



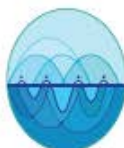
Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLS)



# PRIVATE SECTOR PARTNERSHIPS FORUM APIA, SAMOA 30-31 AUGUST 2014



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SIDS are a diverse group of countries with uniquely different challenges, opportunities and priorities. But whatever their national goals and aspirations are, the common enabler to achieving them is through the power of genuine and durable partnerships. My own country is passionate about partnerships because it speaks to our history as an island nation and our journey in these uncharted waters of globalization. Partnerships for Samoa is not just your ideological North-South dichotomy, it also encompasses SIDS-SIDS, South-South and triangular partnerships. Importantly, it includes partnerships between SIDS as a group and their development partners, as well as private sector partnerships and public/private partnerships. And remember, the private sector is the engine of growth, and partnerships should not be a monopoly of anyone particular group of partners.”

– H.E. Mr. Ali'ioalga Feturi Elisala, Permanent Representative of the Independent State of Samoa to the United Nations



The importance of the private sector is not a new phenomenon in the global discourse on SIDS. Ten years ago, the Mauritius International Meeting on SIDS had also emphasised this role, calling for a strengthening of business and industry in SIDS in efforts to support their development aspirations. However, a fresh sense of urgency has been injected by the international community in the Rio+20 conference, which underscored that sustainable development can only be achieved with a broad alliance of people, governments, civil society and private sector, working together to secure the future.”

– Mr. Gyan Acharya, Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States



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**07:30 OPENING CEREMONY (RESERVE PARK)**

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Breakfast\*

- Arrival of Hokule'a; Polynesian Voyaging Society and Samoan cultural performance
- Opening Prayer
- Welcome remarks by Mr. Gyan Acharya, Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS)
- Keynote Address by H.E. Tuilaepa Lufesoliai Sailele Malielegaoi, Prime Minister of the Independent State of Samoa
- Remarks by Mr. Wu Hongbo, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs and Secretary-General of the Third International Conference on Small Island Developing States
- Remarks by Mr. Klaus J Stunzner Jr., President of Samoa Chamber of Commerce and Chairman of the Pacific Islands Private Sector Organisation (PIPSO)
- Remarks by Mr. Nainoa Thompson, Polynesian Voyaging Society

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Registration (Samoa Convention Centre)

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**08:45 SESSION 1 — OCEANS AND MARINE RESOURCES**

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SIDS are especially vulnerable to ocean and coastal degradation. This session will focus on sharing and scaling up best practices on responsible fishing and protecting oceans and marine resources.

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Introduction by the Moderator, Mr. Taholo Kami, Regional Director, Oceania, International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)

- Mr. Nainoa Thompson, Polynesian Voyaging Society
- Mr. Bill Holden, Pacific Fisheries Manager, Marine Stewardship Council
- Mr. Charles Hufflett, Managing Director, Solander
- Ms. Jenifer Austin Foulkes, Manager Oceans Program, Google
- Mr. Koebel Sakuma, Office of the President of the Republic of Palau
- Mr. Jacob James, Managing Director, Waitt Foundation
- Ms. Monica Medina Senior Director, International Ocean Policy National Geographic Society
- H.E. Mr. Roy Mickey Joy, Ambassador of the Republic of Vanuatu to the European Union

Interactive Dialogue

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\*Breakfast sponsored by Digicel



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**10:00 SESSION 2 — CONNECTIVITY (ICTS & TRANSPORT)**

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Connectivity remains a crucial issue for SIDS and is an essential tool for accessing the international marketplace, whether it be for the transport of goods, telecommunications or internet based transactions. This session will focus on how partnerships can expedite and strengthen the progress of connectivity in these and other related areas.

