



# Journal

of the United Nations

Third International Conference on  
Small Island Developing States

Apia, Samoa (1-4 September 2014)




## Official meetings

Thursday, 4 September 2014

### General Assembly

#### Third International Conference on Small Island Developing States

10:00 to 13:00

7th plenary meeting  [webcast]

Upolu Plenary Hall

General debate [item 8] (*continued*)

Libya

International Renewable Energy Agency

Pacific Islands Forum

Global Environment Facility

Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency

Secretariat of the Pacific Community

Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme

Indian Ocean Commission

Asian Development Bank

International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

South Centre

Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development

International Organization of la Francophonie

International Monetary Fund

World Bank Group

Convention on Biological Diversity

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 United Nations Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States  
 United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification  
 African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States  
 International Labour Organization  
 World Intellectual Property Organization  
 International Telecommunication Union  
 United Nations Children's Fund  
 United Nations Population Fund  
 United Nations Industrial Development Organization

15:00 to 18:00 8th plenary meeting  [webcast] Upolu Plenary Hall

1. General debate [item 8] (*conclusion*)
2. Report of the multi-stakeholder partnership dialogues [item 9]
3. Report of the Credentials Committee ([A/CONF.223/6](#)) [item 7 (b)]
4. Outcome of the Conference ([A/CONF.223/L.1](#) and [A/CONF.223/3\\*](#)) [item 10]
5. Adoption of the report of the Conference ([A/CONF.223/L.2](#), [A/CONF.223/L.3](#) and [A/CONF.223/CRP.1<sup>1</sup>](#)) [item 11]
6. Closure of the Conference [item 12]

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<sup>1</sup>To be issued.

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**Multi-stakeholder partnership dialogues**  [webcast]

10:00 to 13:00 Savaii Partnerships Hall

*“Water and sanitation, food security and waste management”*

*Chair and Moderator:*

His Excellency Ronald Jean Jumeau, Ambassador for Climate Change and small island developing States Issues, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Seychelles to the United Nations in New York

*Keynote addresses:*

His Excellency Federico Ramos de Armas, Secretary of State for Environment, Spain

Her Excellency Karen Tan, Permanent Representative of Singapore to the United Nations in New York

Mr. Michel Jarraud, Secretary-General, World Meteorological Organization

Mr. Indroyono Soesilo, Director of Fisheries and Aquaculture Resources Use and Conservation Division, Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations

Mr. Hemsing Hurrinag, Chair, Pesticide Action Network

*Interactive discussion*

### **Third International Conference on Small Island Developing States**

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Delegations are requested to inform the Secretariat, *as soon as possible*, of any changes of their level of participation in the Conference (e-mail [muturi@un.org](mailto:muturi@un.org)).

### **Programme of side events**

The interactive online programme of side events (on-site) to be held during the third International Conference on Small Island Developing States is available on the official Conference website (please [click here](#)). Queries regarding side events should be addressed to: [mckusick@un.org](mailto:mckusick@un.org).

## **Other meetings**

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**Thursday, 4 September 2014**

### **Caribbean Community (CARICOM)**


08:30 to 09:30

Closed meeting

Conference Room C4

## Press conferences

**Thursday, 4 September 2014**

Manono Media Centre  [webcast]

12:00 to 12:30

Daily briefing by the Spokesperson of the Conference

[The complete schedule of the press conferences can be consulted by [clicking here](#).]

## Announcements

### Signing of “Samoa Partnerships Commitment” banner

The “Samoa Partnerships Commitment” banner, located in the corridor on the south entrance of the Upolu Plenary Hall, is available for Conference participants to sign. All participants are kindly encouraged to sign the banner to pledge to work towards the sustainable development of SIDS through genuine and durable partnerships.

### Multi-stakeholder partnership dialogues

Representatives of States are invited to indicate to the secretariat (e-mails [ochalik@un.org](mailto:ochalik@un.org) or [sharma7@un.org](mailto:sharma7@un.org)) if they will be represented in a partnership dialogue at the level of Head of State or Government or at ministerial level.

Concept notes on the multi-stakeholder partnership dialogues are made available on the Conference website ([www.sids2014.org](http://www.sids2014.org)).

The six multi-stakeholder partnership dialogues will be interactive in nature and will be open to all conference participants. There will be no prepared list of speakers. At the discretion of the Chair(s), priority in the order of speakers will be given to those speaking at the level of Head of State or Government or at the ministerial level, followed by those announcing partnerships and high-level representatives of other stakeholders. The dialogues will aim to achieve a balance among speakers from all stakeholders. In order to provide for maximum participation, interventions should not exceed *three minutes*.

