



SIDS SUMMIT FOR HEALTH:

For a healthy and resilient future
in Small Island Developing States



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Background

The World Health Organization will host the **SIDS Summit for Health: For a healthy and resilient future in Small Island Developing States** as a virtual event on 28-29 June 2021. It is the first global gathering of leaders from these States and partners, focused on health.

The Summit is planned at a time when Small Island Developing States (SIDS) face unprecedented health challenges. These include:

- the impacts of **climate change**, including health effects of natural disasters and loss of biodiversity;
- the ongoing **COVID-19 pandemic** and its severe economic and social repercussion;
- high prevalence of **noncommunicable diseases**, and malnutrition with economic and social determinants.

Geographical remoteness, small economies and high unit costs hamper the rapid response to emergencies, and provision of primary health care and referrals. And with high dependence on international relationships, for example, being primarily net food-importing countries, residents of SIDS are vulnerable to malnutrition and food insecurity.

Summit Aims

In keeping with the 2014 [Samoa Pathway](#), the Summit aims to:

- support and promote the voices of SIDS leaders and communities on these global health threats;
- advance their health strategies and partnerships;
- galvanize support for innovations and solutions to speed up progress towards universal health coverage, health security and healthier populations.

The Summit is part of WHO strategic actions to apply a “SIDS lens” across its programme of work to fulfil commitments made in regional and global SIDS initiatives, and to strengthen technical capacity, resilient facilities, health workforces, supply platforms, and evidence generation and use.

Major expected outcomes of the Summit include mobilization of targeted financing and partnerships and a joint statement of priority short-term actions. These will include steps to advance ongoing



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health initiatives, and to help drive results in the SIDS and at the UN Food Systems Summit in September 2021, the 26th Climate Change Conference in November 2021, the Nutrition for Growth Summits in December 2021, meetings in 2022 on noncommunicable diseases and other key agendas. It complements ongoing major collaborative efforts at regional and sub-regional levels.

Summit Format

The Summit will engage heads of state and government in two Leaders Dialogues.

Ministers of health from over 30 SIDS Member States will hold discussions in panels, and these panels will include key partners of these Governments, including international and regional agencies, nongovernmental organizations, civil society; and youth.

Ministerial Panel sessions are scheduled to accommodate diverse time zones of the Member States. The Leaders Dialogues will be live streamed with interpretation in all 5 UN languages: Arabic, English, French, Portuguese and Spanish. Interpretation will be provided for the languages of speakers in each Ministerial Panel.

The summit will be livestreamed. Background documents, thematic policy briefs, the programme, feature stories, flyer and livestream link are provided at:

who.int/initiatives/strategic-actions-in-small-island-developing-states/



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First SIDS Leaders Dialogue: The Vision for a Healthy Resilient Future 10:00–11:00 CEST

Summit opening video

- **Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus**, Director-General, WHO
- **H.E. Taneti Maamau**, President, Head of Government and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Immigration of the Republic of Kiribati
- **H.E. Pravind Kumar Jugnauth**, Prime Minister of the Republic of Mauritius
- **H.E. Josaia Voreqe Bainimarama**, Prime Minister and Minister for iTaukei Affairs, Sugar Industry, and Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Fiji (Video statement)
- **H.E. Georges Rebelo Pinto Chikoti**, Secretary-General, Organization of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS)
- **Milikini Failautusi**, Health Coordinator of the Tuvalu Red Cross Society and Tuvalu National Youth Council Coordinator (Video statement)
- **Mr Yannick Glemarec**, Executive Director, Green Climate Fund
- **H.E. (Ms) Amina Mohammed**, UN Deputy Secretary-General (Video statement)

Moderator: **Ms Femi Oke**



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Ministerial Panels on Strategic Actions

Panel 1:

Tackling the NCD and mental health crises for healthier SIDS

15:00 – 16:20 CEST

Chaired by **Dr Matshidiso Moeti**, Regional Director, African Region, WHO

- Minister of Health and Social Security, Cabo Verde
- Chief Medical Officer, Dominica
- Assistant Undersecretary of Public Health, Bahrain
- Deputy Minister of Health, Portugal
- **Dr Adriana Blanco Marquizo**, Head of the Convention Secretariat, WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC)

Panel 2:

Advancing equitable access to NCDs and mental health services through primary health care

16:30 – 17:50 CEST

Chaired by **Dr Hans Kluge**, Regional Director, European Region, WHO

- Minister of Health and Wellness, Belize
- Minister of Health and Wellness, Barbados
- Minister for Health, The Seychelles
- Chief Medical Officer, Trinidad and Tobago
- **Dr Ren Minghui**, Assistant Director-General for Universal Health Coverage, Communicable and Noncommunicable Diseases, WHO



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Panel 3:

SIDS driving global climate and health action

21:00 – 22:20 CEST

Chaired by **Dr Elena Manaenkova**, Deputy Secretary-General, World Meteorological Organization, and **Dr Maria Neira**, Director, Environment, Climate Change and Health, WHO

