Programme

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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