



United Nations Office of the High Representative for Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States

Virtual Meeting of National Focal Points (NFPs) of Small Island Developing States (SIDS)
Atlantic, Indian Ocean and South China Sea (AIS) Region
Tuesday, 04 August 2020 8:00am – 10:00am (NY Time)
(Virtual Platform)

“Enhancing coherence - A focus on the COVID-19 response”

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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| <p>01</p> | <p>OPENING <i>(8:00am-8:10am)</i></p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Heidi Schroderus-Fox, Director (UN-OHRLLS)</p> <p>Opening Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• H.E. Ms. Fekita 'Utoikamanu, High Representative, Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS (UN-OHRLLS)• H.E. Ms. Lois Young, Permanent Representative of Belize to the United Nations, Chair of Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) |
| <p>02</p> | <p>RESPONSE TO COVID-19 (GLOBAL AND REGIONAL) <i>8:10am – 8:40 am</i></p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Heidi Schroderus-Fox, Director (UN-OHRLLS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation I: Response to COVID-19 (emerging priority areas and how international platforms can support or continue to support the response) – Ms. Azeema Adam, Chief, Programme Management, DCO• Presentation II: COVID-19 response – Regional (emerging priority areas and how regional platforms can support or continue to support the response) – Ms. Ana Graça, Resident Coordinator, Cabo Verde• Respondent: Mr. Bartholomew Armah, Chief, Economic Affairs, Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) |

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| | <p><i>Guiding Questions:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What are the COVID-19 response initiatives at the global and regional level? What have been some of the successes and challenges? How has the implementation of the SAMOA Pathway and the SDGs factored into these initiatives?</i> • <i>What are the emerging priorities for small island developing States in the AIS in the context of the COVID-19 response? How are these priorities being addressed?</i> • <i>How can international and regional platforms support these priorities, including as it relates to enhanced coordination in the region? What are the implications for the Multi-Country Office and Regional Reviews?</i> |
| <p style="font-size: 2em; color: orange; text-align: center;">03</p> | <p style="background-color: #4a86e8; color: white; padding: 5px;">COUNTRY EXPERIENCES IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19</p> <p><i>(8:40am – 9:50am)</i></p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Sébastien Vauzelle, Economist, UN RCO (Cabo Verde)</p> <p>Atlantic, Indian Ocean and South China Sea (AIS) SIDS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation I: Comoros • Presentation II: Seychelles • Presentation III: Maldives <p>Responses from SIDS NFPs and Interventions from (other) UN System – Interactive Discussion</p> <p><i>Guiding Questions:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What are some of the best practices, and lessons learnt in response to COVID-19, including from the national, regional and international perspectives?</i> • <i>What are the challenges and opportunities going forward, including as it relates to enhanced coordination in the region?</i> • <i>What are the implications for the implementation of the SAMOA Pathway and the SDGs? What are the implications for the Multi-Country Office and Regional Reviews? What are the lessons from Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs)?</i> |
| <p style="font-size: 2em; color: orange; text-align: center;">04</p> | <p style="background-color: #4a86e8; color: white; padding: 5px;">CLOSING</p> <p><i>(9:50 am – 10:00 am)</i></p> <p>Closing Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Session 3 Moderator brief summary/takeaways • H.E. Ms. Fekita 'Utoikamanu, High Representative, Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS (UN-OHRLLS) |