Introduction by Moderator Mr. Peter Kiely, Chairman, Pacific Cooperation Foundation

- Mr. Denis O'Brien, Chairman Digicel Group
- Mr. Steve Collar CEO, O3b Networks
- Mr. Vic Angoco, Senior Vice President-Pacific Division, Matson
- Ms. Pauline Lamb, Chief Operating Officer, Airways New Zealand
- Dr. Shamshad Aktar, Executive Secretary of ESCAP
- Mr. Brahima Sanou, Director, Bureau of Development, International Telecommunication Union

Interactive Dialogue

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**11:00 SESSION 3 — SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE**

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SIDS are a bedrock of cultural and economic activities. With the growth of the international trade in organic agricultural products, private sector partners are in a prime position to reinvigorate agricultural production in SIDS, contribute to the livelihoods of rural communities and increase the export earnings.

Introduction by the Moderator, Mr. Michael Hailu, Director, Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation (CTA)

- Ms. Alberta Malielegaoi Vitale, Women in Business Development Inc. Samoa jointly with Mr. Alex McDonald, The Body Shop, Australia and Mr. Sam Crofskey, C1 Espresso, New Zealand
- Mr. Jono Bushell, Director, Vinepower (New Zealand) and Mr. Seth Kaurua, Tanna Farms, Vanuatu
- Ms. Shadel Nyack Compton, Belmont Estate, Grenada
- Ms. Christine Curry, Director, The Goat Dairy, Grenada
- Mr. Bruce Russell, Trustee-Poutasi Development Trust and Representative of the Tindall Foundation
- Professor Clement K. Sankat, Pro Vice Chancellor & Campus Principal, The University of the West Indies, Trinidad and Tobago

Interactive Dialogue

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**12:30 LUNCHEON BY THE GOVERNMENT OF SAMOA**

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Event by the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation on South-South Global Assets and Technology Exchange (SS-GATE)



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**13:30 SESSION 4 — SUSTAINABLE TOURISM**

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Tourism is a driver of economic activity in SIDS. It also plays a critical role in supporting sustainable development across small island countries. This session brings keynote speakers from across the world to explore the main ingredients for sustainable public-private sector partnerships [Partnerships that drive sustainability outcomes, support livelihoods for the most vulnerable and cut across sectors and geographies]. During this session, exciting announcements will be made about new partnerships that can benefit SIDS in the future.

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Introduction by the Moderator, Dr. Dessima M. Williams, former Ambassador of Grenada to the United Nations (2009–2013) and Chairman of the Alliance of Small Island States (2009–2011)

- Dr. Michael Frenzel, Chairman, Safety & Environmental Stewardship Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd.
- Dr. Louise Twining-Ward, President, Sustainable Travel International and video message by Mr. Richard Pruitt, Vice President, Environmental Stewardship and Safety, Royal Caribbean International
- Mr. Ford Cochran, Director of Programming, National Geographic Expeditions
- Ms. Kelly Galaski, Technical Director MIF/IDB Project, G Adventures
- Ms. Adimaimalaga Tafunai, Executive Director, Women in Business Development Inc.

Interactive Dialogue

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**15:30 SESSION 5 — DISASTER RISK REDUCTION**

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The small and open economies of SIDS makes them highly vulnerable to external shocks. If resilience building and disaster risk reduction is to be successful in the years to come, it will require active and concerted partnerships between various actors including governments, private sector and local communities.

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Introduction by the Moderator, Ms. Margareta Wahlström, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction

- Mr. Maurice McCarthy, Digicel Regional Chief Executive Officer, Pacific
- Mr. Paul Keating, Chief Risk Officer, Pacific, ANZ Bank
- Ms. Sonja Hunter, Chief Executive Officer, Samoa Tourism Authority
- Ms. Indera Sagewan-Alli, Executive Director, Caribbean Centre for Competitiveness
- Dr. Dessima M. Williams, former Ambassador of Grenada to the United Nations (2009–2013) and Chairman of the Alliance of Small Island States (2009–2011)

Interactive Dialogue

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**17:00    SESSION 6 — RENEWABLE ENERGY**

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Renewable energy has great potential to fuel the private sector growth in SIDS and to decrease exposure to oil-price volatility. This session will discuss how SIDS can be the forerunners in switching to renewable energy by looking at examples of countries which have already adopted strategies for 100% renewable energy future and scaling-up the existing initiatives.

