

Draft programme

10 – 10.20 a.m.	Opening session
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcoming remarks: H.E. Ms. Marion V. Williams, Ambassador, Permanent Mission of Barbados to the United Nations Office and other international organizations at Geneva • Opening address: Ms. Anne Miroux, Director, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD
10.20 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Session 1: SIDS transport and trade logistics-related challenges – an introduction to key issues and response measures
	<p>This session will introduce the topic, highlight some relevant transport and trade logistics-related challenges facing SIDS, including in relation to their size, remoteness, external trade dependence and geographical isolation, and explore ways in which these can be effectively addressed. The perspective of SIDS in relation to these challenges, including their response measures and approaches, will also be presented.</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SIDS and their transport-related challenges – introduction and overview: Mr. José María Rubiato, Head, Trade Logistics Branch, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD • Liner shipping connectivity and transport costs in SIDS: Mr. Jan Hoffmann, Chief, Trade Facilitation Section, Trade Logistics Branch, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD • International Maritime Organization support for the maritime development of SIDS: Mr. Ivaylo Valev, Head, Technical Cooperation Division, International Maritime Organization • Far beyond 20-foot equivalent units, passengers and tons – which framework to ensure a sustainable growth for SIDS: Mr. Yann Alix, General Delegate, Fondation Sefacil <p>Panellists – The perspective of SIDS; national and regional experiences:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport challenges facing SIDS in the Pacific region: Ms. Mere Falemaka, Permanent Representative, Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat Geneva Office • Indian Ocean Commission strategies for coping with the challenges related to maritime transport in the South-West Indian Ocean region: Mr. Raj Mohabeer, Chargé de mission, Indian Ocean Commission • Developing maritime shipping among SIDS – the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States maritime shipping cluster: Ms. Natasha Edwin-Walcott, Technical Attaché, Permanent Delegation of the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva • Ms. Christiane Leong Ho Yng, Expert, Infrastructure Development and

	<p>Economic Services, African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States Secretariat</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Janet Strachan, Adviser and Head, Climate Finance and Small States Section, Economic Policy Division, Commonwealth Secretariat <p>Interactive discussion</p>
<p>3 – 4.15 p.m.</p>	<p>Session 2: Climate change impacts and adaptation for coastal transport infrastructure in SIDS</p>
	<p>This session will focus on climate change impacts and adaptation, highlighting the importance of enhancing the climate resilience of critical transport infrastructure in SIDS. Port and airport infrastructure and operations in SIDS may be severely affected by climate-related impacts, with broader implications for trade, tourism and, more generally, the economic development prospects of these vulnerable nations. Identifying relevant impacts and developing appropriate adaptation response measures is therefore of considerable importance, as is addressing related issues, such as information gaps, capacity requirements and financial needs.</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate change impacts and adaptation for transport infrastructure in SIDS – the case for action: Ms. Regina Asariotis, Chief, Policy and Legislation Section, Trade Logistics Branch, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD • Climate change and climate variability – critical risk factors for air and seaport operations in SIDS: Mr. Leonard Nurse (University of the West Indies), Chair, Board of Directors, Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre and Coordinating Lead Author for the small islands chapter of the Fourth Assessment Report of the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change • Adaptation measures against climatic changes in the South-West Indian Ocean region: Mr. Raj Mohabeer, Chargé de mission, Indian Ocean Commission <p>Interactive discussion</p>

4.15 – 5.30 p.m.	Session 3: Financing sustainable and resilient transport systems
	<p>This session aims to identify relevant financial barriers and constraints that undermine the transport and trade logistics infrastructure and services of SIDS. Response measures, including financing arrangements and policies required to address existing financial gaps, will be considered, especially with a view to strengthening maritime transport systems and ensuring sustainability and climate resilience. Discussions will consider actions taken by SIDS and draw attention to supporting measures and policies required to scale up and diversify sources of financing and promote innovative financing instruments (e.g. public–private partnerships, infrastructure bonds and climate finance). The role of Government, government agencies, the private sector, finance institutions (including foreign direct investment) and specialized funds will also be highlighted.</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction: Ms. Frida Youssef, Economic Affairs Officer, Transport Section, Trade Logistics Branch, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD • Investment facilities in the Caribbean and the Pacific: Ms. Christiane Leong Ho Yng, Expert, Infrastructure Development and Economic Services, African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States Secretariat • Access to climate finance for low-carbon and climate-resilient transport system development in SIDS: Ms. Janet Strachan, Adviser and Head, Climate Finance and Small States Section, Economic Policy Division, Commonwealth Secretariat • Public–private partnerships for transport development in the context of SIDS – the case of the Caribbean: Mr. Carl Howell, Economist, Caribbean Development Bank • Promoting sustainable public procurements and public–private partnerships: Ms. Oshani Perera, Programme Leader, Public Procurement and Infrastructure Finance, International Institute for Sustainable Development <p>Interactive discussion</p>
5.30 – 6 p.m.	Conclusions and way forward
	Summary of key messages, conclusions and way forward