



INTERREGIONAL PREPARATORY MEETING FOR SIDS4

Praia, Island of Santiago, Cabo Verde, August 30 to September 1, 2023

LOGISTICS INFORMATION

Welcome to the Inter-Regional Preparatory Meeting for the 4th International Conference of Small Island Developing States (SIDS).

The Republic of Cabo Verde is located in the Atlantic Ocean, about 500 km off the West African coast. Cabo Verde is of volcanic origin. It consists of ten islands, a land area of 4,033 km² and an Economic Exclusive Zone of 740 km². Praia is the capital city.





VENUE

- The meeting will be held at the **Universidade of Cabo Verde - UNICV**. The University is about 6 km from the city center.
- The University includes a Convention Center, where the meeting will be held, auditoriums for business meetings and Side Events and rooms for bilateral meetings. The Meeting Secretariat will also be located at the UNICV.

Address:

Universidade de Cabo Verde - UNICV
Campus do Palmarejo Grande, C.P. 379-C
7943-010 Praia, Santiago, Cabo Verde
(+238) 3340 200



KEY CONTACTS

- The Organization of the Praia Meeting is ensured by the Government of Cabo Verde.
- A team of Cabo Verdean officials will ensure dialogue with visiting delegations. They can be contacted via email s.sids2023cv@mneec.gov.cv without prejudice to contact UNDESA focal for confirmation of participation and other requested information.



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- ***The delegations should appoint a focal point for contacts. Email and telephone contact details should be sent to s.sids2023cv@m nec.gov.cv.***

REGISTRATION

- Participants are requested to confirm their participation via the contact details provided in the invitation letter and fill in the respective forms, if applicable. After confirming participation, you will receive additional information about the meeting, as well as a request to confirm the itinerary and hotel reservation for airport pick-up.
- Badges will be available for collection before the meeting.
- The delivery of the badges will be made through the point of contact of each delegation, indicated by the participant's organization or, in relevant cases to the official designated by the Diplomatic Mission accredited in Cabo Verde.



- The participants must always have the badge in his/her possession and be clearly visible during the meeting.

TRANSPORTATION

For reception logistics, the participants must send the copy of the ticket and hotel reservation information to s.sids2023cv@mneec.gov.cv by August 24, 2023.

Airport – Hotel

- Arrival and departure will be via **Nelson Mandela International Airport (RAI)**, Praia, Island of Santiago. The airport is located 5 km from the city center.
- The organization will be pleased to welcome all participants to the Interregional Preparatory Meeting for SIDS4, Praia, Island of Santiago.
- **Nelson Mandela International Airport** will have the necessary signage and agents to ensure easy organization of transportation to the hotel to which each participant is going.
- The Organization will provide free transportation to all participants upon arrival, and departure from the Airport.
- The Organization does not guarantee the reception service for arrivals at other international airports.

Flights

- Considering the difficulties of internal connections, it is advisable to choose direct commercial flights to "Nelson Mandela" airport.
- If participants choose other international airports (Sal or S. Vicente), he or she is advised to secure internal connecting flights in advance.

The following companies offer flights between Lisbon and Praia:

- TAP Airlines <https://www.flytap.com>
- Cabo Verde Airlines <https://caboverdeairlines.com/>

The following Company offers flights between Boston and Praia, via the island of Azores (Portugal):

- Azores Airlines <https://www.azoresairlines.pt/en>

The following companies offer flights between Dakar and Praia:



- Air Senegal <https://flyairsenegal.com/en/home/>
- ASKY <https://www.flyasky.com/tg/fr>
- TRANSAIR <https://groupetransair.sn/>

The following company offers flights between Casablanca and Praia:

- Royal Air Maroc <https://www.royalairmaroc.com/>

Local airline BESTFLY offers inter-island flights. <https://bestflycabo Verde.com/>

Hotel – meeting

- **PICK UP AND DROP OFF** service will be available between the hotels identified as partners and the meeting venue and locations of other events/activities. Departure and arrival times will be informed prior to the event.
- In addition, the city of Praia has a network of accessible taxis and public transportation.
- Please note that public transport to the UNICV does not operate during academic vacations, where, in addition to the transport provided by the organization, with a fixed schedule, the route can be made, using the taxi service, under the responsibility of the participant.

