

## **PROPOSED THEMES AND SCENARIO FOR SIDS 4 INTERACTIVE DIALOGUES**

### **Introduction**

Paras 7-11 of A/conf.223/2024/pc/L1 describes the Interactive Dialogues (ID) for SIDS4. There will be 5 ID of 2 hours each, to 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.

### **Proposed Broad Scenario for ID**

**Panel:** 2 Co Chairs, 2 Heads of State/Government, 2 Heads of Institutions/Experts/Resource Persons, 1 Facilitator

1. Co-Chairs Open Dialogues and give their statements (3 mins each) then hands floor to Fireside Chat Facilitator
2. Facilitator begins Fireside Chat between 2 Heads of State (30 mins) then hands floor back to Co Chairs to proceed with the Meeting
3. Co Chairs then invite the 2 Heads of Institutions/Experts/Resources person to respond to the ideas and issues raised by the Heads (5 mins each)
4. Co Chairs then open the Floor for dialogue (1 hr 15 mins). In statements member states will be encouraged to share their thoughts on the specific raised in the ID and to announce Initiatives/Partnerships that can address the core challenges raised in the ID

### **Proposed Themes**

#### **1. Revitalizing small island developing States economies for accelerated and sustainable growth**

*Considering the challenges faced by SIDS across the three dimensions of sustainable development as well as those caused by external shocks, climate change, sea-level rise, rapid coastal erosion, the discussion should identify collective action towards enhancing SIDS' economic diversification, building resilience and disaster recovery, and propelling sustainable development through strategies, policies, and initiatives. This theme would focus on practical steps, partnerships, and policies, including to utilize the blue economy for SIDS' sustainable growth, tourism, marine management, ocean industry expansion, renewable energy, and ecosystem conservation.*

#### **2. Enhancing critical forms of financing and aid effectiveness through collaborative partnerships: a conversation**

*Encompass dialogues on global financial reform, utilizing MVI insights, and policymaking to improve financial stability, enable debt relief, and meet SDGs, with a focus on shared partnership and private sector collaboration.*

### **3. Making climate finance work for small island developing States: building on the outcomes of the twenty-eighth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change**

*The discussions should explore ways to significantly increase the provision and mobilization of climate finance, addressing both adaptation and loss and damage and upscaling solutions to climate change. Engagement in this theme should strategize around the outcome of COP28 to fulfill the international community's commitment to limiting the global temperature rise to 1.5 degrees, safeguarding our planet, its inhabitants, and its biodiversity, and preventing the breaching further irreversible tipping points and surpassing of planetary boundaries, in accordance with the 2030 Agenda and Paris Agreement.*

### **4. Leveraging data and digital technologies and building effective institutions for a resilient future in small island developing States**

*Explore strategies and actions to bridge data gaps and enhance technological and institutional capacities that empower evidence-based policymaking. The dialogue can explore tangible steps to implement and utilize the SIDS data hub and leverage recommendations from the Global Digital Compact to advance the adoption of digital technologies and infrastructure, building resilience and sustainable development in SIDS.*

### **5. Investing in human capital: addressing health crises in small island developing States and building the potential of youth in small island developing States**

*This theme will facilitate focused discussions on developing actions to enhance social and human capital, addressing health, including mental health, and education as pivotal components for unlocking opportunities for youth.*

The Secretariat will prepare short and concise Background Notes to inform each Interactive Dialogue