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**Pacific regional seminar on the on the implementation of
the Fourth International Decade for the Eradication of
Colonialism: advancement of the Non-Self-Governing
Territories through the coronavirus disease (COVID-19)
pandemic and beyond**

**Sandals Grande Resort, Castries, Saint Lucia,
11 – 13 May 2022**

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME OF WORK

Tuesday, 10 May

2:30 – 5:30 pm Registration (Hotel reception area at The Harbor
Club Saint Lucia, Gros Islet)

Wednesday, 11 May

8:00 – 9:00 am Continuation of registration (Sandals
Grande Resort)

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OPENING SESSION

10:00 – 10:30 am **Opening of the seminar by the Chair of the Special Committee, Permanent Representative of Grenada to the United Nations, H.E. Ms. Keisha McGuire**

Welcome address by H.E. Philip Joseph Pierre, Prime Minister and Minister for Finance, Economic Development and Youth Economy of Saint Lucia

Message from the United Nations Secretary-General, H.E. Mr. António Guterres

10:30 – 10:45 am Coffee break

FIRST MEETING

10:45 – 11:00 am **Organization of the seminar:**

- Agenda of the seminar
- Officers of the seminar
- Programme of work

11:00 – 12:15 pm **Role of the Special Committee:**

(a) Defining challenges and opportunities in the Fourth International Decade;

(b) Promoting action conducive to sustainable development in the Territories

(agenda item 1 (a) and (b)).

- Chair of the Special Committee

Discussion

12:15 – 1:00 pm **Perspectives of the administering Powers, the Non-Self-Governing Territories and other stakeholders:**

Political developments in the Non-Self-Governing Territories: In the Pacific region

(agenda item 2 (a) (i)).

- Engel Raygadas (French Polynesia)
- Melvin B. Won Pat-Borja (Guam)
- Mickael Forrest (New Caledonia)
- Michael Lujan Bevacqua, Expert
- John Connell, Expert

Discussion

1:00 – 3:00 pm Lunch break

SECOND MEETING

3:00 – 4:30 pm **Perspectives of the administering Powers, the Non-Self-Governing Territories and other stakeholders:**

Political developments in the Non-Self-Governing Territories: In the Pacific region

(agenda item 2 (a) (i) – *continued*).

Discussion

4:30 – 4:45 pm Coffee break

4:45 – 6:00 pm

Perspectives of the administering Powers, the Non-Self-Governing Territories and other stakeholders: Political developments in the Non-Self-Governing Territories: In the Caribbean region

(agenda item 2 (a) (ii)).

- Kenneth Hodge (Anguilla)
- Kathy Lynn Simmons (Bermuda) (*tbc*)
- Benito Wheatley (British Virgin Islands)
- John J. Malcolm (Turks and Caicos Islands) (*tbc*)
- Carlyle Corbin, expert
- Wilma Reverón-Collazo, expert

Discussion

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Thursday, 12 May

THIRD MEETING

10:00 – 11:15 am

Perspectives of the administering Powers, the Non-Self-Governing Territories and other stakeholders: Political developments in the Non-Self-Governing Territories: In other regions

(agenda item 2 (a) (iii)).

- Gavin Short (Falkland Islands (Malvinas))*
- Joseph Bossano (Gibraltar)

* A dispute exists between the Governments of Argentina and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland concerning sovereignty over the Falkland Islands (Malvinas).

- Karl Thrower (Saint Helena)
- Sidi Mohamed Omar (Frente POLISARIO)
(Western Sahara)
- Bahiya Ghalla (Western Sahara)

Discussion

11:15 – 11:30 am Coffee break

11:30 – 1:00 am **Perspectives of the administering Powers, the Non-Self-Governing Territories and other stakeholders:**

- **Harnessing lessons learned in response to the pandemic towards recovery;**
- **Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals, with particular emphasis on health (Goal 3)**

(agenda item 2 (b) and (c)).

Discussion

1:00 – 3:00 pm Lunch break

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FOURTH MEETING

3:00 – 4:30 pm **Role of the United Nations system in efforts to assist the Territories in accordance with relevant United Nations resolutions**

(agenda item 3).

- the United Nations Resident Coordinator for Cook Islands, Niue, Samoa and Tokelau
- the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) (*tbc*)

Discussion

4:30 – 4:45 pm Coffee break

4:45 – 6:00 pm **Recommendations to achieve decolonization in the Fourth International Decade: concrete proposals for the Special Committee**

(agenda item 4).

Discussion

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Friday, 13 May

FIFTH MEETING

9:00 – 11:00 am **Informal consultations on Seminar’s conclusions and recommendations**

[Closed] – Attendance limited to C-24 members

[Plenary Reconvenes]

- 11:05 – 11:20 am **Presentation of the draft report of the seminar by the Rapporteur**
- 11:20 – 11:30 am **Adoption of resolution on expression of appreciation to the Government and people of Saint Lucia**
- 11:30 – 12:00 pm **Closing statements**
- Sir Julian Robert Hunte, former Chair of the Special Committee and President of the fifty-eighth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations
 - Chair of the Special Committee
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- *Welcome Reception at the Government House after 7:00 pm on 11 May*
- *Saint Lucia Night Pigeon Island National Landmark at 7:00 p.m. on 12 May*
- *(Outdoor Event) Boat Cruise after 12 p.m. on Friday, 13 May*