

Session S4 **Big Earth Data Facilitating SDGs for SIDS and African Countries: Challenges and Opportunities**

Time: 10:10-11:40, 13:30-15:00, 8th September Room: 307

Wei Liu, Division for Sustainable Development, UNDESA

Co-Chairs

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Event 1: Opening Remarks (10 minutes)

GUO Huadong, CBAS (TBD)

Wei Liu, UNDESA

CHEN Rui, China Centre for International Science and Technology Exchange

Event 2: Keynotes (40 minutes, 6~7 minutes each)

Title: Opportunities and Challenges for Small Island States: An Overview

Sai Navoti (SIDS Unit, UNDESA)

Title: STI for Climate Resilience in SIDS and African Countries

Wei Liu (Division for Sustainable Development, UNDESA)

Title: Data and Platforms to Support SDGs Implementation in SIDS and African Countries

SUN Zhongchang (CBAS)

Title: TBD

Declan Kirrane (ISC Intelligence in Science)

Title: Big Earth Data for Disaster Risk Reduction in SIDS and African Countries

WANG Lei (CBAS, China)

Title: Capacity Development for Strategic Foresight in SIDS and African Countries

Adriana Alberti (Division for Public Institutions and Digital Government, UNDESA)

Event 3: Panel Discussion (45 minutes)

Topics: Challenges and Opportunities with Big Earth Data in Facilitating SDGs in African and SIDS Countries

(Moderator: Gretchen Kalonji)

Panel Speakers:

Ms. Azeema Adam, UNDESA

CHEN Fang (CBAS, China)

Declan Kirrane (ISC Intelligence in Science)

Martin Manuhwa (World Federation of Engineering Organizations,

Zimbabwe)

Wei Liu (Division for Sustainable Development, UNDEA)

Ameenah Gurib-Fakim (Former Presidents of Mauritius)

YANG Saini (Integrated Research on Disaster Risk program, China)

Representatives from Bahamas, Dominican Republic, Papua New

Guinea, Seychelles, Suriname, Cabo Verde, Guinea-Bissau,

Jamaica, Fiji, Maldives, Mauritius

Event 4: Closing Remarks (5 minutes)

Sai Navoti, SIDS Unit, UNDESA

CHEN Fang, CBAS
