Multi-stakeholder Partnership Dialogues at the Third International Conference on Small Island Developing States

Apia, Samoa | 1-4 September 2014

Session 5: Oceans, Seas & Biodiversity

Savaii Partnerships Hall, Apia, Samoa | Wednesday, 3 September 2014, 3 pm – 6 pm

Preliminary Programme

3:00 pm - 3:15 pm - Opening
Opening remarks by Chair & Moderator: Ambassador Milan J. N. Meetarbhan, Permanent Representative of Mauritius to the United Nations in New York Opening statement: Honourable Arvin Boolell, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade of Mauritius

3:15 pm – 5.45 pm – Interactive Partnership Dialogue
Keynote presentations by leading experts in the priority area cluster with five minutes each.

- H.E. Tommy Remengesau, Jr., President of Palau
- H.E. Mr. 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

The session will seek to maintain balance of expert speakers between:

- Pacific/AIMS/Caribbean SIDS regions
- Governmental/UN entities/Non-governmental

At the end of the key note presentations, participants are invited to engage in an **Interactive Partnership Dialogue** among all stakeholders in reviewing existing successful partnerships, launching innovative partnerships, and foster discussion on key priorities for Small Island Developing States in the area of "*Oceans, Seas and Biodiversity*".

Interventions from the floor should be focused on partnerships, be succinct, limited to three

minutes, and would seek to maintain balance between:

- New and existing partnerships
- Pacific/AIMS/Caribbean SIDS regions
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5.45pm – 6.00pm – Closing

Summarizing of session in form of set of *recommendations & opportunities* for SIDS in the priority area