



## Small Island Developing States Global Business Network Forum 2024

St. John's, Antigua and Barbuda, May 25-26<sup>th</sup> 2024

“Bringing the voice of the private sector into the fourth International Conference on SIDS”

### Logistics Information

Welcome to the 2024 Small Island Developing States Global Business Network Forum. The following logistics note will outline important details for your attendance.

#### Antigua and Barbuda

Antigua and Barbuda is a dual-island nation located in Lesser Antilles of the Eastern Caribbean Sea. Antigua is the larger of the two islands, covering 108 square miles. Barbuda 62 square miles. Home to the nation's capital, St. John's, Antigua's population is approximately 80,000 compared to 1,600 in Barbuda.



Venue

The SIDS Global Business Network Forum will convene on the 25-26 May 2024, preceding the fourth International Conference on SIDS. It will take place at the [Sandals Grande Antigua](#), Saint John's Antigua and Barbuda, Dickenson Bay Street, Saint John's.

## **Registration**

The SIDS-GBN Forum 2024 will be held as a special event to the SIDS4 Conference. Participants do not need special accreditation to attend the SIDS-GBN Forum. Registration for the SIDS GBN Forum is now open via this [form](#). The deadline to register is **30 April 2024**.

In relation to the SIDS4 Conference, participants should visit the [Conference website](#) for further guidance on how to attend and register to participate.

## **Documentation**

The SIDS-GBN Forum 2024 draft Programme is available on the website for the [SIDS-GBN Forum 2024](#).

## **Flights & Visa**

Flights to Antigua and Barbuda are limited and we recommend that you book your flights as early as possible. The following [list](#) are countries that require an electronic entry visa (eVisa) for Antigua and Barbuda.

## **Accommodation**

Please book your accommodation as early as possible. You can find a few recommended accommodations listed on Antigua and Barbuda's SIDS4 Conference [website](#).

SIDS-GBN participants may choose to stay at the Jolly Beach Resort or Hawksbill Resort during the days of the SIDS-GBN Forum.

## **Transportation**

Shuttles will be provided from the Jolly Beach Resort and Hawksbill Resort to the SIDS-GBN venue and back. If you are staying at an eligible resort, you can register for free shuttle service [here](#).

Participants are responsible for their own travel from the airport to their hotel, for example using taxi services or hotel pick-up services.

## **Lunch and Coffee Service**

Coffee/tea services will be available at the venue, free of charge. More information on lunch services will be provided in due course.

## **First Aid & Healthcare Services**

In the event there is a health-related emergency, Antigua and Barbuda has a robust healthcare system with several hospitals and clinics that can provide support to participants.

## **Insurance**

All participants are expected to make their own arrangements for accident, sickness and travel insurance. The United Nations is not responsible for any insurance related costs.

## **Internet Access**

Antigua and Barbuda has a well-developed telecommunications infrastructure. Wifi service will be available at the meeting venue.

## **Fourth International Conference on SIDS (SIDS4)**

Following the SIDS-GBN Forum 2024, fourth International Conference on SIDS will also be held in Antigua and Barbuda, from 27-30 May. With the theme ‘Charting the course toward resilient prosperity, SIDS4 will convene experts, stakeholders, and global leaders in Antigua and Barbuda to launch a new Programme of Action for SIDS and their sustainable development.

The Global Business Network Forum discussions will be showcased at the SIDS4 discussion, culminating in the [Private Sector Roundtable](#), on 28 May.

For more information, visit Antigua and Barbuda’s [SIDS4 website](#), and/ the Department of Social and Economic Affairs’ [conference website](#).

## **Key Contacts**

The United Nations Office of the High Representative for Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS) will be responsible for organizing the two-day forum. For further information and/clarification, please do not hesitate to reach out to Mr. Damien Sass [sass@un.org](mailto:sass@un.org), Ms. Eva Marie Vestergaard [eva.vestergaard@un.org](mailto:eva.vestergaard@un.org) & Ms. Ronika Devi [ronika.devi@un.org](mailto:ronika.devi@un.org)

## Useful information

### Local language

English is the official language of Antigua & Barbuda.

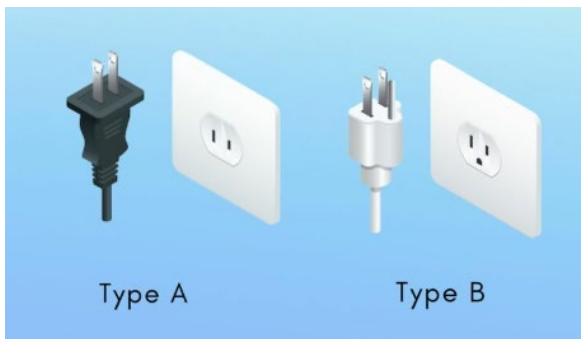
### Currency

The Eastern Caribbean Dollar (XCD) is the official currency of Antigua and Barbuda.

$$1 \text{ USD} = 2.72 \text{ XCD} \quad 1 \text{ Euro} = 2.98 \text{ XCD}$$

### Energy Sources

Similar to the United States, power plugs and sockets are type A and B in Antigua and Barbuda.



### Weather and meeting attire

Known as the 'Land of 365 Beaches', Antigua and Barbuda is a tropical marine climate. In May, average temperatures are 26 degrees Celsius or 80 degrees Fahrenheit.

It is recommended to wear light fabrics, as cool 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.

### Time zone

St John's, Antigua and Barbuda falls within the Atlantic Standard Time (UTC-4), which is 1 hour ahead of EST (New York) and 4 hours behind Coordinated Universal Time (UTC).

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