

# **Inter-Regional Meeting of SIDS to Follow-up on Implementation of the Mauritius Strategy**

**Rome, Italy, 15-16 November 2005**

## **PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA**

### **Tuesday, November 15**

**10.00am – 10.30am: Official Opening Ceremony**  
*Welcoming remarks by the Government of Italy*  
*Statement by Mr. Manuel Dengo, UNDESA*  
*Statement by Mr. Om Pradhan, UNOHRLLS*  
*Statement by H.E. Jagdish Koonjul, Chairman of AOSIS*

**10.30am – 10.45am: Coffee break**

**10.45am – 1.00am:** Introduction of the reports of the three regional meetings.  
**Chair:** H.E. Jagdish Koonjul  
*Interactive discussion with a view to arriving at common priorities and agreed strategies on how implementation of the MSI might most effectively be pursued in the first implementation period.*  
*UNDESA will provide an overview. It is expected that the three reports will be introduced by the respective delegates from the host countries, St. Kitts and Nevis, Samoa and Seychelles (the reports can be found on SIDSNet). Representatives of government and civil society as well as representatives of regional inter-governmental organizations and agencies of the UN system may also contribute to the discussion on the regional outcomes and the potential for inter-regional cooperation.*

**1.00pm – 2.30pm: Lunch**

**2.30pm – 5.00pm: Moderated Discussion on Trade and Investment.**  
Moderator: Dr. Pierre Encontre, UNCTAD  
**Issues to be covered include economic diversification, micro-enterprise development, niche identification, market access as well as an update on the Smaller Economies Work Programme in light of the upcoming WTO meeting in Hong Kong.**  
*Focus will be on practical, strategic actions for implementation. Consideration will also be given to the specific partnerships being proposed by the three regions, including engagement with development partners and UN agency representatives. Participants will be given an opportunity to highlight specific national and regional experiences that could be viewed as best practices.*

### **Wednesday, November 16**

**9.00am – 11.00am: Moderated Discussion on Vulnerability and Resilience Building.**  
**Issues to be covered include climate change adaptation, energy, natural disaster mitigation and response.**  
*Focus will be on practical, strategic actions for implementation. Consideration will also be given to the specific partnerships being proposed by the three regions, including engagement with development partners and UN agency representatives. Participants will also have an opportunity to highlight specific national and regional experiences that could be viewed as best practices.*

**11.00am – 11.15am: Coffee Break**

**11.15am – 1.00pm: Moderated Discussion on Enhancing Social Capital**  
**Consideration of challenges including capacity development, health, education, youth, poverty alleviation mechanisms, national sustainable development strategy.**  
*Focus will be on practical, strategic actions for implementation. Consideration will also be given to the specific partnerships being proposed by the different regions, seeking the views of development partners and UN agency representatives. In addition, delegates will be given an opportunity to highlight specific national and regional experiences that could be viewed as best practices.*

**1.00pm – 2.30pm:**

**Lunch**

**2.30pm – 3.45pm:**

**Consideration of the SIDS Interregional Programme**

Chair: H.E. Jagdish Koonjul

*Finalization of a consolidated programme based on proposals agreed by the three regions for attention in the first implementation period. Discussion will include indicative support from the UN system and regional IGOs. Consideration will also be given to strengthening the SIDS interregional mechanism for coordinated implementation of the MSI.*

**3.45pm – 4.00pm**

**Coffee Break**

**4.00pm – 5.30pm**

**Adoption of the Statement of Rome on SIDS Strategy and Action toward implementation of the Mauritius Strategy.**

Chair: H.E. Jagdish Koonjul

*Consideration of a political statement on a coordinated approach to Mauritius Strategy implementation, in cooperation with all development partners.*