



4th International Conference on Small Island Developing States
(27 to 30 May 2024)

UN-Oceans side event

Wednesday, 29 May 2024, 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Room 5, American University of Antigua

Ocean action to support resilient prosperity in SIDS

The vital role of oceans and seas in achieving sustainable development is widely recognized

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UN-Oceans is an interagency mechanism for cooperation between United Nations entities and the International Seabed Authority on coastal matters.

Enhancing collective ocean action by working across UN Oceans entities will help SIDS to meet capacity needs, capitalize on synergies, and secure necessary investments, towards achieving shared goals of blue economy and sustainable development.

Organized in alignment with the thematic interactive dialogues on Blue Economies for accelerated and sustainable growth, this side event will see UN-Oceans members working together to enhance the role of oceans towards resilient prosperity

Ms. Valentina Germani, Senior Legal Officer, Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DOALOS)/Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations

Fostering resilient prosperity in SIDS through support in ocean affairs and the law of the sea

DOALOS offers a number of technical assistance and capacity building programmes on various aspects of ocean affairs and the law of the sea, with a view to support SIDS in their quest for a resilient and sustainable future. This intervention will outline some of these needs based programmes, including current activities to assist SIDS in early identification of their capacity building needs toward becoming party implementing and complying with the BBNJ Agreement.

Mr. Adnan Awad, Head of Water & Oceans Program, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Strengthening integrated programming and collective action to support blue