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Third International Conference on
Small Island Developing States

Apia, Samoa (1-4 September 2014)



Official meetings

Tuesday, 2 September 2014

General Assembly

Third International Conference on Small Island Developing States

10:00 to 13:00

3rd plenary meeting  [webcast]

Upolu Plenary Hall

General debate [item 8] (*continued*)

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

Address by His Excellency Keith Mitchell, Prime Minister of Grenada

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

Kazakhstan

Malaysia

Jamaica

Singapore

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

New Zealand

Trinidad and Tobago

Mauritius

Belize

Cuba

France

Dominica

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Israel
Antigua and Barbuda
Sao Tome and Principe
Portugal
Japan
Bangladesh

15:00 to 18:00

4th plenary meeting  [webcast]

Upolu Plenary Hall

General debate [item 8] (continued)

Address by His Excellency Anote Tong, President of the Republic of Kiribati

Australia
Guyana
Estonia
Norway
Canada
Russian Federation
Italy
Egypt
Germany
Turkey
Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela
Dominican Republic
Angola
Haiti
Luxembourg
United States
Fiji
Benin
Zambia

Multi-stakeholder partnership dialogues  [webcast]10:00 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 Takao Makino, Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, Japan

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

¹In parallel to the general debate.

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

Interactive discussion

16:05

Cluster II – Health and non-communicable diseases

Keynote addresses:

The Honourable Leao Talalelei Tuitama, Minister of Health, Samoa

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

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

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

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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.

Other meetings

The information below is reproduced as received and does not imply any opinion or endorsement by the Secretariat of the United Nations. The meetings under this header are closed.

Tuesday, 2 September 2014

Caribbean Community (CARICOM)

08:00 to 09:30	Closed meeting	Conference Room C4
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European Union

13:30 to 15:30	Closed meeting	Conference Room C5
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Press conferences

Tuesday, 2 September 2014

Manono Media Centre  [\[webcast\]](#)

12:00 to 12:30	Daily briefing by the Spokesperson of the Conference
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[The complete schedule of the press conferences can be consulted by [clicking here.](#)]

Forthcoming official meetings

Wednesday, 3 September 2014

General Assembly

Third International Conference on Small Island Developing States

10:00 to 13:00	5th plenary meeting	Upolu Plenary Hall
	General debate [item 8] (<i>continued</i>)	
	Thailand	
	Finland	
	Denmark	
	Czech Republic	
	Bahrain	

United Arab Emirates
Morocco
Chile
Uruguay
Switzerland
Sweden
Austria
Bosnia and Herzegovina
Philippines
Brazil
India
United Kingdom
El Salvador
Libya

15:00 to 18:00

6th plenary meeting
General debate [item 8] (continued)

Upolu Plenary Hall

Republic of Korea
Guinea-Bissau
Romania
Sri Lanka
Colombia
Mexico
Costa Rica
Ireland
Pakistan
Chad
Argentina
Algeria
Nepal
Indonesia
Viet Nam
Suriname
South Africa
New Caledonia
British Virgin Islands

Multi-stakeholder partnership dialogues10:00 to 13:00¹

Savaii Partnerships Hall

*“Sustainable energy”**Chair:*

Her Excellency Simona-Mirela Miculescu, Permanent Representative of Romania to the United Nations in New York

Keynote addresses:

His Excellency Andrew Jacobs, Head of the European Union Delegation to the Pacific

Mr. Adnan Amin, Director-General, International Renewable Energy Agency

Ms. Naoko Ishii, Chief Executive Officer, Global Environment Facility

Ms. Christiana Figueres, Executive Secretary, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

Mr. Zaheer Allam, Australian Urban Design Research Centre

Moderator:

Ms. Elizabeth Thompson, Senior Advisor, Sustainable Energy for All

*Interactive discussion*15:00 to 18:00¹

Savaii Partnerships Hall

*“Oceans, seas and biodiversity”**Chair and Moderator:*

His Excellency Milan Jaya Meetarbhan, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Mauritius to the United Nations in New York

Opening remarks:

The Honourable Arvin Boolell, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Cooperation and Trade of Mauritius

Keynote addresses:

His Excellency Tommy Remengesau, Jr., President of the Republic of Palau

His Excellency Angus Friday, Ambassador of Grenada to the United States

Mr. Miguel de Serpa Soares, Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs, United Nations

Ms. Biliana Cicin-Sain, President, Global Ocean Forum and Director, Gerard J. Mangone Center for Marine Policy, University of Delaware

Ms. Kate Brown, Coordinator, Global Island Partnership

Interactive discussion

¹In parallel to the general debate.

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 (e-mails ochalik@un.org or 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*.

Summary of official meetings

Monday, 1 September 2014

General Assembly

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 [\[archived video\]](#)

1st plenary meeting *Opening of the Conference* [item 1]

The Secretary-General of the United Nations declared open the third International Conference on Small Island Developing States.

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Election of the President [item 2]

The Conference elected, by acclamation, His Excellency Tuilaepa Sailele Malielegaoi, Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade of the Independent State of Samoa, as President of the third International Conference on Small Island Developing States.

Adoption of the rules of procedure (A/CONF.223/2) [item 3]

The Conference adopted its rules of procedure, as contained in document [A/CONF.223/2](#).

The Conference thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 3.

Adoption of the agenda (A/CONF.223/1) [item 4]

The Conference adopted its provisional agenda, as contained in document [A/CONF.223/1](#).

The Conference thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 4.

