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Global Policy  
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4TH INTERNATIONAL  
CONFERENCE ON  
Small Island  
Developing States  
2024

## Programme

**The Economic Prospects of Small Island Developing States:**

*a UN DESA Global Policy Dialogue*

**4th International Conference on Small Island Developing States (SIDS4)**

**St. John's, Antigua and Barbuda**

**3:30-4:30 p.m. EST, 27 May 2024**

**Press Conference Room**

Introduction (5 minutes)

- **Ms. Daphne Ewing-Chow**, Moderator

Opening remarks (5 minutes)

- **Mr. Li Junhua**, UN Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs and Secretary-General of the SIDS4 Conference

Keynote remarks (5 minutes)

- **Mr. Peter Thomson**, UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy for the Ocean

Panel discussion: Understanding the latest economic forecasts for SIDS and finding a path forward (43 minutes)

- **Mr. Shantanu Mukherjee**, Director, Economic Analysis and Policy Division, UN DESA
- **Mr. Courtney Lindsay**, Co-director of the Resilient and Sustainable Island Initiative and Senior Research Officer at the ODI
- **Ms. Arpana Pratap**, Director Blue Economy, Pacific Islands Development Forum

Wrap-up (2 minutes)

- **Moderator**