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**Third International Conference on
Small Island Developing States**

Apia, Samoa (1-4 September 2014)



Official meetings

Monday, 1 September 2014

General Assembly

Third International Conference on Small Island Developing States

10:00 to 13:00 1st plenary meeting  [\[webcast\]](#) Upolu Plenary Hall

1. Opening of the Conference [item 1]
2. Election of the President [item 2]
3. Adoption of the rules of procedure ([A/CONF.223/2](#)) [item 3]
4. Adoption of the agenda ([A/CONF.223/1](#)) [item 4]
5. Election of officers other than the President [item 5]
6. Organization of work, including the establishment of subsidiary bodies, and other organizational matters ([A/CONF.223/4](#) and [A/CONF.223/5](#)) [item 6]
7. Credentials of representatives: Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee [item 7 (a)]
8. Opening of the Conference [item 1]

Statements by:

His Excellency Tuilaepa Sailele Malielegaoi, President of the Conference

His Excellency Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations

His Excellency John W. Ashe, President of the General Assembly

His Excellency Baron Divavesi Waqa, President of the Republic of Nauru and
Chair of the Alliance of Small Island States

His Excellency Wu Hongbo, Secretary-General of the Conference

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9. General debate [item 8]

Address by His Excellency Tommy Remengesau, President of the Republic of Palau

Address by His Excellency Emanuel Mori, President of the Federated States of Micronesia

Address by His Excellency Ikililou Dhoinine, President of the Union of the Comoros

Address by His Excellency James Alix Michel, President of the Republic of the Seychelles

Address by His Excellency Christopher Loeak, President of the Republic of the Marshall Islands

Address by His Excellency Ali Mohamed Shein, President of Zanzibar and Chair of the Revolutionary Council of the United Republic of Tanzania

Plurinational State of Bolivia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China)

European Union

15:00 to 18:00

2nd plenary meeting  [webcast]

Upolu Plenary Hall

General debate [item 8] (*continued*)

Address by His Excellency Lord Tu'ivakano, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Tonga

Address by the Honourable Toke Talagi, Premier of Niue

Address by His Excellency José Maria Perreira Neves, Prime Minister of the Republic of Cabo Verde

Address by His Excellency Henry Puna, Prime Minister of the Cook Islands

Address by His Excellency Enele Sosene Sopoaga, Prime Minister of Tuvalu

Address by His Excellency Peter O'Neill, Prime Minister of the Independent State of Papua New Guinea

Address by His Excellency Joe Natuman, Prime Minister of the Republic of Vanuatu

Address by His Excellency Kay Rala Xanana Gusmão, Prime Minister of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste

Address by His Excellency Keith Mitchell, Prime Minister of Grenada

His Excellency Denzil Douglas, Prime Minister, Minister for Finance, Sustainable Development, Human Resources Development, Constituency Empowerment and Social Security of Saint Kitts and Nevis

Address by His Excellency Manasseh Maelanga, Deputy Prime Minister of the Solomon Islands

Address by His Excellency Philip Davis, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Works and Urban Development of the Bahamas

The Netherlands

Maldives

Saint Lucia

Spain

Kazakhstan

Guyana

Multi-stakeholder partnership dialogues  [webcast]

15:00 to 18:00¹

Savaii Partnerships Hall

“Sustainable economic development”

Chair:

His Excellency Freundel Stuart, Prime Minister of Barbados

Keynote addresses:

His Excellency James Michel, President of the Republic of Seychelles

His Excellency Henry Puna, Prime Minister of the Cook Islands

His Excellency Keith Mitchell, Prime Minister of Grenada

The Honourable Murray McCully, Minister of Foreign Affairs, New Zealand

His Excellency Martin Sajdik, President of the Economic and Social Council

Mr. Zhu Min, Deputy Managing Director, International Monetary Fund

Moderator:

Mr. Cletus Springer, Director of the Department of Sustainable Development,
Organization of American States

Interactive discussion

¹In parallel to the general debate.

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Delegations are requested to inform the Secretariat, *as soon as possible*, of any changes of their level of participation in the Conference (e-mail muturi@un.org).

Programme of side events

The interactive online programme of side events (on-site) to be held during the third International Conference on Small Island Developing States is available on the official Conference website (please [click here](#)). Queries regarding side events should be addressed to: mckusick@un.org.

Press conferences

Monday, 1 September 2014

Manono Media Centre  [webcast]

12:00 to 12:30

Daily briefing by the Spokesperson of the Conference

[The complete schedule of the press conferences can be consulted by [clicking here](#).]

