

# 4<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SMALL ISLAND DEVELOPING STATES PRESS BRIEFING PROGRAMME



DATE	TIME	TITLE	SPEAKERS	LOCATION
27-May-2024	12:30 PM	<b>PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT - EU ENGAGEMENT WITH THE SIDS: MAKING CHANGE HAPPEN THROUGH GLOBAL GATEWAY</b>	<b>Speakers:</b> <b>Ms Jutta Urpilainen</b> , EU Commissioner for International Partnerships	Press Briefing room, First Floor, North Block
27-May-2024	1:30 PM	<b>OPENING PRESS CONFERENCE</b>  <b>Summary:</b> H.E. Paul Chet Greene, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Agriculture, Trade and Barbuda Affairs, Antigua and Barbuda together with Li Junhua, Secretary-General of the Conference and UN Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, Rabab Fatima, Special Adviser on the Conference and UN High Representative for Small Island Developing States will brief journalists on expectations for the SIDS4 Conference.	<b>Speakers:</b> <b>Li Junhua</b> , Secretary-General of the Conference and UN Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs <b>H.E. Paul Chet Greene</b> , Minister of Foreign Affairs, Agriculture, Trade and Barbuda Affairs, Antigua and Barbuda <b>Rabab Fatima</b> , Special Adviser on the Conference and UN High Representative for Small Island Developing States  Moderated by <b>Sharon Birch</b> , Spokesperson, SIDS4 Conference	Press Briefing room, First Floor, North Block

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28-May-2024	11:30 AM	<b>PRESS CONFERENCE – GLOBAL REPORT ON FOOD CRISES 2024</b>	<b>Speakers:</b> <b>Maximo Torero</b> , Chief Economist, FAO	Press Briefing room, First Floor, North Block
		<b>Summary:</b> Maximo Torero, Chief Economist, FAO, will present the Global Report on Food Crises 2024. The report analyzes the drivers of acute food insecurity (conflicts, economic shocks, and weather extremes), and offers an analysis at the global, regional, and country levels.	Moderated by <b>Sharon Birch</b> , Spokesperson, SIDS4 Conference	
28-May-2024	12:30 PM	<b>DAILY PRESS BRIEFING PRESS CONFERENCE – REVITALIZING SIDS ECONOMIES TO BUILD RESILIENCE</b>	<b>Speakers:</b> <b>Achim Steiner</b> , Administrator, UNDP <b>Sanda Ojiambo</b> , CEO and Executive Director, UN Global Compact <b>Zoritsa Urosevic</b> , Executive Director, UN Tourism	Press Briefing room, First Floor, North Block
		<b>Summary:</b> Achim Steiner, Administrator, UNDP together with Sanda Ojiambo, CEO and Executive Director, UN Global Compact and Zoritsa Urosevic, Executive Director, UN Tourism will brief journalists on the debt crisis in SIDS and practical solutions to boost economies.	Moderated by <b>Sharon Birch</b> , Spokesperson, SIDS4 Conference	

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28-May-2024	3:00 PM	<p><b>PRESS CONFERENCE – IMPORTANCE OF UNIVERSAL AND MEANINGFUL CONNECTIVITY TO OVERCOME SIDS CHALLENGES</b></p> <p><b>Summary:</b> Dr Cosmas Luckyson Zavazava, Director, Telecommunication Development Bureau, IT, will brief journalists on the importance of universal and meaningful connectivity to overcome SIDS challenges and the key role played by digital technologies to drive sustainable digital transformation in SIDS across the board.</p>	<p><b>Speakers:</b> <b>Cosmas Luckyson Zavazava</b>, Director, the Telecommunication Development Bureau, ITU</p> <p>Moderated by <b>Sharon Birch</b>, Spokesperson, SIDS4 Conference</p>	Press Briefing room, First Floor, North Block
29-May-2024	10:00 AM	<p><b>BRIEFING BY TUVALU, VANUATU AND MARSHALL ISLANDS ON THE FOSSIL FUEL NON-PROLIFERATION INITIATIVE</b></p>		Press Briefing room, First Floor, North Block
29-May-2024	11:00 AM	<p><b>PRESS CONFERENCE – LAUNCH OF THE BLUE AND GREEN ISLAND INTEGRATED PROGRAMME - A USD 135 MILLION INITIATIVE</b></p> <p><b>Summary:</b> Achim Steiner, UNDP Administrator and Carlos Manuel, CEO and Chairman, GEF, will brief journalists on a new US\$135 million initiative – the Blue and Green Island Integrated Programme (BGI-IP) led by UNDP in partnership with UNEP, FAO, the World Bank, WWF-US, IUCN and other partners.</p>	<p><b>Speakers:</b> <b>Achim Steiner</b>, Administrator, UNDP <b>Carlos Manuel</b>, Chairman, GEF</p> <p>Moderated by <b>Sharon Birch</b>, Spokesperson, SIDS4 Conference</p>	Press Briefing room, First Floor, North Block

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30-May-2024	12:30 PM	<b>BRIEFING BY PACIFIC AND CARIBBEAN CIVIL SOCIETIES ON CLIMATE CHANGE PRIORITIES AND FOSSIL FUEL NON-PROLIFERATION</b>		Press Briefing room, First Floor, North Block
30-May-2024	4:00 PM	<b>CLOSING PRESS CONFERENCE</b>  <b>Summary:</b> Gaston Browne, Honorable Prime Minister of Antigua and Barbuda, Amina J. Mohammed, UN Deputy Secretary-General together with Li Junhua, Secretary-General of the Conference and UN Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs and Rabab Fatima, Special Adviser on the Conference and UN High Representative for Small Island Developing States will brief journalists on key outcomes of the Conference.	<b>Speakers:</b> <b>Gaston Browne</b> , Honorable Prime Minister of Antigua and Barbuda <b>Amina J. Mohammed</b> , UN Deputy Secretary-General <b>Li Junhua</b> , Secretary-General of the Conference and UN Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs <b>Rabab Fatima</b> , Special Adviser on the Conference and UN High Representative for Small Island Developing States  Moderated by	Press Briefing room, First Floor, North Block

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