

EMG Nexus Dialogues on Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) – A vehicle to address the triple planetary crisis and to promote a sustainable economic and social transformation.

Paving the way towards a UN Alliance for SDG12

3rd Nexus Series:

UN actions to advance Sustainable Development of SIDS through Tourism: Fostering Sustainable and Circular Solutions

Uniting the UN System to Drive Economic Development and Conserve Environmental and Cultural Ecosystems in SIDS through Sustainable Tourism.

Date: Thursday 30th of May, 10:00-11:30

Venue: Room 9, American University of Antigua, Jabberwock Rd, Osbourn, Antigua & Barbuda

More information on the event: [here](#)

The 10Year Framework on Sustainable Consumption and Production patterns (10YFP) is an intergovernmental agreement established by the UN General Assembly and which reports to the HLPF. [The nexus dialogues](#), organized by the 10YFP Secretariat (serviced by UNEP) in collaboration with the UN Environment Management Group (EMG), UN Tourism, and other UN entities, aim to foster a cohesive UN strategy to integrate circular economy principles in high-impact sectors, such as tourism.

These dialogues are dedicated to enhancing UN cooperation to aid the transformation of the tourism sector in SIDS, acknowledging its vital role in their sustainable development. Tourism is a key economic pillar for many SIDS, contributing to their GDP, and is deeply intertwined with the social and cultural identity of these regions. SIDS face unique challenges due to climate change, biodiversity loss, and pollution, that are intensified by the tourism activities these islands frequently accommodate. The event will focus on the dual objective of promoting sustainable tourism that drives economic development while conserving and protecting the fragile environmental and cultural ecosystems of SIDS. Tourism can also be a catalyzer of sustainability in other sectors: food, buildings, transportation.

Objectives of the Nexus Dialogue: The dialogue aims to showcase and enhance UN coordination in implementing sustainable tourism in SIDS at national and regional levels. This will involve:

- Sharing knowledge and experiences specific to sustainable tourism in the SIDS context.
- Understanding how UN agencies can leverage their expertise and resources to transform tourism value chains in SIDS.
- Identifying opportunities for enhanced collaboration within the UN framework, focusing on SIDS' specific needs.
- Addressing gaps, including financial ones, to provide direct support to SIDS and facilitate the execution of sustainable tourism solutions.

The outcomes of the dialogue will inform the relevant resolutions of the Second Committee of the UN General Assembly and the next version of the Results Framework and Budget of the 10YFP. The dialogue will reinforce UN coordination within the framework of the One Planet Sustainable Tourism Programme, focusing on delivering sustainable tourism responses that ensure environmental and cultural preservation and drive the economic development of SIDS, including through the provision of best practices.

Target Audience: The dialogue will bring together high-level representatives from UN agencies, International Organizations, UN Resident Coordinators, member states (with a focus on SIDS), and representatives of the One Planet network.

Agenda

Time	Agenda item
10:00-10:15	Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Ligia Noronha ASG, Head of UNEP New York Office • Ms Zoritsa Urošević, Executive Director, UN Tourism • Ms Kereeta Whyte, Deputy Permanent Representative of Barbados to the United Nations and the 10YFP Board member
10:15-10:25	Keynote presentation: Delivering as One UN through global partnerships and action frameworks for sustainable tourism, Ms Virginia Fernandez Trapa, Programme Coordinator, Sustainable Tourism and Resilience Department, UN Tourism <p><i>One Planet Sustainable Tourism Programme provides coordination platforms and common action frameworks for UN agencies to work together, mobilize the key actors of tourism – including governments and market leaders – and accelerate the uptake of sustainable and circular solutions in SIDS..</i></p>
10:25-11:20	Panel discussion: Identifying needs and mobilizing tourism sector in the implementation of sustainable development in the SIDS: strategic approaches and interventions led by the UN system across value chains <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tourism as a Catalyzer of Sustainable Agrifood Systems, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), Ms Angélica María Jácome-Daza, Director of the FAO Office of SIDS, LDCs, and LLDCs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How can the tourism sector, in collaboration with FAO, contribute to driving sustainable agrifood systems in Small Island Developing States (SIDS), particularly focusing on reducing food waste along tourism value chains?

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Blue Economy: Driving Sustainable Growth through Tourism, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Ms Renata Rubian, Head of Policy and Programme Unit, Inclusive Growth <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Considering that tourism is a key sector in the Blue Economy, how can UNDP assist in promoting the sustainability of tourism operations, while simultaneously fostering economic opportunities for destinations? - Driving adaptation solutions and finance for SIDS in the tourism sector, UNFCCC, Ms Angela Wagner Associate Program Officer, Adaptation Division <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Considering the unique vulnerabilities of SIDS to climate change, what are some of the key adaptation solutions that UNFCCC has identified which could be beneficial for the tourism sector in these regions? <p>Q&A</p>
11:20-11:30	<p>Outcomes and Strategic Directions - Delivering as ONE UN Alliance for SDG12, UN Tourism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>In this closing segment, the key outcomes of the discussions will be summarized, emphasizing the unified approach of UN agencies towards sustainable tourism development in SIDS.</i>