Pacific regional seminar 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**