VISA AND AIRPORT FEE

- The participant must have a passport valid for at least six (6) months.
- The participant will be guaranteed a complimentary visa on arrival at the international airports of Praia, Sal or São Vicente and will receive an official letter from the Government of Cabo Verde with this information through the Secretariat.
- To obtain the visa on entry, the participant must present the invitation letter and the visa letter to the border police. Make sure to print both letters and bring them with you.
- The visa letter should be requested at least 5 working days before the trip, via the following email: s.sids2023cv@m nec.gov.cv.
- For international flights, the participant will be exempted from paying the Airport Security Fee (TSA) of approximately €31.
- Holders of diplomatic, service, or special passports (e.g., UN Laissez Passer) are exempt from paying the TSA (Airport Fee).



- In case of transit, you should inform yourself about the visa conditions in the countries of transit.
- The Republic of Cabo Verde does not require any health certificate or other additional document.

ACCOMMODATION

- The participant should contact the designated hotels directly to arrange, confirm and secure their reservations.
- The participant will also be responsible for bearing all accommodation costs.
- To make the reservation with the special rate, the participant must contact the hotels, through the emails in the list below, and must include in the subject of the email the following code, **SIDS4-INTERCV**, as a form of identification and specify in the email that he/she will be attending the **Interregional Preparatory Meeting for SIDS4, Praia, Island of Santiago, or use Promo Code SIDS4INTERCV in online reservation, wherever is applicable.**
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- In case of cancellation, please refer to the hotel policy.
- Below is the list of partner hotels of the Meeting, with special rates for participants:

Hotel (stars and location)	No. of Rooms	Contact	Reservation Email	Special Rate USD (105.047 exchange rate – CVE/USD) VAT and breakfast included Touristic tax not included \$2.60
HOTEL PESTANA TRÓPICO **** Prainha	93	(+238) 2614200	sandra.goncalves@pestana.com	Standard - Single \$104,96/ Double \$115,46 Suite - Single and double \$167,94
HOTEL PRAIA MAR **** Prainha	123	(+238) 2608440	comercial.caboverde@oasisatlantico.com	20% discount Standard - Single \$117,57/double \$146,95 Superior garden view - Single \$134,36/Double \$167,94 Superior sea view - Single /Double \$197,34 Suite - Single \$235,12/ Double \$293,91 Half Board - \$28,34 Full Board - \$42,00



				Online reservation using Promo Code SIDS4INTERCV at www.oasisatlantico.com
HOTEL VIP PRAIA **** Quebra Canela	74	(+238) 2603280	booking@hotelvippraia.cv	Standard - Single \$76,09/Double \$88,48 Sea view - Single \$82,41/Double \$95,83 Suite Junior - Single \$157,60/Double \$183,25 Suite Master - Single \$289,97/Double \$337,19
HOTEL SANTIAGO *** Achada Santo António	36	(+238) 2604980	hotelsantiagocv@gmail.com comercialhotelsantiago@gmail.com	Single - \$47,59
HOTEL PEROLA **** Prainha	58	(+238) 2601440	reservas@hotelperola.cv	Single - \$79,77
HOTEL BERAMAR GRILL **** Prainha	23	(+238) 2616400	beramarhotel@hotmail.com	Single - \$59,97
SOL HOTEL *** Achada Santo António	20	(+238) 2622188 (+238) 5933621	solhotelcv@gmail.com	Single - \$45,47 Double - \$57,61 Touristic tax included
HOTEL ROTTERDAM *** Achada Santo António	21	(+238) 9935218	chali.gts.lda@gmail.com	10% discount Single - \$46,65
HOTEL VISTA *** Achada Santo António	40	(+238)260257 0/71/72, (+238) 918 33 02	vistahotel11@gmail.com	Single - \$52,36 Suite - \$66,64
APARTHOTEL PRAIANO Palmarejo Baixo	12	(+238) 9188654	info@praianoaparthotel.com	Single - \$38,09
HOTEL VIVI *** Palmarejo Baixo	13	(+238) 9879137	contabil.grupovivi@gmail.com	Single - \$36,17 Double - \$45,69
APARTHOTEL LT Palmarejo Baixo	21	(+238) 2629788	ltaparthotel@gmail.com	10% discount Single - \$42,83 Twin - \$55,21 Double - \$53,30 Double sea view - \$56,16 Suite - \$68,54
APARTHOTEL PALACE Palmarejo Grande	14	(+238) 4366260	palacecv@hotmail.com	10% discount 3 apt 2 Rooms \$76,15 2 apt 2 Rooms \$114,23 with jacuzzi 1 Apt 3 Rooms \$114,23 1 Apt Studio \$62,97 \$19,03 electric stove



