

Expert Group Meeting on “Integrated Approaches for the Implementation of the SAMOA Pathway and the Post-2015 Development Agenda: Linkages between SIDS, Climate Change, and Oceans and Seas”

**Organized by the SIDS, Oceans and Climate Branch of the Division for Sustainable Development,
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Programme (as of 1 Sep)

Wednesday, September 2	
9:00-10:00am	<p>Opening and welcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome remarks by Mr. Thomas Gass, Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs, UN-DESA • Opening remarks by Mr. Jeffrey Salim Waheed, Deputy Permanent Representative, Char D’Affaires, Chair of AOSIS and Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Maldives to the United Nations • Introduction to the meeting by Mr. Mohammad Reza Salamat, Officer-in-Charge, SIDS, Oceans and Climate Branch, Division for Sustainable Development, UN-DESA
10:00-10:30am	Coffee Break
10:30am-1:00pm	<p>Session I: Overview of key challenges of SIDS with respect to Climate Change and Oceans</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Hiroko Morita-Lou, Chief, SIDS Unit, Division for Sustainable Development, UN-DESA <p>Presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>“Coastal and ocean management in SIDS in the context of global climate change”</i>, Mr. Leonard Nurse, Senior Lecturer, The University of the West Indies • <i>“An Integrated Approach to Ocean Protection and Climate Change: U.S.-SIDS Partnerships”</i>, Ms. Rona Rathod, Foreign and Ocean Affairs Officer, U.S. Department of State <p>Open discussion</p>
1:00pm-3:00pm	Lunch
3:00-5:30pm	<p>Session II: Integrated Approaches for the Implementation of the SAMOA Pathway and the post-2015 development agenda</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>“Reimaanlok: A low-key, high impact integrated approach in the Marshall Islands”</i>, Mr. Mark Stege, Executive Director, Marshall Islands Conservation Society <p>Presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>“Integrated approaches for the implementation of the Samoa Pathway and the post-2015 development agenda”</i>, Mr. Hussain Niyaz, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Maldives • <i>“Integrated Approaches for the Implementation of the SAMOA Pathway and the post-2015 development agenda”</i>, Mr. Garfield

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	<p>Barnwell, Director, Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Secretariat</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>“Large Ocean States in small island states: Integrated Approaches from the Pacific”</i>, Mr. Peniamina Leavai, Adaptation Planning Officer, Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) <p>Open discussion</p>
Thursday, September 3	
9:00am-10:30am	<p>Session III: Holistic solutions for climate change adaptation and resilience-building in the area of oceans and seas</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>“Implementation of the Samoa Pathway: SIDS-Oceans-Climate change nexus”</i>, Ms. Asha Singh, Head, Ocean Governance Unit, Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) <p>Presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>“From Siloed to holistic: The Human Factor”</i>, Mr. Grammenos Mastrojeni, Counsellor, Coordinator for Development Cooperation Initiatives on Environmental Sustainability, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Italy • <i>“Multi-hazard Risk Assessment: Knowing SIDS Specific Risk”</i>, Mr. Alf Blikberg, Programme Officer, UN-ESCAP • <i>“Holistic solutions for climate change adaptation and resilience-building in the area of oceans and seas”</i>, Ms. Manta Devi Nowbuth, Associate Professor, Faculty of Ocean Studies, University of Mauritius • <i>“Integrated Coastal Management (ICM) for climate change adaptation and resilience in Pacific Small Island Developing States”</i>, Mr. Joeli Veitayaki, Associate Professor, University of the South Pacific <p>Open discussion</p>
10:30-11:00am	Coffee Break
11:00am-12:00noon	<p>Continued...</p> <p>Open discussion</p>
12:00-2:00pm	Lunch
2:00pm-4:30pm	<p>Session IV: Means of Implementation for climate change adaptation and resilience-building in the area of oceans and seas</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Kate Brown, Coordinator, Global Island Partnership (GLISPA) <p>Presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Valerie Hickey, Biodiversity and Practice Manager, The World Bank

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>“Sustainability as the foundation of climate change adaptation and resilience: Lessons from the GEF experience”</i>, Ms. Sarah Wyatt, Professional Associate, Biodiversity Conservation, Global Environment Facility <p>Open discussion</p>
4:30-5:30pm	Session V: The Way forward: follow-up and next steps
	<p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Mohammad Reza Salamat, Officer-in-Charge, SIDS, Oceans and Climate Branch, Division for Sustainable Development, UN-DESA <p>Panellists (Moderators of the other sessions):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Hiroko Morita-Lou, Chief, SIDS Unit, Division for Sustainable Development, UN-DESA • Mr. Mark Stege, Executive Director, Marshall Islands Conservation Society • Asha Singh, Head, Ocean Governance Unit, Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) • Ms. Kate Brown, Coordinator, Global Island Partnership (GLISPA) <p>Open discussion and recommendations</p>
5:30-6:00pm	Closing
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closing remarks by Mr. Mohammad Reza Salamat, Officer-in-Charge, SIDS, Oceans and Climate Branch, Division for Sustainable Development, UN-DESA • Closing remarks by H.E. Mr. Peter Thomson, Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Fiji to the United Nations