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Port Louis, Mauritius (10-14 January 2005)

## 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

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 Honourable Tagaloa Tuala Sale 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, New Zealand

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

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

Morning<sup>1</sup>–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]

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

### Other meetings

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**Monday, 10 January 2005****Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)**

8–9.30 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

**JUSCANZ Group**

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

**Pacific Island Forum Group**

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

**Group of 77 and China**

1.15–3 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

6–8 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

## Press conferences

**Monday, 10 January 2005**

*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. Anwarul K. Chowdhury (on the civil society report to the International Meeting and the opening session)

## 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 2*)

- 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 Naturschutz) (*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*)

## 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 for Least Developed, Landlocked and Island Developing Countries, 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:* H.E. 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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#### International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

##### 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

### Forthcoming side events and partnerships activities

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**Tuesday, 11 January 2005**

*At the International Conference Centre:*

#### Side events:

- 1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Contribution of the Mauritius International Meeting to the Development of the CBD Programme of Work on Island Biodiversity (organized by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity) (*Caucus Room 6*)
- 1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Trade Liberalization, Environmental Protection and Sustainable Development: Opportunities and Challenges for SIDS (organized by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)) (*Conference Room 3*)
- 1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Governance for Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (organized by the Government of Italy and the Division for Public Administration and Development Management, Department of Economic and Social Affairs) (*Amphitheatre*)
- 6.15–7.45 p.m. . . . . Removing Obstacles to Growth – Doing Business in 2005 (organized by the World Bank) (*Conference Room 3*)
- 6.15–7.45 p.m. . . . . Lessons Learned in Implementing Multilateral Environmental Agreements in SIDS (organized by the Government of Saint Lucia) (*Amphitheatre*)

#### Partnerships activities:

- 10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Caribbean Partnerships for Sustainable Development (organized by the Secretariat of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM)) (*Amphitheatre*)
- Cultural Resilience and Vulnerability Partnerships (focus on Caribbean)
- CARIFORUM/FAO Food Security Partnership in the Caribbean
- Ocean Governance Partnerships
- 3–4.25 p.m. . . . . Mobilizing for Further Implementation of Ocean and Coastal Management in SIDS (organized by the International Coastal and Ocean Organization and partners (UNEP, Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission, Global Forum on Oceans, Coasts and Islands and GEF)) (*Amphitheatre*)
- 4.35–6 p.m. . . . . White Water to Blue Water (organized by the White Water to Blue Water Partnership (WW2BW)) (*Amphitheatre*)

*At the Freeport Exhibition Centre:*

**Parallel events:**

- 1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Engaging People in Sustainability – The Strategy (organized by the Stakeholder Forum For Our Common Future) (*Conference Room 1*)
- 1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Sharing Experiences and Expertise at the Community Level, Particularly Regarding Natural Disasters Reduction and Preparedness, Health and HIV/AIDS; and (grassroots) Capacity-building (organized by the International Federation Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and WMO) (*Conference Room 2*)
- 6.15–7.45 p.m. . . . . Strengthening the Domestic Private Sector in SIDS Through Comprehensive Human Development and Technology Transfer (organized by the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace) (*Conference Room 1*)
- 6.15–7.45 p.m. . . . . Small Islands Voice: Communities in Action (organized by UNESCO) (*Conference Room 2*)

## 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 *today*, 10 January, until Wednesday, 12 January 2005. 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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).

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### 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).

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**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 Protocol Office, located on the ground floor of the Conference Centre (tel. 206-0695).

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**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.

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**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.

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**Services at the Convention Centre**

A business centre (fax machines, photocopiers, post office, travel and banking facilities) has been established for the use of participants in the International Meeting. It is located on the lower level next to the Press Area and will be open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. The delegates' lounge, located in the Atrium, is equipped with computers for the use of delegations.

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**Headsets and receivers**

Participants are kindly requested to leave their headsets and infrared receivers for recharging in the conference room, at their delegation's seats, when leaving the room.