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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

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/CONF.207/CRP.2)

Chairperson: H.E. The Hon. J. Cuttaree, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Trade of Mauritius

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/CONF.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/CONF.207/CRP.4)

Co-Chairpersons: Senator The Hon. Dr. Marcus Bethel, Minister of Health and the Environment of the Bahamas; and The Hon. Bruce Billson, Parliamentary Secretary for Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade of Australia

Moderator: Dr. Len Ishmael, Director-General, Organization of Eastern Caribbean States

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.	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2
Afternoon ¹ –6 p.m.	2nd 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	

¹ Following the adjournment of the informal consultations.

Other meetings

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JUSCANZ Group

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

Pacific Island Forum Group

9–9.45 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 3

Group of 77 and China

10–11.30 a.m. Closed meeting Room to be announced
 1.45–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 2

Press conferences

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Press briefing room (room L-6) (Media area) (room L-6)

- 11.15 a.m. Mr. Michel Jarraud, Secretary-General of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO); Dr. Laura Kong, Director, UNESCO/IOC International Tsunami Information Centre (on early warnings for disaster reduction and preparedness)
- 12 noon Press briefing by the Spokeswoman for the International Meeting

Side events and partnerships activities

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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*)

Forthcoming official meetings

Wednesday, 12 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 5

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Open meeting. Conference Room 1

Panel discussion 5 on “Building resilience in small island developing States” (A/CONF.207/CRP.5)

Chairperson: H.E. Ms. Maria Madalena Brito Neves, Minister of Agriculture, Environment and Fisheries of Cape Verde

Moderator: Professor Albert Henry Binger, Director, University of the West Indies Center for Environment and Development, Coordinator of the UNDP/SIDS Expert Group

Forthcoming side events and partnerships activities

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At the International Conference Centre:

Side events:

- 1.15–2.45 p.m. Work with SIDS on Integrated Approaches to Marine, Freshwater and Land Management (organized by the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (OHRLLS)) (*Conference Room 3*)
- 1.15–2.45 p.m. Resilience-building Elements for a Programme of Action 2005-2015 and Vulnerability Reduction of Coastal Human Settlements (organized by the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction Secretariat and UN-HABITAT) (*Amphitheatre*)
- 1.15–2.45 p.m. UNEP's Global and Regional Cooperation with SIDS and Future Perspectives (organized by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)) (*Caucus Room 6*)
- 6.15–7.45 p.m. Energy for Sustainable Development (organized by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development) (*Amphitheatre*)
- 6.15–7.45 p.m. Delineation of the Continental Shelf (organized by GRID-Arendal) (*Conference Room 3*)

Partnerships activities:

- 10–11.25 a.m. Launch of the Global Environmental Vulnerability Index (EVI) (organized by the South Pacific Applied Geosciences Commission (SOPAC)) (*Amphitheatre*)
- 3–4.25 p.m. Reefs, Island Communities and Protected Areas (organized by the International Coral Reef Initiative) (*Amphitheatre*)
- 4.35–6 p.m. Clean Energy Islands – SIDS as Examples of Sustainable Development (Global Sustainable Energy Islands Initiative (GSEII) (organized by the Climate Institute and partners (Governments of Saint Lucia, Grenada and Dominica, the Organization of American States (OAS) and UNIDO)) (*Amphitheatre*)

At the Freeport Exhibition Centre:

Parallel events:

- 1.15–2.45 p.m. The Pacific Regional NGO – Successes and Lessons Learned from Community to Regional Level Interventions on the BPOA+10 in the Pacific During the Last Ten Years – Engaging People in Sustainability – The Strategy (organized by the Pacific Concerns Resource Center) (*Conference Room 2*)
- 1.15–2.45 p.m. Promoting Integrated Watershed and Coastal Area Management in the Caribbean (organized by UNEP/GPA, UNEP-CAR/RCU, CEHI and GEF) (*Conference Room 1*)
- 1.15–2.45 p.m. Caribbean Sea Assessment (CARSEA) (organized by the University of the West Indies) (*Conference Room 4*)
- 6.15–7.45 p.m. 'Seascape': Capacity Assessment and Development for Sustainable Environmental Governance from Mauritius to Malta (organized by the Commonwealth Human Ecology Council) (*Conference Room 1*)

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 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 Thursday and Friday, 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).