HOTEL SANTA MARIA *** Plateau	36	(+238) 26141 78	hotelsantamaria@girassol.cv comercial.hotelaria@girassol.cv	Standard - Single \$38,07/double \$47,59/Twin \$50,45 Suite - single \$57,02/Double \$76.06/Triple \$95,10
APARTHOTEL PRAIA CONFORT Plateau	17	(+238) 2600200	praiacomfort@gmail.com	Single - 54,98 Double - 71,89

- Here is a list of other hotels to book:

OLA MAR HOTEL, Palmarejo – (+238) 2604543/ <https://www.olarhotel.cv/>

HOTEL HAPPY DAY, Palmarejo Grande – (+238) 2603000/ <https://happydayhotel.cv/>

HOTEL CESÁRIA, Fazenda – (+238) 261 65 56/ <https://hotelcesaria.com/>

Note: all participants are recommended to book their hotels as soon as possible by sending an email using SIDS4-INTERCV code in the subject line.

MEALS

- The Government of Cabo Verde will provide coffee breaks and lunches during the meeting, August 30 to September 1, with dinner at the participant's expense.
- The participant will be able to experience a network of restaurants of different sizes in the City of Praia, inside and outside the hotels, accessible to any participant.
- The Government of Cabo Verde will offer a reception on August 30, 2023.

INSURANCE

- All participants are expected to make their own arrangements for accident, sickness and baggage insurance.

INTERNET ACCESS

- Wifi service will be available at the meeting venue. The network name and password will be provided in the registration process.
- Hotels with Wi-fi service will inform you about access to the service.

MEETING LANGUAGES

- The working languages for the Inter-Regional Meeting are Portuguese, English, French and Spanish, all sessions will have interpretation in all four languages.



FIRST AID AND HEALTHCARE SERVICES

- Telephone number for Medical Emergency is 112 and for Police 132.
- First aid service will be available at the meeting venue.
- Praia has a Central Hospital, Hospital Agostinho Neto, Rua Borjona de Freitas, Plateau, Praia, Cabo Verde, contact: +238 260 21 40.

DOCUMENTATION

Some documents from the meeting can be accessed via this link:

<https://sdgs.un.org/smallislands/interregional-preparatory-meeting-all-sids>

SIDS National Focal Points Meeting (NFPs) information and documents can be accessed via this link: <https://www.un.org/ohrlls/events/fourth-sids-national-focal-points-meeting>

USEFUL INFORMATION

Local language

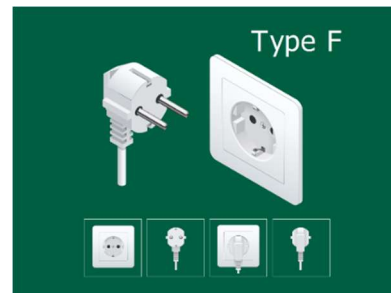
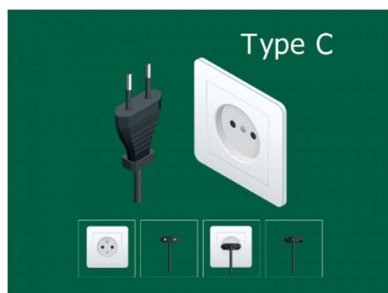
- The official language of Cabo Verde is Portuguese and is used in most written communication. However, Creole is used mainly in conversation.

Currency

- The currency unit is the Cabo Verde Escudo (CVE).
- The official Euro exchange rate is 1 Euro=CVE 110.265 and 1 USD=CVE 98.29.
- Exchange rates fluctuate in dollars. Most internationally recognized currencies can be exchanged at commercial banks, hotels and international airports.
- Most hotels accept major credit cards.

Energy source

- The standard voltage in Cabo Verde is line voltage 220 V, 50 Hz, and Cabo Verde uses European standard plugs. Below are pictures of the plug types.





The type C plug has two round pins and the type F has two round pins with two earth clips on the side.

Mobile communications and internet

- Internet and fax services are available in most large hotels.
- There are two mobile communication companies: CV Telecom and Unitel T+.

Weather and clothing

- August is summer and rainy month in Cabo Verde. The average daily temperature is 28 degrees Celsius. So even in August you can enjoy a pleasant climate in Cabo Verde. The hours of sunshine are relatively long (6-7 per day).
- The rainy season occurs between July and October. Although it rains little, it is advised to bring umbrellas.
- It is recommended to wear light fabrics, as cooler as possible, although there is always air-conditioning in the event venues.
- Participants are advised to bring comfortable shoes and a change of casual clothes in case the program has any sightseeing.

Time zone

- Cabo Verde uses the Cabo Verde Time Zone (CVT), which is one hour behind Coordinated Universal Time (UTC-1 or GMT-1).

Praia, August 08, 2023