## Summary of official meetings

Wednesday, 3 September 2014

### General Assembly

#### Third International Conference on Small Island Developing States

 [\[archived video\]](#)

5th plenary meeting

*General debate* [item 8]

The President briefed the Conference on the Multi-stakeholder partnership dialogue held on 2 September on “Social development in small island developing States, health and non-communicable diseases, youth and women”.

The Conference heard statements by His Excellency Freundel Jerome Stuart, Prime Minister of Barbados; His Excellency Kenneth Darroux, Minister for Environment, Natural Resources, Physical Planning and Fisheries of Dominica; His Excellency Charles Henry Fernandez, Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Trade of Antigua and Barbuda; Mr. Petteri Taalas, Director-General of the Meteorological Institute of Finland; Mr. Manasvi Srisodapol, Deputy Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for Thailand; Mr. Ivan Jancarek, Director-General for Non-European States, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic; Mr. Tawfeeq Ahmed Al Mansoor, Chair of the delegation of Bahrain; Mr. Majid Al-Suwaidi, Director for Division of Climate Change and Natural Resources of the United Arab Emirates; His Excellency Isauro Torres, Chair of the delegation of Chile; His Excellency Ricardo Varela, Chair of the delegation of Uruguay; His Excellency Ivo Sieber, Chair of the delegation of Switzerland; Ms. Anna Lindstedt, Chair of the delegation of Sweden; His Excellency Helmut Boeck, Chair of the delegation of Austria; Her Excellency Virginia Benavidez, Chair of the delegation of the Philippines; His Excellency Eduardo Ricardo Gradilone Neto, Chair of the delegation of Brazil; His Excellency Anumula Gitesh Sarma, Chair of the delegation of India; His Excellency Jonathan Sinclair, Chair of the delegation of the United Kingdom; His Excellency Rubén Ignacio Zamora, Chair of the delegation of El Salvador; and His Excellency Hassan El-Laithy, Chair of the delegation of Egypt.

A statement was made by the observer for the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.

Statements were made by the observers for the major groups Children and Youth (three children representing the three SIDS regions) and Indigenous Peoples (Sisi Initiative Site Support Group).

6th plenary meeting

*General debate* [item 8]

The President briefed the Conference on the Multi-stakeholder partnership dialogue held on 3 September on “Sustainable energy”.

The Conference heard statements by His Excellency Kim Seong-in, Chair of the delegation of the Republic of Korea; His Excellency João Soares Da Gama, Chair of the delegation of Guinea-Bissau; Her Excellency Simona-Mirela Miculescu, Chair of the delegation of Romania; His Excellency Admiral Thisara Samarasinghe, Chair of the delegation of Sri Lanka; Her Excellency Yanerit Morgan, Chair of the delegation of Mexico; Mr. William Calvo, Chair of the delegation of Costa Rica; Mr. Patrick Duffy,

Chair of the delegation of Ireland; Her Excellency Zehra Akbari, Chair of the delegation of Pakistan; Mr. Papouri Tchingtonbé Patchanné, Chair of the delegation of Chad; His Excellency Fernando Escalona, Chair of the delegation of Argentina; His Excellency Durga Prasad Bhattarai, Chair of the delegation of Nepal; His Excellency Gary Jusuf, Chair of the delegation of Indonesia; His Excellency Nguyen Hong Cuong, Chair of the delegation of Viet Nam; His Excellency Henry MacDonald, Chair of the delegation of Suriname; and Ms. Nichola Sabelo, Chair of the delegation of South Africa.

Statements were also made by His Excellency Anthony Lecren, Minister for Land Development, Custom Ecology, Sustainable Development, Management and Conservation of Natural Resources of the Exclusive Economic Zone, observer for New Caledonia; and the Honourable Kedrick Pickering, Deputy Premier and Minister for Natural Resources and Labour, observer for the British Virgin Islands.

Statements were made by the observers for the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations; the Commonwealth Secretariat; the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean; the United Nations Environment Programme; and the International Organization for Migration.

Statements were made by the observers for the major groups Women (Diverse Voices and Action for Equality) and Scientific and Technological Community (University of the West Indies).

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### Multi-stakeholder partnership dialogues

#### *“Sustainable energy”*

The multi-stakeholder partnership dialogue was chaired by Her Excellency Simona-Mirela Miculescu, Permanent Representative of Romania to the United Nations in New York, who made an opening statement.

