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**SIDS
GLOBAL BUSINESS NETWORK**

**SMALL ISLAND DEVELOPING STATES
GLOBAL BUSINESS NETWORK FORUM**

**NGARACHAMAYONG CULTURAL CENTER
KOROR, PALAU.**

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME



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, EmeraldDreams 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