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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 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

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. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 2

Morning¹–1 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.



Credentials Committee

4—5 p.m..... Closed meeting.....Caucus Room 7

Other meetings

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JUSCANZ Group

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

Pacific Island Forum Group

9—10 a.m..... Closed meeting.....Caucus Room 5

Caribbean SIDS Ministerial Consultations

1.15—2.45 a.m..... Closed meeting..... Caucus Room 4

Alliance of Small Island States Summit (AOSIS)

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

Caribbean Community (CARICOM) (meeting of Ministers)

3—4 p.m..... Closed meeting..... Caucus Room 4

Press conferences

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

11 a.m...... H.E. Mr. Alfredo Luigi Mantica, Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs of Italy (on integrating biodiversity conservation and sustainable livelihood enhancement in small islands: the Galapagos-Socotra partnership initiative)

12 noon..... Press briefing by the Spokesperson for the International Meeting

- 1.15 p.m..... A delegation of the young people from Small Island Developing States who have taken part in UNESCO's Youth Visioning event (to present their Declaration to the press)
- 5.30 p.m..... Director-General of UNESCO, Mr. Koichiro Matsuura (to present UNESCO's Global Strategy for a Tsunami Early Warning System)

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*)
- 6.15—7.45 p.m. Energy for Sustainable Development in SIDS (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) (*ConferenceRoom 3*)
- 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) (*Major Groups Room A*)

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. Caribbean Sea Assessment (CARSEA) (organized by the University of the West Indies) (*Conference Room 4*)

Forthcoming official meetings

Thursday, 13 January 2005

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

High-level segment

9 a.m.—1 p.m. 2nd plenary meetingConference Room 1

Opening of the high-level segment

Comprehensive review of the implementation of the Programme of Action for Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States: general debate [8]

Address by His Excellency Mr. Paul Raymond Berenger G.C.S.K, Prime Minister of the Republic of Mauritius and President of the International Meeting

Address by His Excellency Mr. Kofi Annan, Secretary-General of the United Nations

Address by His Excellency Mr. Jean Ping, President of the General Assembly

Statements by Heads of State or Government and Heads of Delegation:

H.E. The Right Honourable Owen S. Arthur, MP, Prime Minister of Barbados

H.E. Mr. Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser, Permanent Representative of Qatar to the United Nations (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China)

H.E. Mr. Jean-Louis Schiltz, Minister for Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Assistance of Luxembourg (on behalf of European Union)

H.E. Mr. James A. Michel, President of the Republic of Seychelles

H.E. Mr. Azali Assoumani, President of the Union of Comoros

- H.E. Dr. Al Hadji Yahya A.J.J. Jammeh, President of the Gambia
- H.E. The Honourable Ludwig Scotty, MP, President of the Republic of Nauru
- H.E. Mr. Anote Tong, President of the Republic of Kiribati
- H.E. Mr. Teodoro Obiang Nguema Mbasogo, President of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea
- H.E. The Honourable Dr. Denzil L. Douglas, Prime Minister of Saint Kitts and Nevis
- H.E. The Honourable Tuila'epa Sailele Malielegaoi, Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade of the Independent State of Samoa
- H.E. The Honourable Sir Allan Kemakeza, Prime Minister of Solomon Islands
- H.E. The Honourable Jim Marurai, Prime Minister of the Cook Islands
- H.E. Mr. Mari Alkatiri, Prime Minister of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste
- H.E. The Honourable John Bricefio, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Natural Resources and the Environment, Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance of Belize
- H.E. The Honourable Toke Talagi, Deputy Premier, Minister for Environment of Niue
- H.E. Mr. Jacob G. Zuma, Deputy President of the Republic of South Africa
- H.E. The Honourable Camek Elias Chin, Vice-President of the Republic of Palau
- H.E. Mr. Rachmat Witoelar, Minister for Environment of the Republic of Indonesia
- H.E. The Honourable Ferguson John, Minister for Physical Development, Environment and Housing of Saint Lucia
- H.E. Mr. E. Ahmed, Minister of State for External Affairs of India
- H.E. Dr. Douglas Slater, Minister of Health and Environment of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
- H.E. Dr. Carlyle G. Corbin, Minister of State for External Affairs of the United States Virgin Islands
- H.E. Mr. Bill Rammell, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
- Her Excellency The Honourable Marian Hobbs, Minister for the Environment and Associate Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade of New Zealand
- H.E. Mr. Dean Peart, MP, Minister of Land and Environment of Jamaica
- H.E. Mr. Errol Cort, Minister for Finance and the Economy of Antigua and Barbuda

3—6 p.m.....3rd plenary meeting.....Conference Room 1

High-level segment

Comprehensive review of the implementation of the Programme of Action for Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States: general debate [8]

Statements by Heads of State or Government and Heads of Delegation (continued):

- H.E. Mr. Kessai H. Note, President of the Republic of the Marshall Islands
- H.E. The Honourable Maatia Toafa, Prime Minister of Tuvalu

