

Programme of Activities proposed for the CSD 14 SIDS Day

Introduction

It will be recalled that CSD-13 decided to devote one day of the review sessions of the Commission to review of implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, focusing on the respective year's thematic cluster, as well as on any new developments regarding the sustainable development efforts of the SIDS.

The first such review session will be held on Monday, May 8, at the start of the second week of CSD-14. It is expected that the programme will proceed as far as possible in a manner consistent with the format established for the broad thematic discussions being pursued in the wider CSD session.

Structure of the SIDS Day

The meeting will begin with a brief opening ceremony, and then move quickly into review of SIDS progress within the context of the thematic clusters, each introduced by specially invited panellists. Emphasis will be on practical initiatives which may be considered or adopted to strengthen the implementation of Mauritius mandates related to the CSD-14 themes.

Panellists will therefore be invited to share very specific experiences and best practices in SIDS, with a view to encouraging their further development, their replication in other SIDS, and the support of the donor community and agencies of the UN system for financing, investment and capacity building in SIDS, within the thematic framework.

Each thematic presentation will be followed by an intergovernmental exchange moderated by the Chair of the Bureau, during which Member States will have the opportunity to share experiences, successes and lessons learned, and to identify constraints and continuing challenges. It is during the intergovernmental exchange that SIDS representatives could avail themselves of the opportunity to make brief interventions focusing on programme implementation in their respective countries or regions, including a discussion on the means of implementation.

The four thematic clusters will be shared among three panels as follows:

- Towards Increased Energy Efficiency, Energy Access and the Development and Expanded Use of Renewable Energy Technology;
- Innovative Strategies to Enhance Industrial Development in SIDS; and
- Measures for Mitigating Air Pollution and Promoting Adaptation to Climate Change in SIDS.

Morning Session

The morning session will begin with introductory remarks (5-7 minutes each) by the following:

- Chair of CSD-14;
- Under-Secretary General, UNDESA
- Under-Secretary General, OHRLLS
- Chair, Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS)

The first panel will begin immediately after the opening. The issues of energy access and efficiency and renewable energy will be addressed by two panellists each, with presentations no longer than 7 minutes. Following these four presentations, the Chair will moderate an interactive dialogue. This will include accommodation of specific questions to the panellists. Interventions should be no longer than 2-3 minutes. Major Group representatives, regional organizations and relevant agencies of the UN system will be allowed to participate to share specific information on success stories and best practices. The means of implementation, possibilities for donor support, investment and capacity building within the context of each thematic cluster may be explored in exchanges with the donor community.

Afternoon Session

The afternoon session will address the remaining two panel presentations. Three panellists will present on industrial development in SIDS and three on the mitigation of atmospheric pollution and adaptation to climate change. The Chair will moderate an interactive dialogue after Panel Two and another after Panel Three. Interventions will again be limited to 2-3 minutes, and Major Group representatives, regional organizations and relevant agencies of the UN system will be allowed to participate to share specific information on success stories and best practices. The means of implementation, possibilities for donor support, investment and capacity building within the context of each thematic cluster may be explored in exchanges with the donor community.

Conclusion of Meeting

The Chair will make a short oral summary (5 minutes) at the end of the special session, highlighting key points emerging from the discussions. The Chair's summary of the SIDS Day will be included in his submission to the CSD-14 High-Level Segment, for consideration by the Ministers and Heads of Delegation.

Partnerships Fair SIDS Day

The Partnerships Fair will devote May 8th to activities related to SIDS DAY, to complement the inter-governmental discussions being held in the main rooms of CSD 14 on SIDS-related issues. The Partnerships Fair SIDS Day will provide an opportunity for CSD registered SIDS partnerships to showcase their activities, using the format of Partnership Presentations in the morning (10:00 am - 1:00 pm) and a Thematic Discussion on "Building capacity through partnerships in Small Island Developing States" in the afternoon (3:00 pm - 4:30 pm). Mr. Azanaw Abreha, Vice-Chairman of

CSD 14 will chair the Thematic Discussion with the participation of panellists, engaging an interactive dialogue among panellists and participants. The importance of capacity building tailored to SIDS specific needs and the practical challenges faced by SIDS in launching and maintaining successful partnerships will be addressed. Highlights of the Partnerships Fair SIDS Day will be included in the Partnerships Fair submission to the Chairman's Text to be considered by the High Level Segment and as part of the outcome of the CSD review session.

SIDS Day Panels

Panel I: Energy access and efficiency and renewable energy

- **Basil Sutherland**, former Executive Director, Caribbean Electric Utilities Services Corporation
- **Kassiap Deepchand**, Technical Manager, Mauritius Sugar Authority
- **David Barrett**, Manager, Energy and Environment, Petroleum Corporation of Jamaica

Panel II: Industrial development in SIDS

- **Tom Wichman**, Consultant
- **Atina Myazoe**, Energy Planner, Ministry of Resources and Development, Marshall Islands
- **Pamela Baldinger**, Energy and Environment Specialist, Energy Team, USAID

Panel III: Atmospheric pollution and adaptation to climate change

- **Leslie Walling**, Executive Director, Caribbean Conservation Association
- **Albert Binger**, former Director, University of the West Indies Center for Environment and Development