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SMALL ISLAND DEVELOPING STATES GLOBAL BUSINESS NETWORK FORUM

NGARACHAMAYONG CULTURAL CENTER
KOROR, PALAU.

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Co-hosted by the Republic of Palau and UN-OHRLLS on the margins of the Our Ocean Conference 2022, Palau
08:30-09:00  Registration / Breakfast Buffet

09:00-10:20  Session 1: Opening

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

- H.E. Surangel Whipps Jr., President of the Republic of Palau

- H.E. John Kerry, Special Presidential Envoy on Climate Change, United States of America

- Ms. Heidi Schroderus-Fox, Acting High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States, UN-OHRLLS

Fireside Chat on Ocean Partnerships
Moderator: Mr. Peter Thomson, United Nations Secretary-General's Special Envoy for the Ocean

- H.E. Abdulla Shahid, President of the United Nations General Assembly

- H.E. Fatumanava-o-Upolu III Pa’olelei Luteru, Permanent Representative of Samoa to the United Nations and Co-Chair of the Steering Committee for SIDS Partnerships

- Ms. Irene Olkeriil, Founder & CEO, EmeralDreams Services, Vice President, Palau Chamber of Commerce

- Mr. Francesco La Camera, Director General of IRENA

- Dr. Hide Sakaguchi, President, Ocean Policy Research Institute of the Sasakawa Peace Foundation
10:20-10:35  
**Session 2: Presentation of UN-OHRLLS Assessment on SIDS Partnerships in the Ocean Sector**

- Mr. Paul Holthus, President and CEO, World Ocean Council

10:35-10:45  
Coffee Break

10:45-12:00  
**Session 3: Tourism and COVID-19 Recovery**

Moderator: Mr. Sai Navoti, Chief of SIDS Unit, UN-DESA

**Keynote Addresses**

- H.E. Conrod Hunte, Deputy Permanent Representative of Antigua & Barbuda to the United Nations
- H.E Vanessa Frazier, Permanent Representative of Malta to the United Nations

**Scene Setting**

Message from Mr. Zurab Pololikashvili, Secretary General UNWTO and Presentation by Ms Zoritsa Urosevic, Executive Director UNWTO (by video)

**Partnership Presentations**

- Ms. Megan Morikawa, Iberostar Global Sustainability Director (by video)
- Mr. Glen Craig, Vanuatu Business Resilience Council, and Director at Kontiki Finance (by video)
Session 3 Continued

Interactive Dialogue

- H.E. Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum, Attorney-General and Minister for Economy, Civil Service, Communications, Housing, and Community Development, Fiji

- H.E. Fekitamoeloa Katoa 'Utoikamanu, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Tourism, Kingdom of Tonga

- Mr. Christopher Cocker, CEO, Pacific Tourism Organization

- Ms. Carolyn D. Ngiraidis, Sole Proprietor and Financial Consultant, books and business services, Palau

Q&A from the floor

12:00-13:30

Lunch

13:30-14:50

Session 4: Blue Economy

Moderator: Mr. Paul Holthus, President and CEO, World Ocean Council

Keynote Addresses

- Mr. Eyos Rudimch, Governor of Koror State, Palau

- Mr. Masaru Sato, Cabinet Counsellor, National Ocean Policy Secretariat, Cabinet Office, Government of Japan

Partnership Presentations

- Ms. Piera Tortora, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) (by video)

- Ms. Emilie McGlone, Director, Peace Boat US

- Mr. Bo Cerup-Simonsen, CEO, Maersk McKinney Moeller Center on Zero Emission Shipping
Session 4 Continued

Interactive Dialogue

• Mr. Keith Mesebeluu, Fisherman and MAFE Bureau of Fisheries, Palau

• Dr. Sandra Grant, Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism

• Ms. Axelle Bodwell, SIDS Youth AIMS Hub Seychelles (SYAH)

• Mr. Jaap Van Hierden, UN Resident Coordinator for Micronesia

Q&A from the floor

14:50-15:00

Coffee Break

15:00-16:10

Session 5: Ocean Energy

Moderator: Mr. Amjad Abdulla, Head of Partnerships, Country Engagement and Partnerships Division, IRENA

Keynote Addresses

• H.E. Aminath Shauna, Minister of Environment, Climate Change and Technology, Maldives (by video)

• H.E. Mr. Kristian Jensen, Special Representative of Denmark

Partnership Presentations

• Ms. Alache Fisho, Legal Adviser at the Trade, Oceans and Natural Resources Directorate, Commonwealth Secretariat (by video)

• Ms. Rebecca Williams, Global Head of Offshore Wind, Global Wind Energy Council (by video)
**Session 5 Continued**

**Interactive Dialogue**

- Mr. Robert Wright, CEO, New Leaf Power, Jamaica
- Mr. John Bowleg, OTEC Project Leader, Bahamas
- Mr. Tutii Chilton, Micronesian Program Manager for Island Conservation, Palau
- Mr. Henk Rogers, Founder, Blue Planet Alliance

**Q&A from the floor**

**16.10-16.20**

**Coffee Break**

**16.20-16.50**

**Session 7: Way Forward**

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

- Overall outcomes
- Announcements of partnerships and initiatives

**16.50-17.05**

**Session 8: Closing**

Closing Remarks

- H.E. Kaleb Udui, Minister for Finance, Republic of Palau
- Mr. John Gilroy, Government of Ireland
- Ms. Heidi Schroderus-Fox, Acting High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States UN-OHRLLS