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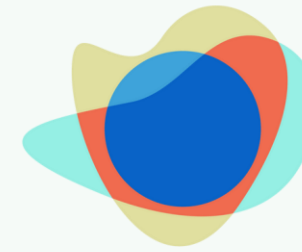
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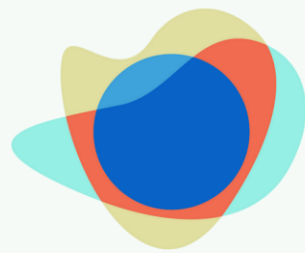


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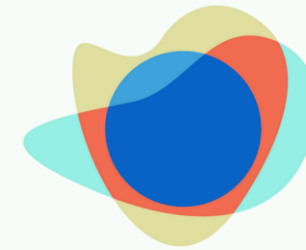


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4th International Conference on Small Island Developing States (SIDS4)

- **27-30 May 2024** in St. John's, Antigua and Barbuda
- Theme: *"Charting the course toward resilient prosperity"*
- Conference website: un.org/smallislands

Outcomes of the Conference



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- Intergovernmentally agreed, focused, forward-looking and action-oriented political outcome document that sets out a new Programme of Action for SIDS, with concrete, measurable targets to support SIDS to achieve their sustainable development objectives over the next ten years.

Preparatory Committee Meetings

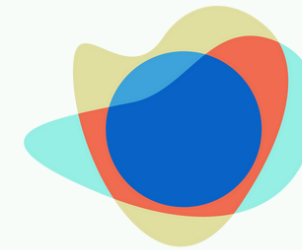


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A Preparatory Committee chaired by New Zealand and Maldives will convene two sessions at the UN headquarters, in New York, negotiate the outcome document:

- First session: 22-26 Jan 2024
- Second session: 1-5 Apr 2024

Format of the SIDS4 Conference



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01 Opening and closing sessions

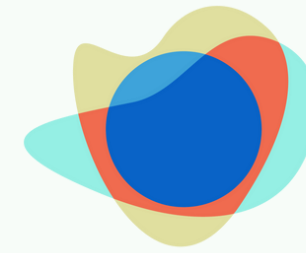
08 Plenary sessions

05 Interactive dialogues



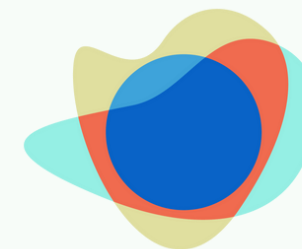
Other events

- Special events
- Side events (applications to open in early2024)
- Exhibits



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Participation



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The Conference and its preparatory committee are open to:

- All States Members of the United Nations;
- Intergovernmental organizations and other entities that have received a standing invitation from the General Assembly in the capacity of observers;
- Associate members of the Regional Commissions;
- Specialized agencies and related organizations of the United Nations;
- Other intergovernmental organizations and international bodies;
- Intergovernmental organs of the United Nations;
- Non-governmental organizations, major groups and other relevant stakeholders;
- Officials of the United Nations Secretariat;
- Others invited by the United Nations.

More information: sdgs.un.org/smallislands#participation

Side events:

Who ?

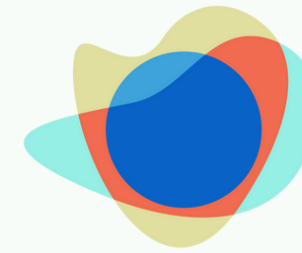
- MS, IGOs, UN Entities and accredited stakeholders

When ?

- Open call for proposals from 26 January - 8 March 2024

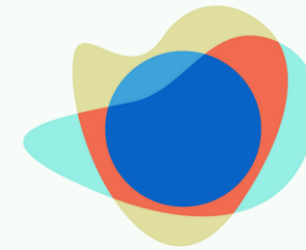
What ?

- Aligning with the SIDS4 Theme “Charting the course toward resilient prosperity”
- Addressing any of the Five Themes of the Interactive Dialogues



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Themes for the Interactive Dialogues



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**Making Climate Finance work for SIDS: Building on the Outcomes of UNFCCC
COP 28**

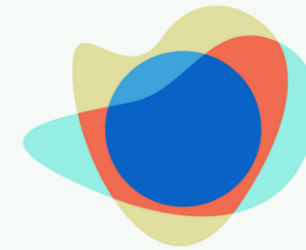
**Enhancing Critical Forms of Financing and Aid Effectiveness through collaborative
Partnerships: A Conversation**

**Levering Data and Digital Technologies and Building effective Institutions for a
Resilient Future in SIDS**

**Investing in human capital: addressing health crisis in SIDS and building the potential
of youth in SIDS**

Revitalizing SIDS Economies for accelerated and sustainable growth

Outcome Document: Structure & Content



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Section 1: The SIDS story (where do SIDS find themselves today?)

