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of the United Nations

Third International Conference on
Small Island Developing States

Apia, Samoa (1-4 September 2014)



Official meetings

Wednesday, 3 September 2014

General Assembly

Third International Conference on Small Island Developing States

10:00 to 13:00

5th plenary meeting  [webcast]

Upolu Plenary Hall

General debate [item 8] (*continued*)

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

Dominica

Antigua and Barbuda

Finland

Thailand

Czech Republic

Bahrain

United Arab Emirates

Chile

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Philippines

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| | United Kingdom | |
| | El Salvador | |
| | Egypt | |
| 15:00 to 18:00 | 6th plenary meeting  [webcast] | Upolu Plenary Hall |
| | General debate [item 8] (<i>continued</i>) | |
| | Republic of Korea | |
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Multi-stakeholder partnership dialogues  [\[webcast\]](#)10:00 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

¹In parallel to the general debate.

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 Integration and International 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.

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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.

Wednesday, 3 September 2014

International Organization of la Francophonie

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| 08:15 to 10:00 | Closed meeting | Conference Room C5 |
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Caribbean Community (CARICOM)

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| 08:30 to 09:30 | Closed meeting | Conference Room C4 |
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Caribbean Community (CARICOM) (with the Global Environmental Facility)

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| 15:30 to 18:00 | Closed meeting | Conference Room C4 |
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AIMS countries

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| 15:30 to 18:00 | Closed meeting | Conference Room C4 |
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Press conferences

Wednesday, 3 September 2014

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

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| 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 .] |
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Forthcoming official meetings

Thursday, 4 September 2014

General Assembly

Third International Conference on Small Island Developing States

10:00 to 13:00 7th plenary meeting Upolu Plenary Hall

General debate [item 8] (*continued*)

International Organization for Migration

Indian Ocean Commission

International Renewable Energy Agency

Pacific Islands Forum

Global Environment Facility

Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency

Secretariat of the Pacific Community

Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme

Asian Development Bank

Commonwealth Secretariat

International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

South Centre

Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development

International Organization of la Francophonie

International Monetary Fund

World Bank Group

United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

United Nations World Tourism Organization

Convention on Biological Diversity

Libya

15:00 to 18:00 8th plenary meeting Upolu Plenary Hall

General debate [item 8] (*continued*)

United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women

United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

United Nations Environment Programme

United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction
Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS
United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification
African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States
Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean
International Labour Organization
World Intellectual Property Organization
International Telecommunication Union
United Nations Children's Fund

Multi-stakeholder partnership dialogues

10:00 to 13:00

Savaii Partnerships Hall

“Water and sanitation, food security and waste management”

Chair and Moderator:

His Excellency Ronald Jean Jumeau, Ambassador for Climate Change and small island developing States Issues, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Seychelles to the United Nations in New York

Keynote addresses:

His Excellency Federico Ramos de Armas, Secretary of State for Environment, Spain

Her Excellency Karen Tan, Permanent Representative of Singapore to the United Nations in New York

Mr. José Graziano da Silva, Director-General, Food and Agricultural Organization

Mr. Michel Jarraud, Secretary-General, World Meteorological Organization

Mr. Hemsing Hurryrag, Chair, Pesticide Action

Interactive discussion

Announcements

Signing of “Samoa Partnerships Commitment” banner

The “Samoa Partnerships Commitment” banner, located in the corridor on the south entrance of the Upolu Plenary Hall, is available for Conference participants to sign. All participants are kindly encouraged to sign the banner to pledge to work towards the sustainable development of SIDS through genuine and durable partnerships.

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

Tuesday, 2 September 2014

General Assembly

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 [\[archived video\]](#)

3rd plenary meeting

General debate [item 8]

The President drew the attention of the Conference to the “Samoa Partnerships Commitment” banner and invited all Conference participants to sign the banner.

The President briefed the Conference on the Multi-stakeholder partnership dialogue held on 1 September on “Sustainable economic development”.

Statements were made by His Excellency Keith Mitchell, Prime Minister of Grenada; His Excellency Fonotoe Nuafesili Pierre Lauofo, Deputy Prime Minister of Samoa; His Excellency Erlan Idrissov, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan; His Excellency Anifah Aman, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Malaysia; His Excellency Arnold Nicholson, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade of Jamaica; Mr. Masagos Zulkifli, Senior Minister of State for Foreign Affairs and Home Affairs of Singapore; His Excellency Camillo Gonsalves, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade, Commerce and Information Technology of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines; Mr. Kuresa Nasau, Ulu-o-Tokelau speaking on behalf of New Zealand; His Excellency

Winston Dookeran, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Trinidad and Tobago; Mr. Arvin Boolell, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade of Mauritius; Mr. Charles Gibson, Minister for Public Service and Elections and Boundaries of Belize; Ms. Elba Rosa Pérez Montoya, Minister of Science, Technology and Environment of Cuba; Ms. Annick Girardin, Minister for Development and the Francophonie of France; Mr. Tzachi Hanegbi, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Israel; Her Excellency Natalia Pedro da Costa Umbelina Neto, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Cooperation and Communities of Sao Tome and Principe; Mr. Luís Alvaro Campos Ferreira, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Portugal; His Excellency Takao Makino, Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan; His Excellency Mohammed Shahriar Alam, State Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh; Mr. Lapo Pistelli, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Italy; and Mr. Abderrahim Kadmiri, Director General of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Morocco.

A statement was also made by the observer for the United Nations Development Programme.

4th plenary meeting

General debate [item 8]

The President briefed the Conference on the Multi-stakeholder partnership dialogue held on 2 September on “Climate change and disaster risk management”.