Summary of meetings

Monday, 10 January 2005

General Assembly

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

1st meeting	<i>Opening of the International Meeting</i>	[1]
	The Secretary-General opened the International Meeting and made a statement.	

Election of the President [2]

H.E. Mr. Paul Raymond Bérenger G.C.S.K, Prime Minister of the Republic of Mauritius, was elected, by acclamation, as President of the International Meeting.

The President addressed the International Meeting.

Adoption of the rules of procedure (A/CONF.207/2) [3]

The International Meeting began its consideration of agenda item 3.

The provisional rules of procedure, as contained in document A/CONF.207/2, was adopted by the International Meeting.

The International Meeting thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 3.

Election of officers other than the President [4]

The International Meeting began its consideration of agenda item 4.

The International Meeting endorsed the recommendations concerning the composition of the General Committee and the distribution of posts, as set out in document A/CONF.207/4.

The following 3 States from the African States Group were elected, by acclamation, as Vice-Presidents of the International Meeting: Cape Verde, Mauritius and Morocco.

The following 3 States from the Asian States Group were elected, by acclamation, as Vice-Presidents of the International Meeting: Tuvalu, Nauru and Timor-Leste.

The following 3 States from the Eastern European States Group were elected, by acclamation, as Vice-Presidents of the International Meeting: Croatia, Lithuania and Czech Republic.

The following 3 States from the Latin America and Caribbean States Group were elected, by acclamation, as Vice-Presidents of the International Meeting: Bahamas, Barbados and Belize.

The following 3 States from the Western European and Other States Group were elected, by acclamation, as Vice-Presidents of the International Meeting: Belgium, Italy and New Zealand (Chairman of the Main Committee).

H.E. Mr. Pravin Kumar Jugnauth, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance and Economic Development of the Republic of Mauritius, was elected, by acclamation, as *ex officio* Vice-President of the International Meeting.

H.E. Mr. Christopher Fitzherbert Hackett, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of Barbados to the United Nations in New York, was elected, by acclamation, as Rapporteur-General of the International Meeting.

H.E. Mr. Don MacKay, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of New Zealand to the United Nations in New York, was elected, by acclamation, as Chairman of the Main Committee.

Adoption of the agenda: accreditation of intergovernmental organizations and major groups [5]

The International meeting began its consideration of agenda item 5.

The provisional agenda was adopted by the International Meeting, as contained in document A/CONF.207/1.

Accreditation of non-governmental organizations

The International Meeting approved the accreditation of the non-governmental organizations, as contained in documents E/CN.17/2004/9, A/59/409 and A/59/409/Corr.1.

Accreditation of intergovernmental organizations

The International Meeting approved the accreditation of the South Pacific Applied Geoscience Commission and the Commonwealth Agricultural Bureaux (CAB) International, as contained in documents A/CONF.207/6 and A/CONF.207/6/Add.1.

Organization of work, including establishment of the Main Committee [6]

The International Meeting began its consideration of agenda item 6.

The International Meeting approved the organization of work, as contained in document A/CONF.207/4.

The International Meeting approved time table of work for the International Meeting and the organization of meetings, as contained in document A/CONF.207/4, with the proviso that the organization of work of the Main Committee would be adjusted as required.

Credentials of representatives to the International Meeting: appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee [7 (a)]

The International Meeting began its consideration of agenda item 7.

On the proposal by the President of the International Meeting, it was decided that rule 51.2 of the rules of procedure be suspended in order to allow the Credentials Committee to meet with 4 members present. In this connection, it was then decided that the Credentials Committee be composed of China, the Russian Federation, Trinidad and Tobago and the United States of America.

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]

The International Meeting began its consideration of agenda item 8.

