

High-Level Roundtable on International Cooperation for Sustainable Development in Caribbean Small Island Developing States

Launching New Partnerships between Iceland and Caribbean Small Island Developing States

Business and Investment Forum on Energy for Sustainable Development and on Sustainable Management of Fisheries

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MONDAY, 24 MARCH 2008

Participants and guests arrive

Informal preparatory consultations (co-organizers)

TUESDAY, 25 MARCH 2008

14:00-17:00 *Registration and bi-lateral consultations (Pre-Function Area)*

14:30-15:30 *Informal preparatory consultations (co-organizers) and
Informal consultation on conclusions and recommendations
(for Heads of delegations) (Meeting Room: Peninsula 1)*

FORMAL OPENING SESSION

17:30-19:00 **WELCOME ADDRESS BY MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, FOREIGN TRADE AND
INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS OF BARBADOS**

Hon. Christopher Sinckler

ADDRESS BY THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND EXTERNAL TRADE OF ICELAND

Hon. Ingibjörg Sólrún Gísladóttir (presented by Ms. Kristin Arnadóttir, Special Envoy)

**ADDRESS BY THE UNDER-SECRETARY-GENERAL FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL
AFFAIRS OF THE UNITED NATIONS**

Mr. Sha Zukang

STATEMENT BY

H.E. Angus Friday, Permanent Representative of Grenada to the United Nations and Chairman
of the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS)

19:00- **RECEPTION SPONSORED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF ICELAND**

WEDNESDAY, 26 MARCH 2008

**High-Level Roundtable on Promoting Sustainable
Development in Caribbean SIDS**

**SESSION I CARIBBEAN SMALL ISLAND DEVELOPING STATES: ENHANCING
ECONOMIC RESILIENCE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

9:00-10:45 Co-Chairs: Mr. Hjalmar W. Hannesson, Ambassador and Perm. Representative of Iceland to the United Nations, New York, and Mr. Christopher Hackett, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Barbados to the United Nations, New York

Introductory Overview Presentations

- *Regional assessment of sustainable development in Caribbean SIDS*
by Prof. Albert Binger, Jamaica
- *The impact of climate change on Caribbean SIDS*
by Mr. Ulric Trotz, Science Adviser and Review Editor of IPCC Working Group II Report, Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre (CCCCC), Belize
- *Natural disasters, risk reduction, and economic and social sustainability for Caribbean SIDS*
by Mr. Neil Pierre, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean, Sustainable Development Unit, Trinidad and Tobago
- *A catalyst for development resources in the Caribbean*
by Mr. Kelvin Dalrymple, Chief Research Economist, Caribbean Development Bank, Barbados
- *Doing business in SIDS*
by Ms. Svetlana Bagaudinova, Monitoring, Analysis, and Policy Unit, Investment Climate Department, World Bank

Statements by heads of participating delegations

10:45-11:00 **COFFEE / TEA BREAK**

SESSION II SUSTAINABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT IN CARIBBEAN SIDS

11:00-12:30 Co-Chairs: H.E. Mr. Charles Savarin, Minister of Energy and Public Utilities, Dominica; H.E. Mr. Carisle Powell, Junior Minister, Communications, Works, Public Utilities and Works, St. Kitts and Nevis

Introductory Overview Presentations

- *Overview of renewable energy development in Caribbean SIDS*
by Mr. Roland Clarke, Project Manager, Caribbean Renewable Energy Development Project (CREDP), CARICOM Secretariat
- *Examples of Barbados' initiatives in renewable energy*
by Mr. William Hines, Ministry of Energy and the Environment, Barbados

- *Overview on Icelandic development cooperation in the energy sector with Central America and the Caribbean*
by Mr. Gísli Pálsson, Icelandic International Development Agency (ICEIDA)
- *Examples of Iceland's initiatives and partnerships in geothermal and hydro energy development*
by Mr. Thorleifur Finnsson, Reykjavik Energy Invest

Roundtable discussion with high-level officials from Caribbean SIDS and invited guests

12:30-14:00

LUNCH BREAK SPECIAL KEYNOTE ADDRESS

ICELANDIC DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION WITH UNIFEM ON SIDS

by Hon. Ingibjörg Sólrún Gísladóttir, Minister for Foreign Affairs and External Trade of Iceland

OVERVIEW ON PROGRAMMES FOR ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN IN CARIBBEAN SIDS

by Ms. Jocelyn Dow, founding member of Red Thread and businesswoman, Guyana, Member of the UN Secretary-General's Advisory Board on Water and Sanitation

SESSION III SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF FISHERIES IN THE CARIBBEAN

14:00-15:30

Co-Chairs: Mr. Ronald Thompson, Permanent Secretary and Ambassador for the Environment, The Bahamas; and Mr. Andrew Magliore, Chief, Fisheries Officer, Dominica

