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## **Preparatory Committee for the fourth International Conference on Small Island Developing States Organizational, first and second sessions Item 2 of the provisional agenda\* Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters**

**Draft resolution submitted by Maldives and New Zealand on the basis of  
informal consultations**

### **Additional modalities and format of the fourth International Conference on Small Island Developing States**

The Preparatory Committee for the fourth International Conference on Small Island Developing States,

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution [77/245](#) of 30 December 2022,

1. *Recommends* the provisional agenda set forth in annex I to the present resolution for adoption by the fourth International Conference on Small Island Developing States;

2. *Decides* that the Conference shall be organized in accordance with the organization of work set forth in annex II to the present resolution.

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\* [A/CONF.223/2024/PC/1](#).



## **Annex I**

### **Provisional agenda of the fourth International Conference on Small Island Developing States**

1. Opening of the Conference.
2. Election of the President.
3. Adoption of the rules of procedure.
4. Adoption of the agenda of the Conference.
5. Election of officers other than the President.
6. Organization of work, including the establishment of subsidiary bodies, and other organizational matters.
7. Credentials of representatives to the Conference:
  - (a) Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee;
  - (b) Report of the Credentials Committee.
8. General debate.
9. Report of the interactive dialogues.
10. Outcome of the Conference.
11. Adoption of the report of the Conference.
12. Closure of the Conference.

## Annex II

### **Proposed organization of work of the fourth International Conference on Small Island Developing States**

1. The arrangements set out below have been formulated pursuant to General Assembly resolution [77/245](#).
2. The fourth International Conference on Small Island Developing States will be held in Antigua and Barbuda on dates in 2024 to be determined separately.

#### **I. Organization of work**

##### **A. Plenary meetings**

3. The fourth International Conference on Small Island Developing States will consist of an opening and a closing and a total of six plenary meetings, to be webcast, as follows:

First day: morning and afternoon.

Second day: morning and afternoon.

Third day: morning and afternoon.

Fourth day: morning and afternoon.

4. At the formal opening of the Conference, to take place during the plenary meeting to be held on the morning of the first day, consideration will be given to all procedural and organizational matters, including the adoption of the rules of procedure and the agenda, the election of the President of the Conference, the election of officers, the establishment of a Main Committee, if required, the appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee, arrangements for the preparation of the report of the Conference and other matters. At the opening, statements will be made by the President of the Conference, the President of the General Assembly, the President of the Economic and Social Council, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the Chair of the Alliance of Small Island States, the Secretary-General of the Conference and a youth representative. The plenary meeting will then proceed to the general debate.

5. The closing plenary meeting, to be held on the afternoon of the fourth day, is expected to conclude with reporting on the interactive dialogues, to be followed by the adoption of the outcome document and the report of the Conference.

6. The plenary meetings on the second to fourth days will be run in parallel with the interactive dialogues.

##### **B. Interactive dialogues**

7. The fourth International Conference on Small Island Developing States will include five interactive dialogues, to be webcast in parallel with the plenary meetings, as follows:

Second day: morning and afternoon.

Third day: morning and afternoon.

Fourth day: morning.

8. The interactive dialogues should be collaborative and multi-stakeholder in nature, with due regard for gender and geographical balance, and will be focused on addressing existing and new and emerging challenges and opportunities for the sustainable development of small island developing States and ways and means to address them, including through the strengthening of collaborative partnerships between small island developing States and the international community, and will identify priorities for the sustainable development of small island developing States.

9. The Bureau of the Preparatory Committee will be entrusted to finalize the themes of the interactive dialogues, in consultation with Member States and with the support of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States, and relevant United Nations entities.

10. Each interactive dialogue will be presided over by two Co-Chairs, one from a developed State and one from a developing State, to be appointed by the President of the Conference.

11. The outcomes of the interactive dialogues should be reported to the closing plenary meeting of the Conference and included in the final report of the Conference.

### **C. Main Committee**

12. A Main Committee, if established in accordance with the rules of procedure of the Conference, will meet when the plenary meetings are not being held. The Main Committee will be responsible for finalizing any outstanding matters.

## **II. Accreditation: institutional stakeholders**

13. Other relevant intergovernmental organizations, international financial institutions and other interested international bodies that were accredited to the World Summit on Sustainable Development, the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, the High-level Review Meeting on the Implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, the third International Conference on Small Island Developing States, the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, the United Nations Conference on Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, the Review Conference on the Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, the United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development, the international meeting entitled “Stockholm+50: a healthy planet for the prosperity of all – our responsibility, our opportunity”, the 2022 United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development, the Fifth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries and the United Nations Conference on the Midterm Comprehensive Review of the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Decade for Action, “Water for Sustainable Development”, 2018–2028, as well as relevant organizations of the United Nations system, including associate members of

the regional commissions, may participate in the deliberations of the Conference, as appropriate, in accordance with the rules of procedure of the Conference.

14. In addition, interested intergovernmental organizations that were not accredited to the conferences and international meetings referred to in paragraph 13 may apply for accreditation following the established accreditation procedure, subject to the approval of the plenary meeting of the Preparatory Committee or the General Assembly. Information on accreditation will be available on the Conference website ([www.un.org/smallislands](http://www.un.org/smallislands)).

### **III. Accreditation: non-governmental organizations, major groups and other relevant stakeholders**

15. The non-governmental organizations and major groups identified in Agenda 21 and other stakeholders in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, as well as those that were accredited to previous United Nations conferences on the sustainable development of small island developing States, held in Barbados, Mauritius and Samoa, should register in order to participate.

16. In addition, other relevant stakeholders, including the non-governmental organizations not in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, wishing to attend and contribute to the Conference, and whose work is relevant to the subject of the International Conference, may participate as observers in the International Conference, as well as in the preparatory meetings, in accordance with the provisions contained in part VII of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31, subject to the approval of the Preparatory Committee or the General Assembly.

17. In accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31, the secretariat of the Conference should be responsible for the receipt and preliminary evaluation of requests for accreditation to the Conference and its preparatory process. In the discharge of its functions, the secretariat of the Conference should review the relevance of the work of the applicants on the basis of their background and involvement in sustainable development issues, in particular in the process of follow-up to the Barbados Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, the Mauritius Strategy for Implementation and the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway.

18. The Secretariat should publish and disseminate the list of applications received at least one month before the decision is taken by the Preparatory Committee or the General Assembly.