

# The ABAS Outcome Document

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# Small Island Developing States

37 UN member states and 20 associate members of regional commissions. Across three regions: Pacific, Caribbean, and Atlantic, Indian Ocean and South China Sea.

Supported at the global level by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States.

UN Sustainable Development Group (Funds, Agencies, Programmes) coordinated by RC system

Also supported through their own intergovernmental organizations and agencies at the regional and sub-regional level, for example the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), and by the Council of Regional Organizations of the Pacific (CROP) Agencies.

# Significance of international agreements on SIDS

Spotlight the challenges faced by SIDS and highlight SIDS' priorities.

Avenue to build support from the international community, including donors, for these priorities.

Help direct the international community's support, including the UN system.

- international agreements are reflected in the UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks at the country level

Allow to measure progress and to identify gaps.

# Fourth International Conference on SIDS

Hosted by Antigua and Barbuda, on 27 to 30 May 2024.

Overarching theme “Charting the Course toward Resilient Prosperity.”

Attended by approximately 3,000 registered participants, from 121 countries, the UN system and stakeholders.

25% of the registered stakeholders were under the age of 30.

Plenary meetings, five parallel multi-stakeholder interactive dialogues on priority issues for SIDS, a high-level meeting on resource mobilization and over 200 side events.

# The Antigua and Barbuda Agenda for SIDS – A Renewed Declaration for Resilient Prosperity

- I. The SIDS Story
- II. What do SIDS want?
- III. How do SIDS get there?
- IV. A more effective UN in support of SIDS
- V. Monitoring and evaluation

Drafted and led by the Alliance of Small Islands States (AOSIS)



# The SIDS Story

Framed through the lens of vulnerability

Disproportionate impact of global crisis on SIDS, in particular rapidly accelerating impacts of climate change



# What do SIDS want

## **Build resilient economies:**

Expand productive capacities; increase trade and investment; promote resilient and sustainable tourism, promote sustainable ocean-based economies

## **Foster safe, healthy and prosperous societies:**

Strengthen health systems; build strong institutions; achieve gender equality, empower youth and leave no one behind

## **A secure future:**

Foster sustainable energy transitions; integrated water resource management; food security; resilient infrastructure

## **Environmental protection and planetary sustainability:**

Urgent action on climate change; conserve and sustainable use the ocean; restore biodiversity; mainstream disaster risk reduction



# How do SIDS get there?

Reform the international financial architecture

Access to affordable concessional finance

Increase effectiveness of development finance

Sustainable management of debt

Scaled-up action on climate change and biodiversity

Ocean-based actions

Productive populations

Science, technology, innovation and digitalization

Data collection and analysis



# Two key issues: Debt sustainability and Climate finance

Expand multilateral lending

Establish a Debt Sustainability Support Service

New and innovative mechanisms to manage debt – Debt for Nature Swaps

Meet existing international commitments on climate finance

Facilitate easier access to climate funds

Timely operationalization and implementation of the loss and damage fund



## Key Deliverables:

A Debt Sustainability Support Service

New and innovative mechanisms to manage debt – Debt for Nature Swaps

The MVI

The SIDS Center of Excellence

The ABAS M&E Framework



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