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Introduction by the Moderator, Ms. Elizabeth Thompson, Senior Adviser, Sustainable Energy for All

- Hon. Dr. Kedrick Pickering, Deputy Premier, British Virgin Islands
- Mr. Justin Locke, Director of Islands, Carbon War Room
- Mr. Salvatore Bernabei, Country Manager Enel Green Power, Enel Group
- Mr. Graeme Neale, Commercial & Business Development Manager, Philips New Zealand & Pacific, Philips Lighting
- Mr. Ben Glass, Chief Executive Officer, Altaeros Energies

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**18:30    CLOSING BY THE MODERATOR**

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**19:00    ISLAND GALA DINNER AT THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SAMOA**  
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Co-organised by UN-OHRLLS, Samoa Chamber of Commerce and Industry Inc.  
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**12:00    SESSION 7 — FINANCING AND SUPPORT MEASURES FOR SUSTAINABLE PRIVATE SECTOR IN SIDS**

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This session will focus on cross cutting themes that need to be addressed to create conducive conditions for SIDS private sector growth and competitiveness such as public finance, PPPs and governance.

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Introduction by the Moderator, Mr. Gyan Acharya; Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLS)

- Mr. Erik Solheim, Chairman, OECD Development Assistance Committee (DAC)
- Dr. Andrea Iffland, Regional Director at Pacific Liaison and Coordination Office, Asian Development Bank
- Ms. Margaret Fruean A/CEO Registries of Companies & Investment Promotion Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Labour, SAMOA
- Mr. Antony Bensteeve Langston General Manager Credit Corporation (SI) Limited Solomon Islands
- Mr. Klaus J Stunzner Jnr, President of Samoa Chamber of Commerce and Chairman of the Pacific Islands Private Sector Organisation (PIPSO)
- Mr. Reuben Summerlin, PFIP Project Manager and Regional Adviser, Pacific Financial Inclusion Programme
- Dr. Prakash Deenapanray, CEO of Eco Living In Action Limited (ELIA Ltd), Mauritius
- Mr. Gavin Murray, Regional Manager, International Finance Corporation (IFC)
- H.E. Fatumanava Dr. Pa'olelei Luteru, Ambassador of Samoa to the European Union
- Dr. Justine Ram, Director of Economics, Caribbean Development Bank

Interactive Dialogue

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**13:50    GROUP PHOTO OF HIGH LEVEL PARTICIPANTS WITH THE UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY-GENERAL**

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**14:00 SESSION 8 — HIGH LEVEL DIALOGUE**

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An interactive session will consider how to create the right environment for a sustainable SIDS private sector. Political leaders, business leaders and other stakeholders will share experiences and consider the creation of a SIDS Global Business Network.

This session will culminate with a Co-Chairs Summary that will also take into account partnerships announced on Day 1.

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- Welcoming remarks by Mr. Gyan Acharya, Under-Secretary-General and High Representative, UN-OHRLLS
  - Opening remarks by H.E. Mr. Tuilaepa Lupesoliai Sailele Malielegaoi, Prime Minister of the Independent State of Samoa
  - Keynote address by H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon, UN Secretary-General
  - Remarks by H.E. Mr. Andris Piebalgs, Commissioner for Development, European Commission
  - Remarks by H.E. Ms. Julie Bishop, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Australia
  - Video message by Sir Richard Branson, Founder Virgin Group
  - Interactive dialogue with political, business, UN system and IGO leaders. Co-chaired by H.E. Tuilaepa Aiono Sailele Malielegaoi, Prime Minister of the Independent State of Samoa and Mr. Denis O'Brien, Chairman, Digicel Group
  - Presentation of elements of the Co-Chairs Summary by H.E. Mr. Tuilaepa Lupesoliai Sailele Malielegaoi and Mr. Denis O'Brien
  - Closing Remarks by Mr. Gyan Acharya, Under-Secretary-General and High Representative, UN-OHRLLS
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**16:00 EVENT CONCLUDES**

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