

The Demographic Prospects of Small Island Developing States:

a UN DESA Global Policy Dialogue

4th International Conference on Small Island Developing States (SIDS4)

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Press Conference Room / Online

Introduction (5 minutes)

Ms. Daphne Ewing-Chow, Moderator

Opening remarks (5 minutes)

Mr. Li Junhua, UN Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs and Secretary-General of the SIDS4 Conference

Keynote remarks (5 minutes)

Mr. Bernard Wagner, Mayor of Belize City

Video (2 minutes)

Interview with Xavier Estico, the CEO of the National Institute of Science Technology and Innovation in Seychelles (from UN DESA)

Panel discussion: Understanding the latest demographic projections for SIDS (40 minutes)

Mr. John Wilmoth, Director, Population Division, UN DESA

Ms. Jenny Karlsen, Deputy Representative, Sub-Regional Office for the Caribbean, UNFPA

Ms. Ashley Lashley, Executive Director, The Ashley Lashley Foundation

Wrap-up (3 minutes)

Moderator