Forthcoming official meetings

Tuesday, 2 September 2014

General Assembly

Third International Conference on Small Island Developing States

10:00 to 13:00

3rd plenary meeting

Upolu Plenary Hall

General debate [item 8] (*continued*)

Address by His Excellency Anifah Aman, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Malaysia

Address by His Excellency Freundel Jerome Stuart, Prime Minister of Barbados

Address by His Excellency Fonotoe Nuafesili Pierre Lauofo, Deputy Prime Minister of Samoa

Jamaica

Singapore

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

New Zealand

Trinidad and Tobago

Mauritius

Belize

Cuba

France

Dominica

China

Israel

Portugal

	Japan	
	Bangladesh	
15:00 to 18:00	4th plenary meeting General debate [item 8] (continued) Address by His Excellency Anote Tong, President of the Republic of Kiribati Australia Estonia Norway Canada Russian Federation Italy Egypt Germany Turkey The Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela Dominican Republic Angola Haiti Luxembourg United States Fiji Benin (on behalf of Least Developed Countries) Zambia (on behalf of Landlocked Developing Countries)	Upolu Plenary Hall

Multi-stakeholder partnership dialogues10:00 to 13:00¹

Savaii Partnerships Hall

*“Climate change and disaster risk management”**Co-Chairs:*

His Excellency Jose Manuel García-Margallo, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Spain

His Excellency Tako Makino, Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, Japan

¹In parallel to the general debate.

Keynote addresses:

His Excellency Anote Tong, President of the Republic of Kiribati

His Excellency Andris Piebalgs, European Union Commissioner for Development

Ms. Mary Robinson, Special Envoy of the Secretary-General of the United Nations for Climate Change

Ms. Rachel Kyte, World Bank Group Vice President and Special Envoy, for Climate Change

Moderator:

Ms. Margareta Wahlström, Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations for Disaster Risk Reduction

Interactive discussion

15:00 to 18:00¹

Savaii Partnerships Hall

“Social development in small island developing States, health and non-communicable diseases, youth and women”

Chair:

His Excellency Winston Dookeran, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Trinidad and Tobago

Keynote address:

Ms. Helen Clark, Administrator, United Nations Development Programme

Moderator:

Her Excellency Yanerit Morgan, Deputy Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations in New York

15:20

*Cluster I – Social development in small island developing States**Keynote addresses:*

Mr. Ewen McDonald, Deputy-Secretary, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Australia

Ms. Irina Bokova, Director-General, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

Mr. Jeremy Douglas, Regional Representative, Southeast Asia and the Pacific, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

Mr. Fuimaono Falefa Lima, Dean of Faculty, School of Business and Entrepreneurship, National University of Samoa

Interactive discussion

¹In parallel to the general debate.

16:05

*Cluster II – Health and non-communicable diseases**Keynote addresses:*

The Honourable Leao Talalelei Tuitama, Minister of Health, Samoa

Mr. Toomas Palu, Sector Manager, Health, Nutrition and Population, South East Asia and Pacific Region, World Bank

Mr. Colin Tukuitonga, Director General, Secretariat of the Pacific Community

Interactive discussion

17:55

*Cluster III – Youth and women**Keynote addresses:*

Ms. Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director, United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)

Ms. Noelene Nabulivou, Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era, a representative of the Women major group

Ms. Karuna Rana, SIDS Youth AIMS Hub, a representative of the children and youth major group

Interactive discussion

Announcements

Election of the Vice-Presidents of the Conference

A letter dated 7 July 2014 from the Secretariat addressed to the Chairs of regional groups requested the nomination of interested candidates (three candidates per regional group, except the Asia-Pacific States group which is to nominate two candidates) for the election of the Vice-Presidents of the third International Conference on Small Island Developing States. The Chairs of regional groups who have not yet communicated their nominations are requested to do so *as soon as possible*. Communications and inquiries may be addressed to the focal point, Ms. Mary Muturi (e-mail muturi@un.org).

Multi-stakeholder partnership dialogues

Representatives of States are invited to indicate to the secretariat (ochalik@un.org, sharma7@un.org) if they will be represented in a partnership dialogue at the level of Head of State or Government or at ministerial level.

Concept notes on the multi-stakeholder partnership dialogues are made available on the Conference website (www.sids2014.org/).

The six multi-stakeholder partnership dialogues will be interactive in nature and will be open to all conference participants. There will be no prepared list of speakers. At the discretion of the Chair(s), priority in the order of speakers will be given to those speaking at the level of Head of State or Government or at the ministerial level, followed by those announcing partnerships and high-level representatives of other stakeholders. The dialogues will aim to achieve a balance among speakers from all stakeholders. In order to provide for maximum participation, interventions should not exceed *three minutes*.

General information

More details on the information below are available in document [A/CONF.223/INF/1](#).

Security screening

Every effort is being made to ensure that security screening for access to the Conference venue is smooth and fast, but some delays may be unavoidable. All participants are encouraged to arrive early, to avoid bringing large items, and to prepare for screening when approaching the metal detectors.

