

2018

SIDS GLOBAL BUSINESS NETWORK FORUM

STRENGTHENING PRIVATE SECTOR PARTNERSHIPS
FOR SUSTAINABLE TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

PROGRAMME



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8:30 - 9:30 REGISTRATION**9:30 - 10:30 OPENING CEREMONY****Speakers**

- Mr. Raju Jadoo, Secretary-General of the Mauritius Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI)
- Ms. Fekitamoeloa Katoa 'Utoikamanu, Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLS)
- Hon. Seetanah Lutchmeenaraidoo, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade of the Republic of Mauritius

10:30 - 11:00 COFFEE BREAK / PRESS CONFERENCE**11:00 - 12:30 SESSION 1: TOURISM AS A DRIVER OF SDGs**

Moderator: Ms. Fekitamoeloa Katoa 'Utoikamanu, Under-Secretary-General and High Representative (UN-OHRLS)

Speakers

- Prof Geoffrey Lipman, President, International Coalition of Tourism Partners
- Ms. Dessima Williams, former United Nations special adviser for the implementation of the SDGs
- Ms. Sonja Hunter, CEO, Samoa Tourism Authority and Chair Lady, South Pacific Tourism Organisation

Interactive discussion

12:30 - 13:30 LUNCH**13:30 - 15:00 SESSION 2: PROMOTING TOURISM THROUGH CULTURAL HERITAGE**

Moderator: Mr. Garry Kelleher, Ireland Tourism Promotion Board

Speakers

- Mr. Chris Cocker, Chief Executive Officer, South Pacific Tourism Organisation
- Ms. Isolina Boto, Head of the Brussels Office, Technical Centre for Agriculture and Rural Cooperation (CTA)
- Ms. Khalissa Ikhlef, Associate Programme Specialist, Section for Small Islands and Indigenous Knowledge, UNESCO
- Dr. Robin Nunkoo, Head of the International Centre for Sustainable Tourism and Hospitality, University of Mauritius

Interactive discussion

15:00 - 15:15 COFFEE BREAK**15:15 - 16:45 SESSION 3: IMPROVING CONNECTIVITY FOR TOURISM**

Moderator: Mr. Terence Tan, First Secretary (Political), Permanent Mission of Singapore to the United Nations

Speakers

- Mr. Pascal Viroleau, Chief Executive Officer, Vanilla Islands Organization
- Mr. Somas Appavou, Chief Executive Officer, Air Mauritius
- Mr. Stephen Lyon, Board Member, Cook Islands, Pacific Islands Private Sector Organisation (PIPSO)

Interactive discussion

18:30 - Reception Hosted by Hon. Seetanah Lutchmeenaraidoo
Venue: Château Mon Désir - Maritim Resort & Spa, Balaclava

**9:00 - 10:30 SESSION 4: ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND RENEWABLE ENERGY**

Moderator: H.E. Mr. Ronald Jumeau, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Seychelles to the United Nations

Speakers

- H.E. Ms. Marjaana Sall, Ambassador of the European Union to the Republic of Mauritius
- Mr. Earlston McPhee, Director, Office of the Minister, Bahamas Ministry of Tourism
- Ms. Janice Bristol, Senior Quality and Standards Officer, Tourism Department, Ministry of Tourism, Civil Aviation, Ports and Marine, Republic of Seychelles
- Mr. Raj H. Prayag, Chairman, Mauritius Oceanography Institute, Former Director of Environment

10:30 - 11:00 COFFEE BREAK**11:00 - 12:30 SESSION 4 CONTINUED**

- Mr. Paul Holthus, Founding President and CEO, World Ocean Council
- Mr. Thomas Siebenbrunner, Head of Sales and Marketing, Swimsol, Austria/Maldives
- Mr. Sid Vollebregt, Managing Director, Elemental Water Makers
- Mr. Leighton Waterman, Programme Officer, IRENA - SIDS Lighthouses Initiative

Interactive discussion

12:30 - 13:30 LUNCH**13:30 - 15:15 SESSION 5: FINANCING FOR SUSTAINABLE TOURISM DEVELOPMENT**

Moderator: H.E. Mr. Jagdish D. Koonjul, Permanent Representative of Mauritius to the United Nations

Speakers

- Ms. Piera Tortora, Advisor, Development Finance, OECD
- Dr. Azeema Adam, Maldives Envoy on Financing for Development
- Mr. Garry Kelleher, Ireland Tourism Promotion Board
- Mr. Cyrille Frederic Marie Barnerias, Global Environment Facility
- Mr. Nagarajan Sridhar, CEO and Executive Director, Mau Bank

Interactive discussion

15:15 - 15:30 COFFEE BREAK**15:30 - 16:00 CLOSING OF THE 2018 SIDS GLOBAL BUSINESS NETWORK FORUM**

Moderator: Ms. Heidi Schroderus-Fox, Director, UN-OHRLS

Closing Remarks

- Ms. Fekitamoeloa Katoa 'Utoikamanu, Under-Secretary General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLS)
- H.E. Mr. Jagdish D. Koonjul, Permanent Representative of Mauritius to the United Nations