The Conference heard an address by His Excellency Anote Tong, President of the Republic of Kiribati.

Statements were made by Her Excellency Carolyn Rodrigues-Birkett, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Guyana; Mr. Väino Reinart, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Estonia; Mr. Brett Mason, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Australia; Mr. Hans Brattskar, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Norway; Mr. David Anderson, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Canada; Mr. Vassily Nebenzia, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation; Ms. Rita Schwarzelühr-Sutter, Parliamentary State Secretary of the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety of Germany; Mr. Mehmet Ceylan, Deputy Minister of Development of Turkey; Mr. Xoan Noya, Deputy Minister to Middle East and Asia of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela; Mr. Juan Monegro, Vice-Minister of Planning and Development of the Dominican Republic; Mr. Manuel Augusto, Secretary of State for External Relations of Angola; Mr. Henry Robert Sterlin, Secretary of State of Foreign Affairs of Haiti; Mr. Ronald Dofing, Special Envoy of the Minister for Cooperation and Humanitarian Action of Luxembourg; Mr. John Holdren, Assistant to the President for Science and Technology and Director of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy of the United States of America; Mr. Pita Wise, Permanent Secretary for Strategic Planning, National Development and Statistics of Fiji; Mr. Jean-François Regis Zinsou, Chair of delegation of Benin (on behalf of Least Developed Countries); Mr. Ngoma Mwelwa Chibesakunda, Chair of delegation of Zambia (on behalf of Landlocked Developing Countries); and Mr. Ib Petersen, Chair of delegation of Denmark.

A statement was made by the observer for the International Trade Centre.

A statement was made by the observer for the Workers and Trade Unions major group (Fiji Teachers Union).

Multi-stakeholder partnership dialogues

“Climate change and disaster risk management”

The multi-stakeholder partnership dialogue was co-chaired by His Excellency José Manuel García-Margallo, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Spain and by His Excellency Takao Makino, Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan, who made opening statements.

Keynote addresses were delivered by 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 for Climate Change; and Ms. Rachel Kyte, World Bank Group Vice-President and Special Envoy, Climate Change Group.

The partnership dialogue was moderated by Ms. Margareta Wahlström, Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations for Disaster Risk Reduction, who also made a statement.

An interactive discussion ensued, during which statements were made by the representatives of the Marshall Islands, the United States, Samoa, Tuvalu, Germany, Norway, Italy, New Zealand, the Solomon Islands, China, Switzerland, Vanuatu, the Maldives, the United Republic of Tanzania and France.

A statement was made by the representative of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

A statement was also made by the representative of the Indian Ocean Commission.

A statement was also made by the representative of New Caledonia.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs; the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific; the United Nations Capital Development Fund; and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

A statement was made by a representative of the following major group: the International Indian Treaty Council (Indigenous peoples).

The following keynote speakers responded to comments made and questions raised during the interactive discussion: Mr. Andris Piebalgs, European Union Commissioner for Development; Ms. Mary Robinson, Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Climate Change; and Ms. Rachel Kyte, World Bank Group Vice-President and Special Envoy, Climate Change Group.

The Moderator summarized the discussion.

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

The multi-stakeholder partnership dialogue was chaired by His Excellency Winston Dookeran, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Trinidad and Tobago, who made an opening statement.

A keynote address was delivered by Ms. Helen Clark, Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme.

The partnership dialogue was moderated by Her Excellency Yanerit Morgan, Deputy Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations in New York, who made a statement.

Cluster I – Social development in small island developing States

Keynote addresses were delivered by Mr. Ewen McDonald, Deputy-Secretary, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Australia; Ms. Irina Bokova, Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization; and Mr. Fuimaono Falefa Lima, Dean of Faculty of the School of Business and Entrepreneurship, National University of Samoa.

An interactive discussion ensued, during which statements were made by the representatives of Grenada and the Maldives.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime; the United Nations Children's Fund; and the United Nations Environment Programme.

A statement was made by the representative of the following major group: the Pacific Islands Association of Non-Governmental Organisations (non-governmental organizations).

Cluster II – Health and non-communicable diseases

Keynote addresses were delivered by the Honourable Leao Talalelei Tuitama, Minister of Health of Samoa; Mr. Toomas Palu, Sector Manager, Health, Nutrition and Population, South East Asia and Pacific Region, World Bank; and Mr. Colin Tukuitonga, Director-General of the Secretariat of the Pacific Community.

An interactive discussion ensued, during which statements were made by the representatives of Palau, the United States, Tonga, Saint Kitts and Nevis (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), and Israel.

A statement was also made by the representative of the United Nations Population Fund.

A statement was made by the representative of the following major group: ACD Alliance for the Pacific Region (non-governmental organizations).

Cluster III – Youth and women

Keynote addresses were delivered by Ms. Roberta Clarke, Regional Director, Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific and Representative of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women in Thailand; Ms. Noelene Nabulivou, Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era, a representative of the Women major group; and Ms. Karuna Rana, a representative of the Children and youth major group.

An interactive discussion ensued, during which statements were made by the representatives of Samoa, the Netherlands, Tonga, Papua New Guinea and Chile.

A statement was also made by the representative of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS.

Statements were made by the representatives of the following major Groups: the Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (Local authorities); Diverse Voices and Action for Equality (Women); SIDS Youth AIMS Hub (Children and Youth); and Amnesty International (non-governmental organizations).

The Moderator declared the multi-stakeholder partnership dialogue on "Social development in small island developing States, health and non-communicable diseases, youth and women" 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.