- **Hon. Ifereimi Waqainabete**, Minister for Health and Medical Services, Fiji
- **Hon. Marie Roy Clément**, Minister of Public Health and Population, Haiti
- **Hon. Faimalotoa Kika Stowers-Ah Kau**, Minister for Health, Samoa
- **Mr Russel Tamata**, Director General of Health, Ministry of Health, Vanuatu
- **Hon. Aupito William Sio**, Minister of Pacific Peoples and Associate Minister for Health, New Zealand

Panel 4:

Accelerating implementation of the health response to climate change in SIDS

22:30 – 24:00 CEST

Chaired by **Dr Carissa Etienne**, Director, Pan American Health Organization/Regional Director, Region of the Americas, WHO

- **Hon. Tinte Itinteang**, Minister of Health and Medical Services, Kiribati
- **Hon. Bruce Bilimon**, Minister of Health and Human Resources, Marshall Islands
- **Hon. Amar Ramadhin**, Minister of Health, Suriname
- **Hon. Isaia Taape**, Minister for Health, Social Welfare and Gender Affairs, Tuvalu
- **Ms Jhannel Tomlinson**, EU/CARIFORUM Project Youth and Fellows Technical Working Group, Jamaica



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Panel 5:

Towards strong primary health care and universal health coverage

09:00 – 10:20 CEST

Chaired by **Dr Takeshi Kasai**, Regional Director, Western Pacific Region, WHO

- Minister of Health, Cook Islands
- Acting Secretary, Department of Health and Social Affairs, Federated States of Micronesia
- Minister of Public Health, Guinea-Bissau
- Minister for Social Services, Niue
- Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Health, Singapore
- Minister of Health, Timor-Leste

Panel 6:

Innovating to face health systems challenges: workforce, medicines and data

10:30 – 11:50 CEST

Chaired by **Dr Ahmed Al-Mandhari**, Regional Director, Eastern Mediterranean Region, WHO

- Minister for Health and Medical Services, Nauru
- Minister of Health, Sao Tome and Principe
- Minister for Health, Tonga
- **Dr Osamu Kunii**, Head of Strategy, Investment & Impact Division, The Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria
- **Dr Mariangela Simao**, Assistant Director-General for Access to Medicines, Vaccines and Pharmaceuticals



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Panel 7:

Achieving COVID-19 recovery and emergency preparedness

13:00 – 14:20 CEST

Chaired by **Dr Poonam Khetrpal Singh**, Regional Director, South-East Asia Region, WHO

- Minister of Health, Wellness and the Environment, Antigua and Barbuda
- Minister of Health and Wellness, Jamaica
- Minister of Health, Maldives
- Minister of Health and Wellness, Mauritius
- Minister of Health and Wellness, Saint Lucia
- Vice-Minister of Public Health of Cuba
- Director of the Office of Global Affairs, Department of Health and Human Services, USA
- **Dr Bruce Aylward**, Lead, ACT-Accelerator (ACT-A) Hub
- **Dr Mike Ryan**, Executive Director, WHO Emergencies Programme

Panel 8:

Advancing health food systems, biodiversity and nutrition

14:30 – 15:50 CEST

Dr Naoko Yamamoto, Assistant Director-General Universal Health Coverage and Healthier Populations, WHO, and **Dr Francesco Branca**, Director of Nutrition and Food Safety, WHO

- Minister of Health, Solidarity, Social Cohesion and Gender Promotion, Comoros
- Minister of Public Health, Guyana
- Minister of Health, Wellness and the Environment, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
- Parliamentary Vice-Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare, Japan
- **Mr Pierre K. Cooke Jr**, One Young World Ambassador and Health Caribbean Technical Advisor
- **Máximo Torero**, Chief Economist, FAO (Video statement)
- **Ms Angélica Jacome**, Director of the Office of Small Island Developing States, Least Developed Countries and Landlocked Developing Countries, FAO



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Second SIDS Leaders Dialogue: The Way Forward for a Healthy Resilient Future 16:00 – 17:00 CEST

- **Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus**, Director-General, WHO
- **H.E. Gaston Browne** Prime Minister and Minister for Finance and Corporate Governance of Antigua and Barbuda
- **H.E. Taur Matan Ruak**, Prime Minister of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste (Video statement)
- **H.E. Pōhiva Tu'i'onetoa**, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Tonga (Video statement)
- **Hon. Dr Amery Browne**, Minister of Foreign and Caricom Affairs of Trinidad and Tobago, speaking on behalf of H.E. Keith Rowley, Prime Minister of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago
- **Mr Java Sealy**, Caricom Youth Ambassador
- **Ms Fekitamoeloa Katoa Utoikamanu**, UN Under Secretary-General and High Representative for Least Developed Countries, Land-Locked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN OHRLLS)

Moderator: **Ms Nicola Barriteau**