nations, Co-Chair of the SIDS Steering Committee (TBC) (5 min)</p>	<p>Suggested topic: SIDS Partnership Framework and Toolbox. The importance of partnerships with the scientific community</p>
<p>Marjo Vierros, Director, Coastal Policy and Humanities Research; Research Associate, Nereus Program, University of British Columbia (5 minutes)</p>	<p>Suggested topic: DESA’s gap analysis of SIDS Partnerships – where can the scientific community make the most difference? Status and trends of partnerships for SIDS.</p>
<p>Dr Lucilla Spini, Senior Science and Policy Officer, International Science Council (ISC) (6 minutes)</p>	<p>Suggested topic: The role of the scientific and technological community for SIDS/SAMOA: (i) Concrete example on how science can contribute; and (ii) on how the ISC can become the enabling environment (e.g., via its networks and the STC MG)</p>
<p>Professor Sir Peter Gluckman, President-Elect, International Science Council; and Chair, International Network for Government Science Advice (INGSA) (8 minutes)</p>	<p>Suggested topic: Recent development in ISC concerning SIDS and ongoing activities by ISC International Network for Government Science Advice (INGSA) in SIDS.</p>
<p>Q&A Session (20 min)</p>	
<p>Closing and highlight the importance of acceleration actions for SDGs (5 min)</p>	



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Bio-sketches

Professor Sir Peter Gluckman, President-Elect, International Science Council; and Chair, International Network for Government Science Advice (INGSA)

Sir Peter Gluckman ONZ KNZM FRSNZ FRS trained as a paediatrician and biomedical scientist and holds a Distinguished University Professorship at the Liggins Institute of the University of Auckland. He also holds honorary chairs in University College London, University of Southampton and National University of Singapore (where he acts as chief science advisor to the Singapore Institute for Clinical Sciences). He has published over 700 scientific papers in perinatal and developmental physiology, neuroscience and endocrinology, evolutionary biology and medicine. He has authored both technical and popular science books. He chaired the WHO Commission on Ending Childhood Obesity (2014-2017). Sir Peter is chair of the International Network of Government Science Advice (INGSA) and president-elect of the International Science Council (ISC). From 2009-2018 he was first Chief Science Advisor to the Prime Minister of New Zealand. He is also Science Envoy for the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade and coordinates the secretariat of Small Advanced Economies Initiative. He has written and spoken extensively on science-policy and science-diplomacy and science-society interactions. He has received the highest scientific and civilian honours in New Zealand and numerous international scientific awards. In 2016 he received the AAAS award in Science Diplomacy. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of London and the Royal Society of New Zealand, a member of the National Academy of Medicine (USA) and a fellow of the Academy of Medical Sciences (UK).

Dr. Lucilla Spini, Senior Science and Policy Officer, International Science Council (ISC)

Dr. Lucilla Spini is a bio-anthropologist with expertise in science and technology and innovation (STI) systems, sustainable development, science/policy bridging, global policy frameworks, and gender-lens in science and technology. Prior to joining the International Science Council (ISC), she held several positions in the United Nations System, including Associate Expert at the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO); Executive Officer for Global Environmental Change and Human Health at the United Nations University Institute for Water, Environment and Health (UNU-INWEH); as well as Coordinator for the IAP-The Global Network of Science Academies and the IAMP-The InterAcademy Medical Panel at the UNESCO TWAS-The World Academy of Sciences for advancement of science in developing countries. Dr. Spini holds a B.A. (Hons.) in anthropology from New York University, as well as an M.Sc. in human biology and D.Phil. in biological anthropology, both awarded from the University of Oxford. She has served as Adjunct Assistant Professor in Anthropology at the University of Waterloo and Adjunct Professor in the School of Geography and Earth Sciences at McMaster University. Dr. Spini is also an alumna of the Harvard Kennedy School's Sustainability Science Program and of the European University Institute's Policy Leaders Fellowship Programme of the School of Transnational Governance, as well as an Old Member of Linacre College (Oxford).

Marjo Vierros Bio

Dr. Marjo Vierros is the director of Coastal Policy and Humanities Research, which is a consultancy undertaking interdisciplinary research on ocean and island issues. She is also a Senior Policy Associate at the Global Ocean Forum and a Research Associate of the Nereus Program for Future Ocean at University of British Columbia. Marjo has degrees in biology, marine biology and oceanography, and has worked for United Nations organizations, universities and NGOs in several countries including in the Caribbean, Central America, Pacific and North America. She has published widely on topics relating to marine governance, ecosystem approach and community-based management. Her career has included work at



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the United Nations University, the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the UNEP Regional Seas Programme in the Wider Caribbean Region. She has also recently worked for UN-DESA as a consultant on issues related to SDG-14 and SIDS. She is a Finnish national residing in Vancouver, Canada.