His Highness Shaikh Salman Bin Khalifa Al-Khalifa, Special Envoy of the Government of the Kingdom of Bahrain

H.E. Mr. Marcel Ranjeva, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Madagascar

H.E. Mr. Li Zhaoxing, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China

H.E. The Honourable Ann David-Antoine, Minister of Health, the Environment and Ecclesiastic Affairs of Grenada

H.E. Mr. Clifford Marica, Minister of Labour, Technological Development and Environment of the Republic of Suriname

H.E. Mr. Mohammed El Yazghi, Minister of Territory Planning, Water and Environment of the Kingdom of Morocco

H.E. Mr. Ovideo Manuel Barbosa Pequeno, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Cooperation and Community of Sao Tome and Principe

H.E. Mr. Ricardo Cabrisas Ruiz, Minister of Government of the Republic of Cuba

H.E. Sir Rabbie L. Namaliu, KCMG, MP, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Immigration of Papua New Guinea

H.E. Mr. Osborne Riviere, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Marketing of the Commonwealth of Dominica

H.E. Mr. Kaliopate Tavola, Minister for Foreign Affairs and External Trade of the Republic of the Fiji Islands

H.E. The Honourable A.H.M. Fowzie, Minister of Environment and Natural Resources of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka

H.E. Mr. Conor Lenihan, Minister of State for Development Cooperation and Human Rights of Ireland

H.E. Dr. Uschi Eid, Parliamentary State Secretary and Deputy Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development of the Federal Republic of Germany

Ms. Myeong-sook, Member of Parliament (former Minister of Environment) of the Republic of Korea

H.E. The Honourable Bruce Billson, Parliamentary Secretary for Foreign Affairs of Australia

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

H.E. Mr. Armand de Decker, Minister of Cooperation and Development of Belgium

H.E. Madame Danielle Saint-Lot, Minister of Commerce, Industry and Tourism of Haiti

H.E. The Honourable Pernelle Beckles, Minister of Public Utilities and the Environment of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago

H.E. Dr. Sorajak Kasemsuvan, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Thailand

H.E. Mr. Don McKinnon, Commonwealth Secretary-General

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

High-level segment

Round table 1

3—6 p.m.....Conference Room 2

Round Table 1 on "The way forward: Mobilizing resources for the further implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action" (A/CONF.207/CRP.6 and A/CONF.207/7 and addenda)

Co-Chairpersons: H.E. The Rt. Hon. Owen S. Arthur, Prime Minister, Minister for Finance and Economic Affairs of Barbados; and H.E. Mr. Louis Michel, European Commissioner for Development and Humanitarian Affairs

Moderator: Mr. Jose Antonio Ocampo, Under-Secretary-General, Department of Economic and Social Affairs

Forthcoming special event

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There will be a presentation organized by the delegation of India on "Capacity-building in SIDS for sustainable development: Minimally Invasive Education (MIE) for computer literacy", on Thursday, 13 January 2005, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Caucus Room 5, with the participation of Dr. Sugata Mitra, Chief Scientist, National Institute of Information Technology, New Delhi, India. Representatives of delegations, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations, the United Nations and its organizations, programmes and specialized agencies, as well as academic institutions and other civil society organizations, are cordially invited to attend.

Forthcoming side events and partnerships activities

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At the International Conference Centre:

Side events:

1.15—2.45 p.m..... SIDS in the Climate Change Process and Reducing Vulnerability to Natural Disasters, Climate Change Sea Level Rise (organized by the Secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the World Meteorological Organization) (*Conference Room 3*)

- 1.15—2.45 p.m. Support for the Formulation of National Sustainable Development Strategies in the Pacific (organized by the Division for Sustainable Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs) (*Amphitheatre*)

At the Freeport Exhibition Centre:

Parallel events:

- 1.15—2.45 p.m. Climate Witnesses from Small Island Developing States Telling the Stories (organized by WWF International) (*Conference Room 1*)
- 1.15—2.45 p.m..... Regional Forum (organized by the Indian Ocean Business Center) (*Conference Room 2*)
- 1.15—2.45 p.m..... Event to Raise Awareness about the Role of Young People in Sustainable Development (organized by the Pacific Youth Environment Network) (*Conference Room 4*)

Announcements

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.

Access to the round tables

Access to the round tables will be by special access pass only. Ministers, heads of delegations and heads of United Nations agencies, funds and programmes or their high-level appointees wishing to inscribe to the round tables should contact Ms. Lorna Fidler, International Meeting Secretariat (tel. 206-0616; fax: 206-0618; or e-mail fidler@un.org) no later than *today*, 12 January 2005, 1 p.m.

Each delegation or agency who has subscribed to a round table will receive 2 access passes. The access passes can be collected at the Accreditation Centre, located at Clos St. Louis, near the Convention Centre, *today*, 12 January, between 3 and 6 p.m.