Information for participants

A note by the Secretariat entitled “Information for participants” has been issued in document [A/CONF.223/INF/1](#), with details on the following: date and venue of the Conference; secretariat of the Conference; opening of the Conference and seating arrangements; agenda and programme of work; requests for meetings; interpretation; documentation; access and accreditation of delegates; credentials; list of participants; participation of intergovernmental organizations; access and accreditation of associate members of regional commissions; access and accreditation of specialized agencies and related organizations; participation of representatives of United Nations organs; media arrangements and services; access and accreditation for non-governmental organizations and other major groups; security; side events and exhibitions; visa requirements; car parking; transportation; services to persons with disabilities; health; medications; currency; telephone communications; electricity and power outlets; mobile telephones; climate; attire; and other useful information.

Credentials for representatives

Delegates are reminded that in accordance with rule 3 of the draft provisional rules of procedure of the third International Conference on Small Island Developing States, the credentials of representatives and names of alternate representatives and advisers shall be submitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations. The credentials shall be issued either by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister of Foreign Affairs or, in the case of the European Union, by the President of the European Council or the President of the European Commission. Delegates are requested to submit their credentials to the Office of Legal Affairs, which is situated in the Apolina secretariat building, *as soon as possible*.

Information for DESA-funded meeting participants

Please be advised that the current Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA) Rate for Apia is US\$ 217. DSA can be collected at the DESA Executive Office, located in the Nu'utele Accreditation Center.

The Disbursement Office opened on Thursday, 28 August 2014, to collect the following documentation: (a) Passports; (b) Air tickets/itineraries confirming outbound flights; and (c) Boarding passes confirming inbound flights. The schedule is the following:

Days of operation: Thursday to Saturday (28 to 30 August 2014) and Monday to Thursday (1 to 4 September 2014)

Document drop-off: from 08:30 to 17:30; and

Next-day DSA collection: from 10:00 to 15:00

Except Saturday, 30 August (from 09:30 to 12:00)

Delegates and participants who submit all required documents by 15:00 can collect DSA payments the following day, beginning at 10:00. Those who submit all required documents past 15:00 may not be able to collect DSA payments the following day.

The first round of DSA payments will be made on Friday, 29 August, at 10:00.

Ministers who are unable to present their documents and collect DSA in person may complete a waiver form available at the Disbursement Office. Kindly inquire for details.

Documentation

For all conference documentation, including the *SIDS 2014 Journal*, please visit the Conference website ([click here](#)).

Distribution of official documents

The official documentation of the Conference will be issued in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish. The main document counter for delegations will be located at the southern entrance of the Upolu Plenary Hall building. Each delegation will be assigned an individual box in which copies of all official documents, including the *SIDS 2014 Journal*, issued during the Conference will be placed. Delegations are reminded that the document boxes are exclusively for the distribution of official documents of the Conference and may not be used for circulation of any other papers or documents.

Distribution of official documents will be limited to one set per delegation, and delegations are encouraged to bring their own mobile devices loaded with pre-session documentation. Print-on-demand service will be provided for those delegations needing extra hard copies.

Circulation of written statements

There will be no circulation of statements in hard copies. Delegations are required to bring 20 copies of their statement to the Meeting Services Assistant desk in the meeting room. Delegations wishing to have their statement posted on the Conference website are encouraged to email their statement to the secretariat beforehand at the following email address: papersmart3@un.org.

Arrangements for bilateral meetings

For bilateral meetings among States at the Head of State or Government or ministerial level, six rooms, each with a capacity to hold a maximum of 16 participants, will be available in the Upolu Plenary Hall building, from *today*, 1 September, to Thursday, 4 September 2014. Requests for bilateral meetings should be submitted to Mr. Gary Gardner (e-mail gardnerg@un.org).

Live webcast coverage

The United Nations webcast services will provide live and on-demand coverage of the plenary, multi-stakeholder partnerships dialogues and press conferences at <http://webtv.un.org>, in English and the original language of the speaker.

Major groups

From 1 to 4 September, non-governmental organizations and other major groups are invited to a daily coordination meeting held in the Savaii Partnerships Hall from 08:30 to 09:30. These meetings will be co-chaired by the Conference secretariat and a rotating major groups representative to provide information and updates about the Conference, hear announcements of unpublished side events and caucus meetings, and address any other relevant Conference matters.

Subject to the availability of space and services, every effort will be made to accommodate informal meetings of major groups. Requests should be sent to the Conference secretariat (Mr. Beppe Lovoi (e-mail lovoi@un.org)).

Transportation arrangements

Details of the transportation schedule arranged by the host country for all delegates to the Conference to be held in Apia, Samoa, are provided for your information and guidance on the Conference website ([click here](#)).

Kindly note that the shuttle service for all delegates staying in the cruise ship, the Pacific Jewel, commenced at 12:00 on Thursday, 27 August 2014, and shall remain in

effect until Thursday, 4 September 2014. United Nations staff members are reminded to utilize the shuttle service as the primary mode of transportation in going to and from the Conference Centre as other means of transportation for the duration of the Conference might be limited.

Transport service upon arrival at the airport and departure from the cruise ship for the outbound flights will continue to be provided by the host country.