

Summary

SIDS Global Business Network Forum 2024

Introduction

The SIDS Global Business Network (SIDS-GBN) was established during the Third International Conference on Small Island Developing States in Apia, Samoa in 2014 as a resource hub and platform for the facilitation of Public-Private Partnerships that contribute to the UN's SIDS agenda.

The SIDS-GBN Forum 2024 was held on 25-26 May in St. John's, Antigua & Barbuda as a special event of the Fourth International Conference on SIDS.

With the Antigua & Barbuda Agenda for SIDS (ABAS) calling for the private sector and public-private partnerships to support its implementation, the Forum focused on bringing the voice of the private sector into the Fourth Conference and the new SIDS agenda.

The Forum heard from speakers representing the business and investment communities on concrete recommendations and action points in support of the implementation of the ABAS. The Forum also facilitated dialogue between participants consisting of SIDS and donor countries, businesses at all levels from entrepreneurs to international businesses, business support organizations, investors and investment promotion agencies, international organizations, civil society, academia, and youth.

The preparatory process also included the development of two reports. The first report focused on public-private-community partnerships for sustainable and inclusive tourism in SIDS, developed with support from Compete Caribbean, Caribbean Tourism Organization, Pacific Tourism Organization, and African Tourism Council. The second report focused on MSME Financing and was developed with support from the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific and the International Trade Centre. The reports are available [here](#).

Throughout the Forum and its preparatory process, a long list of recommendations and priorities from the business and investment communities towards SIDS Governments and the International Community were articulated. An overview of these is available in Annex iii.

Recommendations articulated at the Forum include:

1. Establish a multi-stakeholder initiative to collectively design blue-green development roadmaps, connect initiatives to funding, and engage local communities in discussions between local