Summary of 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**

The special challenges of small island developing States in trade and economic development (A/CONF.207/CRP.2)

The panel was chaired by H.E. The Hon. Jaya Cuttaree, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Mauritius; and moderated by Mr. Habib Ouane, Director of the Special Programme for Least Developed Landlocked and Island Developing Countries, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD).

H.E. The Hon. Jaya Cuttaree, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Trade of Mauritius, made an opening statement.

The following panellists made introductory statements: H.E. Mr. Anthony Severin, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary in the Office of the Prime Minister of Saint Lucia and Saint Lucia Ambassador to Caribbean Community (CARICOM); H.E. Mr. Mohamed Latheef, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of Maldives to the United Nations in New York; Mr. Hans-Peter Werner, Counsellor in the Development Division of the World Trade Organization in Geneva; Mr. Sivaramen Palayathan, Trade Adviser at the Permanent Mission of Mauritius to the World Trade Organization in Geneva; and Mr. Deep Forde, Senior Trade Advisor, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

The Chairman and panellists held an interactive discussion on the topic with the representatives of Egypt, Comoros, Singapore, Dominica, Cape Verde, the European Community, Cuba and Mauritius, as well as the representatives of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and the Caribbean Community (CARICOM).

The representatives of the following major groups also participated in the discussion: Trade Unions and Business and Industry.

The panellists reacted to comments made by the participants.

The Chairman summarized the points discussed.

Panel discussion 3

The role of culture in the sustainable development of small island developing States (A/CONF.207/CRP. 3)

The panel was chaired by H.E. Mr. Rachmat Witoelar, Minister of State for the Environment of Indonesia; and moderated by H.E. Dame Pearlette Louisy, Governor-General of Saint Lucia.

The following panellists made introductory statements: Mr. Philippe de la Hausse Lalouviere, President of the Historical Society of Mauritius and Chairman of the National Heritage Fund Board; Ms. Adi Meretui Ratunabuabua, Principal Cultural Development Officer in the Department of Culture and Heritage at the Ministry of Culture in Fiji; Mr. Ralph Regenvanu, Director of the Vanuatu Cultural Centre; Dr. Keith Nurse, University of the West Indies in Trinidad and Tobago; and Mr. Sydney Bartley, Director of Culture at the Ministry of Education, Youth and Culture of Jamaica.

The Chairman and panellists held an interactive discussion on the topic with the representatives of Cook Islands, France, Fiji, Mauritius, Jamaica, Barbados and Morocco, as well as the representative of the Caribbean Development Bank.

The representatives of the following major groups also participated in the discussion: Women and Children and Youth.

The panellists reacted to comments made by the participants.

The Chairman summarized the points discussed.

Panel discussion 4

Addressing emerging trends and social challenges for the sustainable development of small island developing States (A/CONF.207/CRP. 4)

The panel was chaired by Senator The Hon. Dr. Marcus Bethel, Minister of Health and the Environment of the Bahamas; and The Hon. Bruce Billson, M.P. Parliamentary Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade of Australia; and moderated by Dr. Len Ishmael, Director General of the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States.

The following panellists made introductory statements: Mr. Greg Urwin, Secretary-General of the Pacific Island Forum Secretariat; Ms. Sonia Elliott, United Nations Liaison with the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS; Mr. Curtis Ward, Advisor to the United Nations Security Council Counter-Terrorism Committee; and Professor Rex Nettleford, Professor Emeritus of the University of West Indies.

The Co-Chairmen and panellists held an interactive discussion on the topic with the representatives of Mauritius, Cuba, France, Puerto Rico, Samoa and Haiti.

The representatives of the following major groups also participated in the discussion: Women, Children and Youth, Non-Governmental Organizations, Workers and Trade Unions, Business and Industry, the Scientific and Technological Community and Farmers.

The Co-Chairmen summarized the points discussed.

Information for participants

Round tables

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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.

International meeting on the internet

The United Nations Department of Public Information is providing live coverage of the Conference through the World Wide Web. Internet users around the world are able to follow the conference proceedings by viewing the live webcast and access information, such as press releases, daily highlights, official documents, daily Journal, and other information material at www.un.orgismallislands2005. Delegations may send their statements for posting on the official Conference web site to the following e-mail address: webcast@un.org.

Press conferences

Delegations who wish to hold a briefing for the press should forward their written request to the Media Center information desk, or fax at the following number: (230) 286 0851. For questions or to email your request please contact Ms. Israa Hamad (cell (230) 258 2661; e-mail hamadi@un.org).

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.

Social event

The Secretary-General and Mrs. Annan will host a welcoming breakfast reception in honour of Heads of State and Government participating in the International Meeting for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, on Thursday, 13 January 2005, from 8 to 9 a.m. in the VIP Lounge in the Plenary Hall. All heads of delegations of participating States, Heads of Associate Members of Regional Commissions, Executive Heads of Intergovernmental Organizations, Heads of Specialized Agencies and United Nations Funds and Programmes, Executive Secretaries of Regional Commissions, and their spouses, are invited. Participation is by invitation only. Special access cards issued with the invitations should be worn by all invitees.