

**Inter-Regional Meeting of SIDS at Ministerial Level
to Review Implementation of the Programme of Action
on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States**

Nassau, The Bahamas, January 26–30, 2004

Provisional Agenda

Monday, January 26, 2004

08.00	Registration	
09.00	Opening Ceremony	
	Welcome Address	Senator The Hon. Marcus Bethel, Minister of Health, Commonwealth of the Bahamas
	Statement	Mr. Anwarul Chowdhury, Secretary General of the Mauritius International Meeting
	Statement	Mr. José Antonio Ocampo, Under Secretary-General, UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs
	Statement	The Hon. Rajesh Bhagwan, Minister of the Environment and National Development Unit of Mauritius, on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States
	Statement	The Hon. Julian Hunte, President of the 58 th Session of the United Nations General Assembly
	Key-Note Address	The Hon. Perry G. Christie, Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas
10.30	Coffee Break	
11.00	Plenary	Election of the Chairman and Bureau Statement by H.E. Borge Brende, Minister of the Environment of Norway, Chairman of CSD 12 Statements by Ministers and Heads of Delegation of SIDS
12.00	Lunch	
13.00	Discussion I	<i>New Challenges and Emerging Issues: Integrating Human and Social Development Imperatives</i> Panel discussion followed by exchange on

recommendations for further implementation of the BPOA

15.30 **Coffee Break**

16.00 **Discussion II** *Implementing National Sustainable Development Strategies*
Panel discussion followed by exchange on recommendations for further implementation of the BPOA

Tuesday, January 27, 2004

09.00 **Plenary** Statements by Ministers and Heads of Delegation of SIDS, Observer States and Heads of Organizations

12.00 **Lunch**

13.00 **Discussion III** *Enhancing competitiveness: trade, finance entrepreneurship and partnerships*
Panel discussion followed by exchange on recommendations for further implementation of the BPOA

15.30 **Coffee Break**

16.00 **Discussion IV** *Promoting cultural diversity, developing cultural industries and empowering youth*
Panel discussion followed by exchange on recommendations for further implementation of the BPOA

Wednesday, January 28, 2004

09.00 **Plenary** Statements by Ministers and Heads of Delegation of SIDS, Observer States and Heads of Organizations

12.00 **Lunch**

13.00 **Discussion V** *Towards knowledge based societies: building capacity for more effective application of science and technology in SIDS*
Panel discussion followed by exchange on

		recommendations for further implementation of the BPOA
15.30	Coffee break	
16.00	Discussion VI	<i>Building resilience: strategies for overcoming risk, uncertainty and vulnerability in SIDS</i> Panel discussion followed by exchange on recommendations for further implementation of the BPOA

Thursday, January 29, 2004

09.00		Consideration of the SIDS' proposed Strategy for Further Implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action
12.00	Lunch	
13.00		Consideration of the SIDS' proposed Strategy for Further Implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action

Friday, January 30, 2004

10.00	Plenary	Report on Civil Society Forum Report on Youth Forum Approval of the SIDS' proposed Strategy for Further Implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action
12.00	Lunch	
15.00	Closing Ceremony	