Keynote addresses were delivered by His Excellency Andrew Jacobs, Head of the European Union Delegation to the Pacific; Ms. Naoko Ishii, Chief Executive Officer, Global Environment Facility; Mr. Adnan Z. Amin, Director-General, International Renewable Energy Agency; Ms. Christiana Figueres, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change; and Mr. Zaheer Allam, Australian Urban Design Research Centre.

The partnership dialogue was moderated by Ms. Elizabeth Thompson, Senior Advisor, Sustainable Energy for All, who also made a statement.

An interactive discussion ensued, during which statements were made by the representatives of the Marshall Islands, the Bahamas, Germany, Norway, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Italy, the United Kingdom, New Zealand, the United States, Sao Tome and Principe and Barbados.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Pacific Community; the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme; and the Pacific Islands Forum.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean; the United Nations Industrial Development Organization; the United Nations Development Programme; and the United Nations Environment Programme.

A statement was made by representative of the following Major Group: the Pacific Islands Women’s Caucus (Women).

The Moderator and the Keynote speakers responded to comments made and questions raised during the interactive discussion.

The Chair declared the multi-stakeholder partnership dialogue on “Sustainable energy” closed.

*“Oceans, seas and biodiversity”*

The Multi-stakeholder partnership dialogue was chaired and moderated by His Excellency Milan Jaya Meetarbhan, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Mauritius to the United Nations in New York.

The Honourable Arvin Boolell, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade of the Republic of Mauritius made an opening statement.

Keynote addresses were delivered by His Excellency Tommy Remengesau Jr., President of the Republic of Palau; His Excellency Angus Friday, Ambassador of Grenada to the United States; Mr. Miguel de Serpa Soares, Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs; Ms. Biliana Cicin-Sain, President, Global Ocean Forum and Director, Gerard J. Mangone Center for Marine Policy, University of Delaware; and Ms. Kate Brown, Coordinator, Global Island Partnership.

An interactive discussion ensued, during which statements were made by the representatives of the United States, the Bahamas, the Solomon Islands, Maldives, Germany, China, Fiji, the Netherlands, Italy, Australia, the Cook Islands, Tonga and Barbados.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Pacific Islands Forum, the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme, and the Caribbean Community.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity, the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the United Nations Environment Programme, the World Meteorological Organization, the World Bank, and the Global Environment Facility.

Statements were also made by the following Major Groups: The Nature Conservancy (non-governmental organizations), Ocean Policy Research Foundation (scientific and technological community), SIDS Dock (non-governmental organizations), and Seeing Blue (non-governmental organizations).

Ms. Biliana Cicin-Sain, President, Global Ocean Forum and Director, Gerard J. Mangone Center for Marine Policy, University of Delaware, responded to comments made and questions raised during the interactive discussion:

The Chair declared the Multi-stakeholder partnership dialogue on “Oceans, seas and biodiversity” closed.

[*Note: The summaries of the 7th and 8th plenary meetings and the Multi-stakeholder partnership dialogue on “Water and sanitation, food security and waste management” of the third International Conference on Small Island Developing States will be published in the *Journal of the United Nations*, at Headquarters.*]

## General information

More details on the information below are available in document [A/CONF.223/INF/1](#).

### Security screening

Every effort is being made to ensure that security screening for access to the Conference venue is smooth and fast, but some delays may be unavoidable. All participants are encouraged to arrive early, to avoid bringing large items, and to prepare for screening when approaching the metal detectors.

### Information for participants

A note by the Secretariat entitled “Information for participants” has been issued in document [A/CONF.223/INF/1](#), with details on the following: date and venue of the Conference; secretariat of the Conference; opening of the Conference and seating arrangements; agenda and programme of work; requests for meetings; interpretation; documentation; access and accreditation of delegates; credentials; list of participants; participation of intergovernmental organizations; access and accreditation of associate members of regional commissions; access and accreditation of specialized agencies and related organizations; participation of representatives of United Nations organs; media arrangements and services; access and accreditation for non-governmental organizations and other major groups; security; side events and exhibitions; visa requirements; car parking; transportation; services to persons with disabilities; health; medications; currency; telephone communications; electricity and power outlets; mobile telephones; climate; attire; and other useful information.

