



Guidelines for Major Groups' Participation in the 5-year review of the Mauritius Strategy of Implementation for Small Island Developing States (SIDS) High-level Review Session

Introduction

In accordance with UN General Assembly Resolutions 63/213 and 62/191, the United Nations will hold a [High-level Review session on progress in the implementation of the Mauritius Strategy of Implementation \(MSI\) for Small Island Developing States \(SIDS\)](#) in September 2010, five years after its adoption in 2005.

[GA Resolution A/RES/64/199](#), outlining the proposed follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, “stresses the need for the effective participation of civil society, in particular non-governmental organizations and other major groups, in preparing for the high-level review, as well as the need to ensure appropriate arrangements, taking into account the practice and experience gained at the International Meeting held in Mauritius, for their substantive contributions to and active involvement in the preparatory meetings and the high-level review, and in this context invites the President of the General Assembly, in consultation with Member States, to propose to Member States appropriate modalities for their effective involvement in the High-level Review”.

This information note aims at providing major group organizations¹ with information on how they can contribute to the review of the Mauritius Strategy of Implementation, including participation in the preparatory process and the High-level Review Session. It is prepared by the Secretariat of the High-level Review Session (HLRS) in 2009.

- Contributing to the reports of the Secretary General being prepared for CSD 18, serving as a Preparatory Committee during its SIDS day in May 2010 (**deadline passed**)
- Contributing to the National Assessment Reports (NARs) being prepared by the Member States on a voluntary basis, as a vital preparatory step. (**deadline passed**)
- Participating in the three regional preparatory meetings in early 2010 in the Caribbean, Pacific and AIMS

- Participate in the SIDS Day during CSD 18 in May 2010 in New York, which will serve as a preparatory committee meeting for the High Level Review.

For a provisional timeline of the overall preparatory process, see [Annex 3 of the Guidelines for Major Groups Participation in CSD-18](#).

Regional preparatory meetings

The purpose of the regional preparatory meetings is to provide a forum for the SIDS of each region to evaluate continuing national and regional challenges in implementing the Mauritius Strategy as outlined in the respective national assessment reports, to assess ongoing monitoring and evaluation activities, to discuss common priorities for action, and to prepare a regional synthesis report for consideration by CSD-18 acting as the preparatory committee for the high-level review of the Mauritius Strategy in September 2010.

Pacific Regional Meeting

Vanuatu, 8-9 February 2010

The meeting will be organized by the SIDS Unit in collaboration with ESCAP/EPOC, UNEP, UNDP, PIFS, and the South Pacific Forum.

Caribbean Regional Meeting

Grenada, 3-4 March 2010

The meeting will be organized by the SIDS Unit in collaboration with ECLAC, UNDP, CARICOM, and OECS.

AIMS Regional Meeting

Maldives, 9-12 March, 2010 (*to be held over two days, to be confirmed*)

The meeting will be organized by the SIDS Unit in collaboration with the Indian Ocean Commission and UNDP.

Any interested non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and other major groups **MUST** be accredited to the United Nations to participate in the PrepCom to be held during the CSD-18 SIDS Day, or in the High-level Review itself.

[Resolution A/RES/64/199](#)

The application for accreditation requires [submission](#) of the following information:

- a) Name of the organization and pertinent contact information, including address and main contact
- b) Purpose of the organization
- c) Programmes and activities of the organization in areas relevant to the subject of the International Meeting indicating in which country or countries they are carried out
- d) Confirmation of the activities of the organization at the national, regional or international levels
- e) Copies of annual or other reports of the organization, with financial statements and a list of financial sources and contributions, including governmental contributions
- f) A list of the members of the governing body of the organization and their countries of nationality (for international organizations)
- g) A description of the membership of the organization, indicating the total number of members, the names of organizations that are members and their geographical distribution
- h) A copy of the constitution and/or by-laws of the organization

Applications must be entered [on-line](#) by no later than **15 March 2010**.

Additional information that you are unable to input electronically can be mailed to:

Major Groups Programme
Division for Sustainable Development/UN-DESA
2 UN Plaza, DC-2 2212
New York NY 10017 – USA
E-mail: csdmregister@un.org

Registration

SIDS Day Preparatory Meeting, 10 May 2010, New York

Accredited NGOs

ECOSOC-accredited organizations planning to send representatives to the preparatory meeting in New York should follow the instructions [available on the Major Groups' website](#)

Non-accredited NGOs

Your application will be reviewed by the Commission at CSD-18. If your application is accepted, your organization will be able to participate in the CSD-18 SIDS Day PrepCom.

High-level Review session on progress in the implementation of the Mauritius Strategy of Implementation (MSI) for Small Island Developing States (SIDS), Fall 2010 (date to be defined), New York

For Accredited NGOs Only

Pre-registration instructions will be made available in due time on the [Major Groups website](#).