UNOPS participation at SIDS4

At the 4th conference of Small Island Development States (SIDS) to be held in Antigua and Barbuda, UNOPS will join global leaders, development partners and other UN entities to underpin its commitment to governments involved at local, national and regional level.

- A General Statement will be delivered to affirm UNOPS commitment to supporting sustainable development at SIDS. This will be addressed on 29 May in the General Debate.

- UNOPS’ engagement at the conference includes participation in interactive dialogues and side events.

- The UNOPS delegation will be led by Jorge Moreira da Silva, UN Under-Secretary-General and UNOPS Executive Director, who will participate in different dialogues, side events and meetings as part of the SIDS4 Conference.

The 4th International Conference on Small Island Developing States (SIDS4) from 27 to 30 May in St John’s, Antigua and Barbuda, is convened by the United Nations and Member States. It will bring together national, regional and local governments, representatives from civil society, community groups, research institutions and academia, the private sector, international financial institutions (IFIs), foundations, the media, and UN organizations.

During the event, the international community will gather to review sustainable development progress in small island countries. In addition, a new 10-year Programme of Action for SiDS will be adopted.

**UNOPS participation**

UNOPS will reaffirm its commitment to assisting the governments of SIDS to face their development and environmental challenges, particularly in infrastructure development, sustainable procurement, project oversight and financial administration.
UNOPS will use the opportunity of SIDS4 to highlight the importance of sustainable, resilient, and inclusive infrastructure, long-term infrastructure planning, sustainable procurement, a reform of climate finance to enable investments without escalating debt, and the role of partnerships and practical solutions to accelerate progress on the SDGs and build resilience and prosperity in SIDS.

To see our full list of events at SIDS4, please visit unops.org/SIDS4.

During the general debate, a statement from UNOPS will be delivered by Jorge Moreira da Silva, UN Under-Secretary-General and UNOPS Executive Director, to highlight UNOPS commitment to sustainable development and a resilient future for the SIDS.

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Notes to the editors:

UNOPS' speeches and statements during SIDS4 will be published on our website www.unops.org after delivery.

Invitation to journalists
Journalists are invited to attend the events mentioned above, as an opportunity to know more about UNOPS support to Small Developing Island States in their climate and development challenges.

Interview opportunities
As part of the participation of UN Under-Secretary-General and UNOPS Executive Director, Jorge Moreira da Silva, he would be available ahead of the conference for interviews. He can provide valuable insights into how UNOPS works with our SIDS partners to drive change and respond to their sustainable development and climate challenges.

Social media updates during SIDS4
During the conference, regular updates will be published at UNOPS social media accounts. Follow UNOPS on X/Twitter for all the latest.
In addition, UNOPS Executive Director's participation at the conference can be followed through his X/Twitter and LinkedIn social media accounts.

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