



**EXPERT MEETING**

# Revisiting development strategies for small island developing States in the post-pandemic competitive landscape

**Geneva and online**  
**24 October 2022**

## **Programme**

**Monday, 24 October 2022**

3–6 p.m. CEST

- Item 1** Election of officers
- Item 2** Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
- Item 3** Revisiting development strategies for small island developing States in the post-pandemic competitive landscape

**Opening** Ms. Rebeca Grynspan, Secretary-General, UNCTAD (via recorded message)

**Introduction** Mr. Paul Akiwumi, Director, Division for Africa, Least Developed Countries and Special Programmes, UNCTAD

### **Panellists**

- The Right Honourable Patricia Scotland, Secretary-General, Commonwealth Secretariat
- Dr. Hyginus Leon, President, Caribbean Development Bank
- H.E. Mr. Chad Blackman, Senior Adviser to the Director-General, International Labour Organization, and former Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Barbados to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva and Coordinator of the group of small island developing States in Geneva
- H.E. Mrs. Usha Chandnee Dwarka-Canabady, Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Mauritius to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva
- H.E. Mrs. Mereswalesi Falemaka, Permanent Observer, Permanent Delegation of the Pacific Islands Forum to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva

- H.E. Mr. Umej Singh Bhatia, Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Singapore to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva

#### **Main issues for discussion**

- How can small island developing States design their development strategies to foster sustained and inclusive development pathways?
- What post-pandemic transformations are needed in small island developing States to build resilience to shocks?
- What are the experiences small island developing States in building resilience to shocks, and what lessons can be drawn for post-COVID-19 recovery?

#### **Interactive debate**

**Item 4** Adoption of the report of the meeting