



MEDIA ADVISORY

Countries ready to partner with small island developing states at UN Conference

Governments, businesses and civil society organizations are preparing to galvanize action through new and innovative partnerships at the Third Conference on Small Island Developing States which will be held in Apia, Samoa, from 1-4 September.

The conference Secretary-General, Wu Hongbo, will hold a briefing to update the press on the prepared events, partnerships, and the draft outcome document. This will be his last briefing before he departs for Apia next week.

The conference will be an opportunity to highlight the significant vulnerabilities that islands face while also bringing to the spotlight the ways in which this group of countries is making progress addressing global issues such as climate change, access to sustainable energy and environmental degradation.

The Conference will also seek to be a platform to establish new, genuine and durable partnerships between small island developing states and the rest of the world on various issues including sustainable economic development, oceans, food security and waste management, sustainable tourism, disaster risk reduction, and health and non-communicable diseases, youth and women.

The meeting is the last high-level UN event before the Secretary-General's late September Climate Summit, and will be an important input into General Assembly discussions in New York.


WHO: Mr. Wu Hongbo, Secretary-General of the Third International Conference on the Small Islands Developing States

WHEN: Thursday, August 21, 2014, 12:00 pm

WHERE: Press briefing room S-237

The press conference will be webcast live on UN Web TV. <http://webtv.un.org/>

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