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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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
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.
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