

International Telecommunication Union
World Telecommunication Development Conference 2014

SMALL ISLAND DEVELOPING STATES (SIDS)

PRE EVENT

CONNECTIVITY FOR SIDS, HIGH-LEVEL DIALOGUE

DUBAI, 29 MARCH 2014

ROOM E

DUBAI WORLD TRADE CENTRE

10:30 – 12:30 HOURS

Small Island Developing States (SIDS) are a special group of developing countries which face social, economic and environmental vulnerabilities. Most common challenges faced by SIDS are high costs for telecommunication infrastructure, energy and transportation, apart from minimum resilience to natural disasters.

Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) have been recognized as one of the key enablers of socio-economic development and environmental sustainability. It is therefore important that SIDS have good connectivity in order for ICTs to play a fundamental role in assisting these small island countries overcoming their unique challenges. ICTs will help improve social, economic, cultural and political developments that will in turn assist SIDS achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

The objective of the pre-event is to explore the main connectivity issues and how ICTs and broadband technologies are crucial in helping SIDS in their efforts. The purpose of the pre-event is also to identify new innovative frameworks and approaches that can be used to help SIDS move to achieve the future they deserve.

The event will bring together high-level participants including Ministers, CEOs of Industry and Development Partners. The outcome will be a report outlining the SIDS connectivity needs and proposed solutions. This outcome document will be highlighted in ITU events planned during the 3rd international conference for SIDS to be held in Samoa, 1-4 September 2014.



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DRAFT PROGRAMME

10:30 – 10:45

Opening Remarks

Mr. Brahima Sanou, Director, Telecommunication Development Bureau
International Telecommunications Union

10:45 – 11:00

BDT Presentation – Connectivity project for the SIDS of the Pacific
Ms. Gisa Fuatai Purcell, Head, LSE Division, PKM/BDT/ ITU

11:00 – 12:00

Ministerial Round Table

This session will discuss Key Issues of ICT Connectivity for development in
SIDS and Strategies for replicating the Pacific Project in other regions

12:00 – 12:15

Briefing on the upcoming Third International Conference for SIDS

12:15 – 12:30

Closing remarks by
Mr. Brahima Sanou, Director, BDT/ITU

