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Programme of meetings and agenda

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General Assembly

International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

10 a.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 2

1. Opening of the informal consultations by the Secretary-General of the International Meeting
2. Election of the presiding officer of the informal consultations
3. Recommendations to the International Meeting on the following matters (A/CONF.207/1, A/CONF.207/2, A/CONF.207/3, A/CONF.207/4, E/CN.17/2004/9, A/59/409, A/59/409/Corr.1, A/CONF.207/6, A/CONF.207/6/Add.1 and A/CONF.207/INF.1):
 - (a) Adoption of the rules of procedure (*item 3*)
 - (b) Election of officers other than the President (*item 5*)
 - (c) Adoption of the agenda of the International Meeting: accreditation of intergovernmental organizations and major groups (*item 5*)
 - (d) Organization of work, including establishment of the Main Committee (*item 6*)
 - (e) Credentials of representatives to the International Meeting: appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee (*item 7 (a)*)
 - (g) Arrangements for the preparation of the report of the International Meeting (*item 10*)
 - (h) Other matters

Morning¹–1 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 2

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Don MacKay, Permanent Representative of New Zealand, on pending issues in relation to the outcome document of the International Meeting of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (A/CONF.207/L.1)

¹ Following the adjournment of the informal consultations.

Other meetings

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Sunday, 9 January 2005

Pacific Forum Group

9–9.45 a.m. Closed meeting Caucus Room 5

JUSCANZ Group

9–9.45 a.m. Closed meeting Caucus Room 6

Major Groups (briefing)

1–2 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 3

Group of 77 and China

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 2

6–8 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 3

Forthcoming official meetings

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General Assembly

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9.30–10 a.m. Conference Room 1

Opening ceremony

[Participants to be seated by 9.15 a.m.]

10 a.m. 1st plenary meeting Conference Room 1

1. Opening of the International Meeting [1]
2. Statement by the Secretary-General of the International Meeting
3. Election of the President [2]

4. Address by His Excellency Mr. Paul Raymond Bérenger G.C.S.K, Prime Minister of the Republic of Mauritius
5. Organizational matters (items 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 (a)) (A/CONF.207/1, A/CONF.207/2, A/CONF.207/4, A/CONF.207/L.2, E/CN.17/2004/9, A/59/409, A/59/409/Corr.1, A/CONF.207/6, A/CONF.207/6/Add.1 and A/CONF.207/INF.1):
 - (a) Adoption of the rules of procedure [3]
 - (b) Election of officers other than the President [4]
 - (c) Adoption of the agenda of the International Meeting: Accreditation of intergovernmental organizations and major groups [5]
 - (d) Organization of work, including the establishment of the Main Committee . . . [6]
 - (e) Credentials of representatives to the International Meeting: Appointments of the members of the Credentials Committee. [7 (a)]
6. Comprehensive review of the implementation of the Programme of Action for Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States: Statements by representatives of the United Nations specialized agencies, organizations and programmes, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations, and report of the Civil Society Forum [8]

Panel discussion 1

3–6 p.m. Open meeting. Conference Room 1

Panel discussion 1 on “The environmental vulnerabilities of small island developing States” (A/CONF.207/CRP.1)

Co-Chairpersons: H.E. The Hon. Tagaloa Tuala Tagaloa, Minister of Natural Resources and Environment of Samoa; and H.E. The Hon. Marian Hobbs, Minister for the Environment and Associate Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Official Development Assistance, New Zealand

Moderator: Mr. Klaus Töpfer, Executive Director, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

Main Committee

- Morning¹–1 p.m. 1st meeting Conference Room 2
- 3–6 p.m. 2nd meeting. Conference Room 2
1. Election of officers (A/CONF.207/4) [1]
 2. Organization of work (A/CONF.207/4) [2]
 3. Consideration of the final outcomes of the International Meeting (A/CONF.207/L.1) [9]

¹ Following the conclusion of the consideration of organizational matters (items 1 through 7 (a)) at the 1st plenary meeting.

Side events and partnerships activities

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At the International Convention Centre:

Side events:

- 1.15–2.45 p.m. Sustainable Development Strategies in Small Island Developing States (organized by the International Institute for Environment and Development and the Caribbean Natural Resources Institute) (*Conference Room 3*)
- 1.15–2.45 p.m. Impact of Tourism for the Economies of Small Island Developing States (organized by the World Tourism Organization) (*Amphitheatre*)
- 6.15–7.45 p.m. RANET Environmental Information to the Last Mile (organized by the National Weather Service RANET, NWS-NOAA, United States) (*Caucus Room 6*)
- 6.15–7.45 p.m. Agriculture and Sustainable Development in Small Island Developing States: Agricultural Trade and Economic Vulnerability of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (organized by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)) (*Conference Room 3*)

Partnerships activities:

- 3–6 p.m. Pacific Partnerships for Sustainable Development (organized by the Secretariat of the South Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)) (*Amphitheatre*)
- Adaptation to Climate Change in the Pacific
- Mainstreaming Conservation and Traditional Knowledge
- Pacific Umbrella Initiatives – Best Practice Examples

At the Freeport Exhibition Centre:

Parallel events:

