



SIDS4 GLOBAL CSO SUMMIT

A SIDS4 CONFERENCE EVENT FOR CIVIL SOCIETY ACROSS ALL SIDS REGIONS

Connecting CSOs through Collaboration

A Civil Society Engagement in the Implementation of the Antigua and Barbuda Agenda for SIDS (ABAS)

Tradewinds Hotel, Conference Room

27 May 2024, 12:00 - 9:30 PM

Background

Integrated Health Outreach (IHO) in partnership with the SIDS4 CSO Coalition is hosting a Global CSO Summit with the aim of fostering an inclusive and interactive dialogue among civil society organizations (CSOs) from all Small Island Developing States (SIDS) regions. This summit serves as a platform for CSOs to collectively address pressing issues facing their communities and is the culmination of engagement activities held from May 1st - 26th. The Global CSO Summit emphasizes the importance of promoting climate mitigation and adaptation through the intersection of gender equality, social justice, and the empowerment of vulnerable groups within the context of sustainable development in SIDS.

The Global CSO Summit also seeks to amplify the voices of CSOs and marginalized communities, ensuring their perspectives are central to discussions surrounding policy formulation, resource allocation, and implementation strategies. By providing a space for knowledge-sharing, networking, and capacity-building, the Global CSO Summit empowers CSOs to advocate for inclusive and equitable solutions tailored to the unique challenges faced by SIDS regions.

Furthermore, the Summit is a platform for CSOs to leverage collective action and partnerships, facilitating the exchange of best practices and innovative approaches to address shared concerns such as climate change adaptation, sustainable livelihoods, and building resilience to external shocks. Through this interactive dialogue session, the SIDS4 CSO Coalition aims to strengthen the role of civil society in driving positive change and advancing the sustainable development agenda in SIDS regions on a global scale.

This event is open to all CSOs with pre-registration required. The Global CSO Summit is divided into two segments. Segment 1 consists of plenary sessions for the discussion of the SIDS4 CSO Roadmap and Action Plan and the future of the SIDS4 CSO Coalition. The intention is to establish a continuous mechanism for SIDS CSOs to communicate and connect across the decade of actions. Segment 2 is a networking opportunity for CSOs to connect after the Global CSO Summit plenary sessions and with each other, post-conference Day 1. Pre-registration is required for the Global CSO Summit as space is limited. Virtual accommodations will be made via the Zoom Platform.

The event is held in English only, with closed captions provided through the Zoom platform.

Themes

- *Environment, Climate Change, and Resource Sustainability*
- *Gender Equality, Women's Issues and Rights*
- *Persons with Disabilities*
- *Youth Empowerment and Vulnerable Populations*
- *Healthcare, Recovery Services, and Disaster Responsiveness*
- *Education, Skill Capacity Building*
- *Finance and Access to Financial Vehicles*
- *Technology, Infrastructure,*
- *Creative Innovation and Economic Diversification*

AGENDA

<u>Segment 1: Plenary Sessions</u>	
<u>12:00 - 12:15</u> <u>15 minutes</u>	<u>Opening: Remarks and Introductions</u>
<u>12:15 - 1:00 PM</u> <u>45 minutes</u>	<u>LUNCH</u>
<u>1:15 - 1:45 PM</u> <u>30 minutes</u>	<u>Session 1: Actions and commitments by civil society towards an inclusive implementation of the Antigua and Barbuda Agenda for SIDS (ABAS)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Next Steps and Continuity of Actions</u> - <u>CSO Commitments and Inclusion Advocacy</u> - <u>Annual Virtual SIDS CSO Conference - Assessing Progress</u>
<u>2:00 - 2:45 PM</u> <u>45 minutes</u>	<u>Session 2: Curating collaboration among SIDS civil society - Post-Conference Connection</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Sustaining Connection: SIDS CSO Coalition HUB</u> - <u>Commitment to Cross-Project Collaboration</u> - <u>Knowledge-sharing Across SIDS Regions</u>
<u>BREAKOUT DISCUSSION 1: 3:00 - 3:45 PM</u>	
<u>1A</u> <u>45 minutes</u>	<u>Session 3: Technology: Delivering Data and Evidence-Based Solutions</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Climate Change Research and Access</u> - <u>Local Community Inputs - Methods, and Shared Experiences</u>
<u>1B</u> <u>45 minutes</u>	<u>Session 4: Sustainable Development in SIDS</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Regenerative Tourism as a Source for Climate Action</u> - <u>Economic Diversification in SIDS: New Industry</u>

<u>BREAKOUT DISCUSSION 1: 4:00 - 4:45 PM</u>	
<u>BreakOut 2A</u> <u>45 minutes</u>	<u>Session 5: Gender Equality: Empowering Women & Girls</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Access to Healthcare and Support Services Post-Disaster</u> - <u>Natural Resource Access Impact on Increasing GBV</u>
<u>BreakOut 2B</u> <u>45 minutes</u>	<u>Session 6: Securing our Common Future, Youth and the Next Generation</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Education and Opportunities: Women and Girls in STEM</u> - <u>SIDS Future - Space for SIDS</u> - <u>Youth Perspectives for Action Now</u>
<u>4:45-5:00 PM</u> <u>15 minutes</u>	<u>SEGMENT 1 CLOSING REMARKS</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>IHO Remarks</u> ● <u>SIDS4 CSO Coalition Members Remarks</u> ● <u>EF GFW Partner Remarks</u> ● <u>SIDS Regions Remarks</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <u>Caribbean</u> ○ <u>Pacific</u> ○ <u>AIS</u>
<u>SEGMENT 2: NETWORKING SESSION BEGINS</u>	

References:

1. [Stakeholder Briefing Meeting IHO CSO Statement on Zero Outcome Draft Document](#)
2. [Second Preparatory Committee Meeting IHO - SIDS4 CSO Coalition - CSO Statement](#)

Notes on Speakers: In-Person Speakers will be invited to the session from those applying through the UN DESA Call for Speakers, directly from those nominated or expressing interest. *A virtual application for speakers for the various segments from networks and the SIDS4 CSO Coalition Network.*