



Meeting of the Steering Committee on Partnerships for Small Island Developing States

Overview of the SIDS Global Business Network Forum (SIDS-GBN)

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Background of SIDS Private Sector Partnership Forum



- The SIDS Global Business Network (SIDS-GBN) Private Sector Partnership Forum from 21 to 22 May 2018 in Mauritius will be the third in a series of SIDS Private Sector Partnership Forums launched by UN-OHRLLS and its partners.
- The SIDS-GBN was announced at the first Forum, which OHRLLS co-organized with the Government of Samoa and the Samoa Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with the Third International Conference on Small Island Developing States, in Apia, Samoa.
- In March 2016, the second Forum – Aruba P3a Conference was successful in bringing ideas to reality through the official launch of the SIDS-GBN online platform.



The SIDS-Global Business Network



The SIDS-Global Business Network is a unique platform which offers SIDS and global businesses to come together.

The Network consists of:

- SIDS-GBN Forum
- SIDS-GBN website



Objectives of the SIDS-GBN Forums

The Forum convenes the private sector, governments, UN system, research institutions, and other major actors working to promote sustainable development in SIDS to:

- Exchange best practices and lessons learned;
- Strengthen efforts by all stakeholders;
- Attract greater interest and investment into SIDS by the private sector, thereby increasing the engagement and role of the private sector in promoting sustainable development in SIDS.



Key Considerations of the 2018 Forum



- The 2018 SIDS-GBN will provide a platform to reflect on the progress made since Samoa and to accelerate scaling-up of successful partnerships through sharing of information, best practices and networking, to strengthen the contribution of the Forum to support the goals of the SAMOA Pathways and the achievements of the SDGs in SIDS.
 - The theme of “Strengthening private sector partnerships for sustainable tourism development,” seeks to link sustainable tourism and the achievement of the SDGs for SIDS.



More about the 2018 Forum



- The SIDS GBN will have 5 thematic sessions which have been chosen based on their impact on the tourism industry
- Sessions will be followed by an interactive dialogue
- A key objective will be to encourage and launch new partnerships in support of sustainable development in SIDS



ANNOUNCEMENTS OF PARTNERSHIPS AND PLEDGES

The UN Office of the High Representative for Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS) is looking for new partnerships for the SIDS-Global Business Network that can be announced and launched during the 2018 Forum in Mauritius from 21- 22 May.

New partnerships will be showcased on the SIDS GBN website (www.sidsgbn.org) and promoted through social media @SIDSGBN.

How can the SIDS-Global Business Network help your partnership?

The SIDS-Global Business Network is a unique platform which offer SIDS and global businesses to come together. The Network consists of:

SIDS-GBN Forum where SIDS can interact with global businesses and other stakeholders to leverage partnerships that support sustainable development in SIDS.

SIDS-GBN website provides a platform for global advocacy for SIDS partnerships. The website is designed to showcase success stories of partnerships to a global audience of partners from a wide variety of organisations, foundations, individual companies and civil society. This can further help businesses to expand their market outreach and enter in to business opportunities, that are mutually beneficial to SIDS and to their partners.

Deliverables of the 2018 Forum

- The Forum will result in a comprehensive outcome report with a set of proposals outlining the key issues, discussions and conclusions of the Forum.
- The recommendations will provide inputs to the inter-regional preparatory meeting on the mid-term review of the Samoa Pathway, focusing on opportunities for strengthening partnership approach among public and private sectors, and local communities for sustainable tourism development as an important economic driver for SIDS.
- Announcement of partnerships and pledges with and for SIDS to promote sustainable development.



Thank you