- 1.15–2.45 p.m. Small Island Developing States: Challenges, Prospects and International Cooperation for Sustainable Development (organized by the International Research Foundation for Development) (*Conference Room 2*)
- 1.15–2.45 p.m. Creating a New Water Use and Sanitation Friendly Ethic in Small Island States (organized by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)) (*Conference Room 1*)
- 1.15–2.45 p.m. Opportunities of Micro-financed Renewable Energy Supply for SIDS/Economical Strategies to Combine Renewable Energy Supply and the Development of SMEs (organized by MicroEnergy International and Deutscher Naturschutzring) (*Conference Room 4*)
- 6.15–7.45 p.m. Parallel Event (organized by Brahma Kumaris) (*Conference Room 1*)
- 6.15–7.45 p.m. Small-scale Household Renewable Energy (organized by CEDREFI and MAUDESCO) (*Conference Room 2*)

Press conferences

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Press briefing room (room L-6) (in the lower level of the Centre)

- 12 noon Spokesman for the International Meeting
- 1.15 p.m.. Secretary-General of the International Meeting, Mr. K. Anwarul Chowdhury (on the civil society report to the International Meeting and the opening session)

Forthcoming official meetings

Tuesday, 11 January 2005

General Assembly

International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

Panel discussion 2

- 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Open meeting Conference Room 1
- Panel discussion 2 on “The special challenges of small island developing States in trade and economic development” (A/AC.207/CRP.2)
- Moderator:* Mr. Habib Ouane, Director of the Special Programme on the LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

Panel discussion 3

- 3–5 p.m. Open meeting Conference Room 1
- Panel discussion 3 on “The role of culture in the sustainable development of small island developing States” (A/AC.207/CRP.3)
- Moderator:* Dame Pearlette Louisy, Governor-General of Saint Lucia

Panel discussion 4

- 5–7 p.m. Open meeting Conference Room 1
- Panel discussion 4 on “Addressing emerging trends and social challenges for the sustainable development of small island developing States” (A/AC.207/CRP.4)
- Moderator:* Dr. Len Ishmael, Director-General, Organization of Eastern Caribbean States

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Main Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	3rd meeting	Conference Room 2
3–6 p.m.	4th meeting	Conference Room 2
	1. Consideration of the final outcomes of the International Meeting (A/CONF.207/L.1) [9]	
	2. Action on all outstanding matters	
	3. Completion of the work of the Main Committee	

Announcements

List of speakers

Plenary interactive panels

There will be no speakers' lists for the interactive panels organized in the plenary, scheduled to take place from Monday, 10 January, to Wednesday, 12 January. Panel discussion 5 will address the theme "Building resilience in small island developing States."

High-level segment general debate

The list of speakers for the high-level segment of the International Meeting, to be held on 13 and 14 January 2005, is open for the general debate under item 8 of the provisional agenda, entitled "Comprehensive review of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States". Statements will be presented by Heads of State or Government, or their high-level appointees, on the basis of a list to be drawn up by the Secretariat in accordance with established practice. It has been recommended that statements not exceed five minutes. Delegations wishing to inscribe should indicate the name and designation for the speakers' list to Ms. Lorna Fidler (tel. 206-0616; fax 206-0618; e-mail fidler@un.org).

High-level segment round tables

There will be two round tables on the overall theme "The Way Forward".

Round table 1, to be held on Thursday, 13 January, from 3 to 6 p.m., will highlight resources; and *Round table 2*, to be held on Friday, 14 January, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., will highlight capacity-building and technology transfer.

Delegations wishing to inscribe should indicate the name and designation and the round table to which they would like to inscribe to Ms. Lorna Fidler (tel. 206-0616; fax 206-0618; e-mail fidler@un.org). Each interactive round table would have 40-50 participants and would be open to Heads of State or Government or their high-level appointees.

In accordance with paragraph 8 (a) of document [A/CONF.207/4](#), representatives of United Nations specialized agencies, organizations and programmes and intergovernmental organizations, as well as the representative of the Civil Society Forum, wishing to make statements on the opening day, should indicate the name and designation to Ms. Lorna Fidler (tel. 206-0616; fax 206-0618; e-mail fidler@un.org).

Information for participants

Bilateral meetings

During the high-level segment of the International Meeting, two small rooms, Caucus Rooms 1 and 2, located on the ground level of the International Convention Centre, will be available from 9.30 a.m. to 6 p.m. for bilateral meetings. Reservations should be directed to Ms. Jane Pittson, Deputy Coordinator of Conference Services (room G-11; tel. 206-0605).

Distribution of documents

Delegations are reminded that the document boxes or pigeonholes are exclusively for the distribution of official International Meeting documentation. Participants wishing to circulate any other papers or documents for information purposes, for which tables are located inside the conference rooms, are requested to forward two copies of such document to Ms. Samira Loschiavo, Documents Submission Officer (room G-24; tel. 206-0617).

Circulation of prepared statements

Delegations wishing to circulate their speeches to all participants are requested to provide 350 copies to the Conference Officer in Conference Room 1.

Delegations are also requested to provide 100 copies of their speeches to the Media Documents Office located in the Press area on the lower level (room L-14).

List of participants

Delegations that have not already submitted the names of their representatives participating in the International Meeting are kindly requested to do so as soon as possible at the United Nations Protocol Office, located on the ground floor of the Conference Centre (tel. 206-0695).

Accreditation

The Accreditation Centre for all Conference participants, members of non-governmental organizations and media representatives is located at the Clos St. Louis near the Convention Centre. It will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Round tables

Access to the round tables is limited. Delegations inscribed to participate will be issued two special access cards by the Accreditation Centre, located at Clos St. Louis, near the Convention Centre. Entry to the round tables will be restricted to persons carrying a special access card together with a grounds pass.