

Tentative Programme

10–10.30 a.m. Welcome by H.E. Dr. Marion Williams, Ambassador, Permanent Mission of Barbados to the United Nations Office and other international organizations at Geneva

Opening statement by Senator the Honourable Maxine McClean, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, Barbados

Opening statement by H.E. Mr. John Ashe, President, General Assembly of the United Nations (to be confirmed)

SESSION 1: Economic and environmental sustainability

Moderator: H.E. Dr. Marion Williams, Ambassador, Permanent Mission of Barbados to the United Nations Office and other international organizations at Geneva

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Measuring the vulnerability of SIDS: Professor Lino Pascal Briguglio, Professor of Economics, University of Malta

Threshold effects of sovereign debt: Dr. Kevin Greenidge, Senior Economist, International Monetary Fund

Interactive debate

Tourism and SIDS: Performance, challenges and sustainability: Dr. Keith Nurse, Executive Director, University of the West Indies Consulting and Chair, University of the West Indies World Trade Organization Chairs Programme

Ocean economy and SIDS: Professor Dr. Hans-Otto Pörtner, Alfred Wegener Institute and Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change

Interactive debate

SESSION 2: High-level round-table discussion: Prospects for small island developing States and suggested future approaches

3–5 p.m. Dr. Mukhisa Kituyi, Secretary-General, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

Mr. Roberto Azevêdo, Director-General, World Trade Organization

Senator the Honourable Maxine McClean, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, Barbados

Mr. Kamallesh Sharma, Secretary-General, Commonwealth Secretariat (to be confirmed)

Professor Jeffrey Sachs, Director, Earth Institute, Quetelet Professor of Sustainable Development and Professor of Health Policy and Management, Columbia University (to be confirmed)

Ms. Arancha González, Executive Director, International Trade Centre

Speaker from the Pacific islands (to be confirmed)

H.E. Dr. Len Ishmael, Ambassador, Organization of Eastern Caribbean States, Belgium

Interactive debate