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4TH IN-PERSON NATIONAL FOCAL POINT MEETING

Praia, Cabo Verde
30 August, 2023
8:30a.m. - 3:00p.m.

8:30A.M.-9:00A.M.

REGISTRATION

OPENING SESSION

8:30a.m.-9:30a.m.

Moderator: Ms. Isabel Monteiro, Counselor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Cooperation and the Regional Integration, Cabo Verde

Ms. Tishka Francis on behalf of Ms. Rabab Fatima, Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States.

H.E. Fatumanava-o-Upolu III Pa'olelei Luteru, Permanent Representative of Samoa to the United Nations and Chair of the Alliance of Small Island States.

H.E. Miryan Vieira, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Cabo Verde.

SESSION ONE

OVERVIEW OF THE PREPARATORY PROCESS FOR THE 4TH SIDS CONFERENCE

9:30a.m.-11:00a.m.

This session will synthesize national and regional priorities and lessons learned from across the three SIDS regions whereby the lessons learned will be addressed in the context of ensuring coherence between national, regional and global processes. It will also include discussions on the SIDS Partnerships Framework, SIDS Global Business Network and presentations by NFPs from Tonga, Mauritius and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (host countries of the regional preparatory meetings).

Moderator: Ms. Isabel Monteiro, Counselor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Cooperation and the Regional Integration, Cabo Verde

Mr. Tarunjai Reetoo, Acting Head of Directorate, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Regional Integration, and International Trade, Mauritius.

Ms. Ma'u Leha, Deputy Secretary for National Planning Division, Prime Minister's Office of the Kingdom of Tonga.

Ms. Peseta Noumea Simi, Chief Executive Officer, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Samoa.

Lead Discussant:

Mr. Victor Alegria, Director, Sustainable Development Unit, Ministry of Sustainable Development, Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management, Belize

11:00a.m.-11:15a.m.

COFFEE/ TEA BREAK

SESSION TWO
STRENGTHENING THE SIDS NFP NETWORK

This session will reflect on challenges and solutions for NFPs in localizing and ensuring coherence in the implementation of the SAMOA Pathway. The session will propose solutions, including capacity building opportunities for NFPs to strengthen their ability to support implementation of the new programme of action. The session will also be an opportunity to address results from a pre-meeting survey.

Moderator: Tishka Francis, Head, SIDS Sub Programme, OHRLLS

11:15a.m.-12:30p.m.

Ms. Kennethia Douglas, SIDS NFP Trinidad and Tobago.

Lead Discussants:

Ms. Patricia de Souza, United Nations Resident Coordinator, Cabo Verde.

Mr. Sudip Ranjan Basu, Deputy Head, ESCAP Subregional Office for the Pacific

Ms. Artie Dubrie, Coordinator, Sustainable Development and Disaster Unit, UN ECLAC.

12:30p.m.-1:30p.m.

LUNCH BREAK

SESSION TWO
STRENGTHENING THE SIDS NFP NETWORK (CONT)

1:30p.m.-2:25p.m.

Recognising that this NFP meeting is happening before the SIDS Conference in 2024, this second part of the session will explore the outlines of NFP role in supporting the next programme of action for SIDS.

Moderator: Ms. Tishka Francis, Head of SIDS Sub-Programme, UN-OHRLLS.

CLOSING

2:25p.m.-2:30p.m.

Closing remarks

Mr. Carlos Semedo, Ambassador, National Director for Political Affairs and Regional Integration, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Cooperation and the Regional Integration, Cabo Verde