Introductory Overview Presentations

- *The marine environment in the Caribbean region*
by Mr. Franklin McDonald, UNEP Caribbean Environment Programme and UWI Institute for Sustainable Development, Jamaica
- *The state of fisheries in the wider Caribbean region*
by Mr. Bisessar Chakalall, Senior Fishery Officer, FAO Sub-Regional Office for the Caribbean, Barbados
- *Resource management of fisheries in Iceland and Icelandic development cooperation*
by Mr. Jóhann Sigurjónsson, Director General, Marine Research Institute, Iceland
- *Perspectives for the development of the UNU Fisheries Training Programme for the Caribbean*
by Mr. Tumi Tómasson Director UNU FTP, Iceland and Hugh Saul Director General Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism

Roundtable discussion with High-Level Officials from Caribbean SIDS and Invited Guests

15:30-16:00

COFFEE / TEA BREAK

SESSION IV CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

16:00-16:30

Co-Chairs: Mrs. Kathleen Abdalla, Officer-in-charge, Division for Sustainable Development, UN DESA and Mr. Hjalmar W. Hannesson, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Iceland to the United Nations, and Mr. Christopher Hackett, Ambassador and Permanent Representative

of Barbados to the United Nations, New York

Presentation and adoption of recommendations

CLOSING OF THE HIGH-LEVEL ROUNDTABLE

16:30-17:00

Statement by Hon. Christopher Sinckler, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and International Business of Barbados

Statement by Hon. Ingibjörg Sólrún Gísladóttir, Minister for Foreign Affairs and External Trade of Iceland

Statement by Mr. Sha Zukang, Under-Secretary-General, UN DESA

19:00-

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THURSDAY, 27 MARCH 2008

Business and Investment Forums on Energy and Fisheries

CONCURRENT SESSION A

ENERGY FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN THE CARIBBEAN

9:30-13:00

Co-Chairs: Mr. Ragnar Baldusson, Counsellor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Iceland and Mr. Ralph Wahnschafft, Energy and Transport Branch, Division for Sustainable Development, UN DESA, New York

Presentations

- *Solutions in the renewable energy sector: geothermal and small to medium-size hydro energy projects*
by Mr. Lárus Elíasson, CEO Enex, Iceland
- *Energy for sustainable development in Barbados*
by Mr. James Husbands, CEO, Solar Dynamics Limited, Barbados
- *Experience in geothermal power development*
by Mr Guðmundur Þóroddsson, Reykjavik Energy Invest
- *The Eastern Caribbean Geothermal Energy Project (Geo-Caraibes)*
by Mr. Mark Lambrides, Department for Sustainable Development, Organization of American States (OAS), Washington, DC
- *Overview of the Geothermal Training Programmes offered at the United Nations University*
by Mr. Lúdvík S. Georgsson, Deputy Director, UNU Geothermal Training Programme, National Energy Authority, Iceland
- *Geothermal development in Central America*
by Mr Jose Antonio Rodriguez, Executive Director, LaGeo S.A., El Salvador
- *Geothermal energy potential in the Caribbean*
by Ms. Erouscilla P. Joseph, Research Assistant, Seismic Research Unit, University of the

Q&A AND SUMMARY OF THE CO-CHAIRS

CONCURRENT SESSION B

EFFECTIVE AND SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF FISHERIES RESOURCES IN THE CARIBBEAN: POTENTIAL FOR REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

9:30-13:00

Chair: Mr. Jon Erlingur Jonasson, Counsellor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Iceland, and Ms. Anne Rogers, Water, Natural Resources and SIDS Branch, UN DESA, New York

Presentations

- *PROFISH: The World Bank Global Program on Fisheries*
by Mr. Kieran Kelleher, Senior Fisheries Specialist, Agriculture and Rural Development Department, The World Bank
- *Overview on Icelandic development cooperation in the fisheries sector*
by Mr. Geir Oddsson, Icelandic International Development Agency (ICEIDA)
- *Remote monitoring of vessels for fisheries management and enforcement purposes*
by Mr. Kolbeinn Gunnarsson, Trackwell Ltd., Iceland
- *Increasing quality through rapid chilling: Mode slurry ice systems*
by Mr. Thorsteinn Ingi Viglundsson, Mode Slurry Ice Systems
- *The Icelandic Vessel Monitoring System*
by Mr. Gylfi Geirsson, Icelandic Coastguard

Q&A AND SUMMARY OF THE CO-CHAIRS

BI-LATERAL CONSULTATIONS

OTHER ASSOCIATED ACTIVITIES

SCHEDULE TO BE ANNOUNCED

Iceland/UNIFEM Dialogue on Gender Equality for Development and Peace in the Caribbean by special invitation, time to be announced

WEDNESDAY, 26 MARCH 2008 AT 17:00 (FOLLOWING THE CLOSING CEREMONY)

Press Briefing

with Foreign Ministers of Barbados and Iceland and the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations, Mr. Sha Zukang

THURSDAY, 27 MARCH 2008

Special Consultative Meeting of Energy Experts of Caribbean SIDS

convened by the Ministry of Energy and the Environment of Barbados, time to be announced