### Credentials for representatives

Delegates are reminded that in accordance with rule 3 of the draft provisional rules of procedure of the third International Conference on Small Island Developing States, the credentials of representatives and names of alternate representatives and advisers shall be submitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations. The credentials shall be issued either by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister of Foreign Affairs or, in the case of the European Union, by the President of the European Council or the President of the European Commission. Delegates are requested to submit their credentials to the Office of Legal Affairs, which is situated in the Apolina secretariat building, *as soon as possible*.

### Information for DESA-funded meeting participants

Please be advised that the current Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA) Rate for Apia is US\$ 217. DSA can be collected at the DESA Executive Office, located in the Nu’utele Accreditation Center.

The Disbursement Office opened on Thursday, 28 August 2014, to collect the following documentation: (a) Passports; (b) Air tickets/itineraries confirming outbound flights; and (c) Boarding passes confirming inbound flights. The schedule is the following:

*Days of operation:* Thursday to Saturday (28 to 30 August 2014) and Monday to Thursday (1 to 4 September 2014)

*Document drop-off:* from 08:30 to 17:30; and



*Next-day DSA collection:* from 10:00 to 15:00

*Except Saturday, 30 August* (from 09:30 to 12:00)

Delegates and participants who submit all required documents by 15:00 can collect DSA payments the following day, beginning at 10:00. Those who submit all required documents past 15:00 may not be able to collect DSA payments the following day.

Ministers who are unable to present their documents and collect DSA in person may complete a waiver form available at the Disbursement Office. Kindly inquire for details.

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## Documentation

For all conference documentation, including the *SIDS 2014 Journal*, please visit the Conference website ([click here](#)).

### *Distribution of official documents*

The official documentation of the Conference will be issued in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish. The main document counter for delegations will be located at the southern entrance of the Upolu Plenary Hall building. Each delegation will be assigned an individual box in which copies of all official documents, including the *SIDS 2014 Journal*, issued during the Conference will be placed. Delegations are reminded that the document boxes are exclusively for the distribution of official documents of the Conference and may not be used for circulation of any other papers or documents. Distribution of official documents will be limited to one set per delegation, and delegations are encouraged to bring their own mobile devices loaded with pre-session documentation. Print-on-demand service will be provided for those delegations needing extra hard copies.

### *Circulation of written statements*

There will be no circulation of statements in hard copies. Delegations are required to bring 20 copies of their statement to the Meeting Services Assistant desk in the meeting room. Delegations wishing to have their statement posted on the Conference website are encouraged to email their statement to the secretariat beforehand at the following email address: [papersmart3@un.org](mailto:papersmart3@un.org).

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## Arrangements for bilateral meetings

For bilateral meetings among States at the Head of State or Government or ministerial level, six rooms, each with a capacity to hold a maximum of 16 participants, are available in the Upolu Plenary Hall building, from as of Monday, 1 to *today*, 4 September 2014. Requests for bilateral meetings should be submitted to Mr. Gary Gardner (e-mail [gardnerg@un.org](mailto:gardnerg@un.org)).

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## Live webcast coverage

The United Nations webcast services will provide live and on-demand coverage of the plenary, multi-stakeholder partnerships dialogues and press conferences at <http://webtv.un.org>, in English and the original language of the speaker.

### Major groups

From Monday, 1 to *today*, 4 September, non-governmental organizations and other major groups are invited to a daily coordination meeting held in the Savaii Partnerships Hall from 08:30 to 09:30. These meetings will be co-chaired by the Conference secretariat and a rotating major groups representative to provide information and updates about the Conference, hear announcements of unpublished side events and caucus meetings, and address any other relevant Conference matters.

Subject to the availability of space and services, every effort will be made to accommodate informal meetings of major groups. Requests should be sent to the Conference secretariat (Mr. Beppe Lovoi (e-mail [lovoi@un.org](mailto:lovoi@un.org))).

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### Transportation arrangements

Details of the transportation schedule arranged by the host country for all delegates to the Conference to be held in Apia, Samoa, are provided for your information and guidance on the Conference website ([click here](#)).

Kindly note that the shuttle service for all delegates staying in the cruise ship the *Pacific Jewel* commenced at 12:00, on Thursday, 27 August 2014, and shall remain in effect until *today*, 4 September 2014. United Nations staff members are reminded to utilize the shuttle service as the primary mode of transportation in going to and from the Conference Centre as other means of transportation for the duration of the Conference might be limited.

Transport service upon arrival at the airport and departure from the cruise ship for the outbound flights will continue to be provided by the host country.