



## **Inter-Regional Review Meeting for the 5-year High-Level Review of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island States (SIDS)**

**Saturday, 8 May, 2010**

### **Introduction**

The UN General Assembly in its resolution 62/191 decided to “review progress made in addressing the vulnerabilities of Small Island developing States through the implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for Implementation at the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly”. The review process was further elaborated upon in GA resolution 63/213 which states, “that the review should provide the international community with an opportunity to conduct an assessment of the progress made, lessons learned and constraints encountered in the implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for Implementation and agree on what needs to be done to further address the vulnerabilities of SIDS”. In addition, GA resolution 64/199, “Decides to convene regional preparatory meetings of small island developing States in their respective regions, as well as an interregional meeting for all small island developing States, to undertake the review of the Mauritius Strategy for Implementation”; and “..requests the President of the General Assembly to present a concise draft political declaration based on, inter alia, inputs from the preparatory meetings, at an appropriate date to enable sufficient consideration and agreement by Member States”.

In pursuant of the above resolutions, three regional preparatory meetings have been completed in the Pacific, AIMS and Caribbean, based on regional synthesis of National Assessment Reports presented by member States. As part of the preparatory process, the Division for Sustainable Development of UN-DESA is organizing an interregional meeting on 8 May, 2010 in the margins of the CSD-18, ahead of the SIDS Day of CSD-18 on 10 May, 2010, which will serve as the PrepCom for the high-level review meeting during the 65<sup>th</sup> Session of the General Assembly in September 2010, in accordance with CSD resolution 17/2.

### **Purpose**

The purpose of the interregional meeting is to provide a forum for SIDS to discuss and agree on desired outcomes of the PrepCom and the High-Level Review.

### **Objectives**

- To consider the Outcome Statements from the three regional preparatory meetings and agree on a process for incorporating them into, as well as agree on elements for, the concise draft political declaration, pursuant to paragraph 4 of 64/199;
- To agree on other tangible Outcomes that places focus on implementation.

PROPOSED WORK PROGRAMME

	Time	Session	Comment
Open Segment	8.30-10.00	Registration	Registration desk will be set up in the GA lobby.
	10.00 – 10:30 am	<b>Opening Session:</b> Chair: Grenada  Opening Statements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DESA ASG &amp; OHRLLS</li> </ul>	Opening Statements by ASG has to be balanced with USG's Opening on SIDS Day as PreCom
	10.30 – 11.30am (1 hour)	<b>Reports - Regional Preparatory Meetings:</b> i. AIMS ii. Caribbean iii. Pacific	Presentation by Regional Chairs - 20 minutes each
	11.30am - 12:30pm [1 hour]	- Global assessment, common issues and priorities  - Possible options for accelerating sustainable development in SIDS.	Overview by the DESA, followed by discussion
	1.00pm-3.00pm	LUNCH – SIDE EVENT on “mainstreaming sustainable development and assessment of vulnerability-resilience profiles”	Co-organized by the Commonwealth Secretariat and the SIDS Unit.
Closed segment	3.00pm-6.00pm	Discussions on possible Elements for a Political Declaration	Presentation by AOSIS Working Group on Sustainable Development, followed by discussion among SIDS delegations.