Election of officers other than the President [item 5]

Pursuant to rule 6 of the rules of procedure the following States were elected by acclamation as Vice-Presidents of the Conference:

African States: Benin, Mauritius, and the United Republic of Tanzania;

Asian States: Japan and the Maldives;

Eastern European States: Estonia and Romania;

Latin America and Caribbean States: Bahamas, Barbados and Mexico; and

Western European and Other States: Germany, Spain and Turkey.

The Honourable Fonotoe Nuafesili Pierre Laufofo, Deputy Prime Minister of Samoa, was elected, by acclamation, as *ex officio* Vice-President of the Conference.

The Conference was informed that the election of the additional Vice-President from the Eastern European States Group would take place as soon as the candidate would have been communicated.

His Excellency Milan Meetarbhan, Permanent Representative of Mauritius to the United Nations in New York, was elected, by acclamation, as Rapporteur-General of the Conference.

Organization of work, including the establishment of subsidiary bodies, and other organizational matters [item 6]

The Conference approved its organization of work, as contained in document [A/CONF.223/4](#).

The Conference approved the participation of the Caribbean Telecommunications Union, the South Pacific Tourism Organization and the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission in the work of the Conference (document [A/CONF.223/5](#)).

The Conference decided in addition to the speakers listed in annex II to resolution 68/238, to also hear statements by the President of the Economic and Social Council and a representative of the nine major groups at the opening plenary meeting.

The Conference thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 6.

Credentials of representatives: Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee [item 7 (a)]

The Conference, in accordance with rule 4 of its rules of procedure, appointed the following States as members of the Credentials Committee: Belgium, China, Colombia, Gabon, Guyana, the Russian Federation, Singapore, the United Republic of Tanzania and the United States of America.

Opening of the Conference [item 1]

The Conference heard 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 Martin Sajdik, President of the Economic and Social Council; and His Excellency Wu Hongbo, Secretary-General of the Conference.

A statement was also made by Ms. Lemalu Nele Leilua, Board Member of the Samoa Umbrella for Non-Governmental Organisations (SUNGO), speaking on behalf of the nine Major Groups.

General debate [item 8]

The Conference heard addresses from His Excellency Tommy Remengesau, President of the Republic of Palau; His Excellency Emanuel Mori, President of the Federated States of Micronesia; His Excellency Ikililou Dhoinine, President of the Union of the Comoros; His Excellency James Alix Michel, President of the Republic of the Seychelles and His Excellency Christopher Loeak, President of the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

Statements were made by His Excellency Ali Mohamed Shein, President of Zanzibar and Chair of the Revolutionary Council of the United Republic of Tanzania; His Excellency Peter O'Neil, Prime Minister of the Independent State of Papua New Guinea; Her Excellency Beatriz Sandra Gutiérrez, Minister for Justice of the Plurinational State of Bolivia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China); and Mr. Andris Piebalgs, Commissioner for Development of the European Union.

2nd plenary meeting

General debate [item 8]

Statements were made by His Excellency Lord Tu'ivakano, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Tonga; The Honourable Toke Talagi, Premier of Niue; His Excellency José Maria Perreira Neves, Prime Minister of the Republic of Cabo Verde; His Excellency Henry Puna, Prime Minister of the Cook Islands; His Excellency Enele Sosene Sopoaga, Prime Minister of Tuvalu; His Excellency Kay Rala Xanana Gusmão, Prime Minister of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste; His Excellency Joe Natuman, Prime Minister of the Republic of Vanuatu; His Excellency Denzil Douglas, Prime Minister, Minister for Finance, Sustainable Development, Human Resources Development, Constituency Empowerment and Social Security of Saint Kitts and Nevis; His Excellency Manasseh Maelanga, Deputy Prime Minister of the Solomon Islands; His Excellency Philip Davis, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Works and Urban Development of the Bahamas; His Excellency Yesui Zhang, Special Envoy of the President of China to the SIDS Conference; His Excellency Mike Eman, Prime Minister of Aruba, Chair of Delegation of the Netherlands; His Excellency Maumoon Abdul Gayoom, former President and Special Envoy of the President of the Maldives; His

Excellency James Fletcher, Minister for Sustainable Development, Energy, Science and Technology of Saint Lucia; and His Excellency José Manuel García-Margallo, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Spain.

Multi-stakeholder partnership dialogues

“Sustainable economic development”

The multi-stakeholder partnership dialogue was chaired by His Excellency Freundel Stuart, Prime Minister of Barbados, who made an opening statement.

Keynote addresses were delivered by 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 and Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations in New York; His Excellency Rolph Antoine Payet, Minister for Environment and Energy of Seychelles; and Mr. Zhu Min, Deputy Managing Director, International Monetary Fund.

The partnership dialogue was moderated by Mr. Cletus Springer, Director of the Department of Sustainable Development, Organization of American States, who also made a statement.

An interactive discussion ensued, during which statements were made by the representatives of Australia, Jamaica, the United States, the Maldives, Tuvalu and Chile.

A statement was also made by the representative of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

Statements were also made by the representatives of the United Nations Development Programme; the International Labour Organization; the United Nations World Tourism Organization; the United Nations Environment Programme; the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation; the World Bank; the International Trade Centre; the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean; and the United Nations Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States.

Statements were made by representatives of the following Major Groups: the Centre for Social Responsibility in Mining, Sustainable Minerals Institute (Non-governmental organizations); Adventist Development and Relief Agency (Non-governmental organizations); Pacific Island Women Caucus (Women); and Harrisburg University (Scientific and technological community).

The Moderator summarized the discussion.

The Chair declared the multi-stakeholder partnership dialogue on “Sustainable economic development” closed.

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, are available in the Upolu Plenary Hall building, from as of Monday, 1 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 Monday, 1 to Thursday, 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.

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