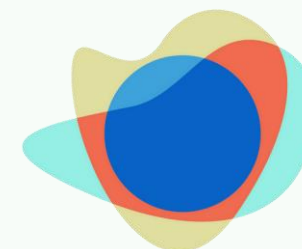
- **Section 2:** What do SIDS want? (an overview of key SIDS priorities under the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development)

- **Section 3:** How do SIDS get there (identifying the specific actions that would help SIDS achieve resilient prosperity within the next ten years)
- Section 4:** Role of the UN system in supporting SIDS

- **Section 5:** Monitoring and evaluation (systematic monitoring and evaluation of the SIDS agenda for the next ten years)

<https://sdgs.un.org/sites/default/files/2024-03/SIDS%204%20Revised%20Text%208%20March.pdf>

THE OUTCOME DOCUMENT



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The Draft Outcome Document, outlines the sustainable development objectives of SIDS and the support required from the international community to enable SIDS to meet them. SIDS aspire to:

- build resilient economies
- foster safe, healthy and prosperous societies
- achieve water, food and energy security
- conserve biodiversity
- protect and sustainably use the ocean and its resources
- halt and urgently mitigate the adverse impacts of climate change

KEY MESSAGES

To meet these ambitions, SIDS are calling for **increased access to concessional finance**, through *inter alia*:

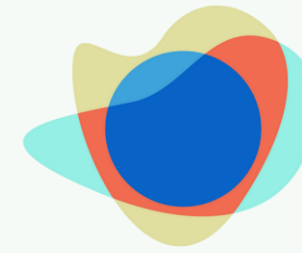
- expanding multilateral lending,
- enhancing the voice and representation of SIDS in international financial institutions and
- incorporating vulnerability into the allocation of concessional finance, accompanied by support to sustainably manage their debt levels through *inter alia* the **establishment of a Debt Sustainability Support Service**.

SIDS efforts will be futile without **urgent action to implement the Paris Agreement and scale-up climate finance**, in line with existing obligations and commitments.

The Center of Excellence for SIDS, which will be launched at SIDS4, has the potential to help **strengthen data collection, storage and analysis, mobilize investment in SIDS and promote technology innovation and transfer**, as part of a broader ecosystem of existing initiatives.

The Multi-Dimensional Vulnerability Index (MVI) is a tool which can complement GNI per capita, providing a more comprehensive assessment of a country's vulnerabilities and its need for concessional finance, to help the international community to make smarter, more targeted development policy and financing decisions.

Deliverables of Interest



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- **SIDS Centre of Excellence** (Data Hub, STI Platform etc)
- Call for a **clearly identifiable SIDS specific entity** to coordinate capacity development support to SIDS



Special Events

- SIDS Children and Youth Action Summit (24-26 May)



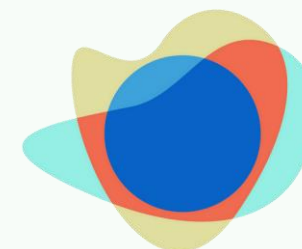
- Gender Equality Forum (25-26 May)



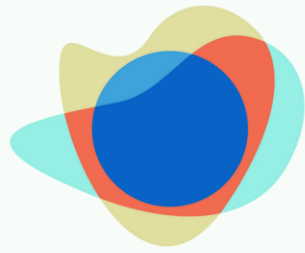
**Gender
Equality
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- Global Business Network Forum (25-26 May)
- Private Sector Roundtable (28 May)
- Civil Society Forum (29 May)



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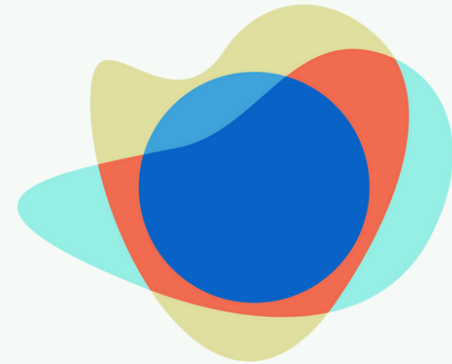


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Questions & answers



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Thank you!

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