The following representatives of specialized agencies of the United Nations made statements: Mr. Hamdallah Zedan, Executive Secretary, Secretariat for the Convention on Biological Diversity; Ms. Hetty Sarjeant, representative of the United Nations Population Fund; Ms. Barbara Bentein, Area Representative for Comoros, Madagascar and Mauritius, United Nations Children's Fund; Dr. Desmond Johns, Director, Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS, New York Office; Mr. Andrey Volodin, United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO); Mr. Rudolf Buitelaar, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean; Dr. Cosmas L. Zavazava, Head, Unit for Least Developed Countries, and Chief, Business Development, International Telecommunication Union (ITU); Mr. Jacques Diouf, Director-General, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO); Mr. Habib Ouane, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD); and Mrs. Dayina Mayenga, Director, Indian Ocean Countries, International Labour Organization (ILO).

The following representatives of intergovernmental organizations made statements: Mr. Ridha Bouabid, International Organization of La Francophonie; a representative of the Commonwealth Agricultural Bureaux International; Rear Admiral Kenneth E. Barbor, Director, International Hydrographic Organization; Dr. P. Rethinam, Executive Director, Asian and Pacific Coconut Community; and Dr. P. Ramsamy, Executive Secretary, Southern African Development Community.

The following representatives of non-governmental organizations made statements: Mr. Pynee Chellapermal, Centre for Documentation, Research and Training for the South West Indian Ocean (CEDEFRI) (on the Civil Society Forum); Mr. Neil Netaf, Pacific Concerns Resource Centre (on the Pacific region); Ms. Zakya Uzoma Wadada, Caribbean Network for Integrated Rural Development; Mr. Nirmal Jivan Shah, Nature Seychelles (on the Atlantic, Indian Ocean, Mediterranean and South China Seas (AIMS) region); and Mr. Gordon Bishopman, Caribbean Policy Development Centre.

Organization of work

The *ex-officio* Vice-President, H.E. Mr. Pravin Kumar Jugnauth, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance and Economic Development of the Republic of Mauritius, made a statement.

The Secretary of the International Meeting made a statement.

Panel discussion 1

Environmental vulnerabilities of small island developing States (A/CONF.207/CRP.1)

The panel was co-chaired by H.E. The Hon. Tagaloa Tuala Sale Tagaloa, Minister of Natural Resources and Environment, 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; and moderated by Mr. Klaus Töpfer, Executive Director, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

The following panellists made introductory statements: Mr. Rajendra K. Pachauri, Chairman, Inter-Governmental Panel on Climate Change; H.E. The Hon. Theophilus Ferguson John, Minister for Physical Development, Environment and Housing, Saint Lucia; Mr. Salvano Briceño, Director, Inter-Agency Secretariat of the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (ISDR); and Mr. Kenrick Leslie, Director, Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre, Belize.

The Co-Chairpersons and panellists held an interactive discussion on the topic with the representatives of Belize, Mauritius, Croatia, Guyana, the Marshall Islands, Maldives (read out a message from the President of the Republic of Maldives, H.E. Mr. Maumoon Abdul Gayoom), Egypt, Cape Verde, France, Comoros, the United States, Grenada, Iceland, Barbados, Indonesia, Kuwait and Tonga, as well as the representatives of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, the Global Environmental Facility (GEF), the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the International Narcotics Control Board (INCB) and CAB International.

The representatives of the following major groups also participated in the discussion: scientific and technological community; indigenous peoples and non-governmental organizations.

The panellists reacted to comments made by the participants.

The Co-Chairpersons summarized the points discussed.

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

Main Committee

1st meeting

The Chairman opened the meeting and made an introductory statement.

Election of officers [1]

The Main Committee elected Ms. Perina Sila (Independent State of Samoa) as Rapporteur, by acclamation.

Consideration of the final outcomes of the International Meeting [9]

The Committee began its consideration of the item.

The Chairman made a statement concerning the status of the negotiations on the draft strategy.

Statements were made by the representatives of Brazil and Mauritius.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee agreed to conduct the negotiations in an informal setting.

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 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.

Live on-line coverage

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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.

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.