

**THIRD INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON
SMALL ISLAND DEVELOPING STATES (SIDS)
PRIVATE SECTOR PARTNERSHIPS FORUM &
MULTI-STAKEHOLDER PARTNERHIPS DIALOGUES
30 August - 4 September 2014 | Apia, Samoa**



ATTENDEES:

Heads of state and ministers from SIDS governments, Secretary General of the United Nations, high-level representation from UN agencies, private sector companies, civil society organizations, and national and international philanthropies, will gather to leverage new and innovative partnerships to cultivate concrete solutions that result in the enhancement of sustainable development in SIDS via multiple sectors.

PARTNERSHIPS:

The partnerships forum and dialogues are both major components of the **Third International Conference on Small Island Developing States (SIDS)** and will involve the following themes:

Private Sector Partnerships Forum
(30-31 August 2014)

- Sustainable agriculture
- Fisheries and Marine Resources
- Connectivity through Transport and ICTs
- Renewable Energy
- Sustainable Tourism
- Disaster Risk Reduction

Multi-stakeholder Partnership Dialogues
(1-4 September 2014)

- Sustainable Economic Development
- Climate change & Disaster Risk management
- Social development in SIDS, Health and NCDs, youth and women
- Sustainable energy
- Oceans, Seas and Biodiversity
- Water and Sanitation, Food Security, Waste Management.

PRIVATE SECTOR FOCUS:

In partnership with the Government of Samoa, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA), United Nations Office of High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS), the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC), through its South-South Global Assets and Technology Exchange (SS-GATE) platform, will further support efforts to bring enterprises and other private sector participation in order to create business development and investment opportunities in SIDS through the following segments:

- **Business Matchmaking Space** (30-31 August): UNOSSC's SS-GATE will be utilized online (before and during the conference) and onsite during the conference in order to facilitate business opportunities through the matching of enterprises and other private sector organizations.
- **SS-GATE Luncheon** (30 August, 12-1 p.m.): Introduction of UNOSSC's SS-GATE's PPP and market driven functionality, accompanied by the sharing of matchmaking experiences and business opportunities from companies organizations benefiting from the global platform.

BENEFITS FOR COMPANIES:

By participating in the conference, enterprises and other private sector organizations will be able to:

- Meet with potential business partners and financiers;
- Explore project opportunities at the local, national and regional levels;
- Meet high-level government officials, UN agencies, civil society, and philanthropies;
- Contribute to the conference's productive capacity building agenda;
- Promote visibility of company;
- Participate in field visits;
- Launch innovative partnerships; and
- Possible networking through dinner and gala.

REGISTRATION AND INQUIRIES:

All companies are encouraged to register at <http://www.ss-gate.info/samoa2014> as soon as possible to begin matchmaking with other businesses.

If you should require any additional information please feel free to contact us at ssgate.project@undp.org, as well as visiting the conference's website at <http://sids2014.org/>.