National Preparations for the 3rd International Conference on Small Island Developing States
Apia, Samoa, September 2014
CONFERENCE VENUE

Conference Venue: 6 buildings joined by covered walkways and driveways (golf carts)

- **Upolu Plenary Hall**: Plenary meeting space
- **Savaii Partnerships Hall**: Committee of the Whole and Partnerships Dialogue
- **Nu’utele Accreditation Centre**: Accreditation and Security Entrance
- **Manono Media Centre**: Media offices and 3 conference rooms on top floor
- **Namu’a Food Court**: Food Court and General Services
- **Apolima Secretariat**: UN Secretariat offices
PRE-CONGRESS ACTIVITIES VENUES

- Adjacent golf course – venue for pre-Conference activities that may include:
  - Youth Forum
  - NGO Forum
  - Private Sector Forum

- Additional space also available inside the Conference venue and in downtown Apia for side events

- Participation follow UN rules of accreditation
A SIDS Home in my Home - Cultural village and entertainment at Nu’utele Accreditation Centre

- Set up: trade fair display and sale of handicrafts
- Entertainment area
- SIDS can bring and provide entertain if so wish e.g. steel drums/band, lali, string bands, meke, etc
To book accommodation: www.sidssamoa2014.ws and click the “Samoa Conference 2014” tab, linking to “Accreditation & Registration”.

Step 2: Click on the links for information and contact details for accreditation relevant to your organisation.

Step 3: Click on the “Accommodation” tab and view the land-based and cruise ship accommodation options.

Step 4: Select your preferred accommodation options and complete your personal details including dietary information, functions and flight arrivals/departure information.

Step 5: Once you have submitted your information and accommodation request you will receive an acknowledgement email to your inbox.

Step 6: The UNSIDS Accommodation Committee will allocate your accommodation at which point an email confirming your accommodation and payment instructions will be sent.
The Samoa Government will provide transportation for every delegate attending the Conference and pre-Conference between airports and hotels and Conference venue every day.

- Car rentals also available

- Taxis readily available around the country and at all hotels. A taxi rink will also be stationed around the Venue
ENTRY VISA OR PERMITS

- Visa free policy for every delegate – visas granted free of charge upon arrival at either of our two airports namely Faleolo International Airport or Fagali International Airport, provided:
  - You have a return or onward ticket;
  - Passport remains valid 6 months from intended departure date from Samoa;
  - Have visa or entry permit for entry into the country after Samoa

- Transit countries – please check their entry or transit permits at their nearest Embassy or Consulate

- Transit countries immediate to Samoa - New Zealand (Auckland), Australia (Sydney, Brisbane), Fiji (Nadi), USA (Los Angeles, Hawaii, American Samoa)
Air New Zealand – out of Auckland, New Zealand.

Virgin Samoa – out of Brisbane or Sydney, Australia

Fiji Airways – out of Nadi, Fiji and Honolulu, USA

Inter Island Airways and Samoa Air – between Samoa and American Samoa

There is the potential for additional capacity to be available and I will be in close contact with a number of airlines including Air New Zealand throughout the booking process.
- Samoa is warm at constant 30 degrees C during the day and 26 degrees C at night
- Attire is island shirt – suits are very warm
GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL EVENTS

- Cultural Opening Ceremony – Sunday 31 August in the evening inside the Venue grounds
- State Dinner – Monday 1 September in the evening inside the Samoa Convention Centre, Apia for Heads of Delegations and their Spouses only of Ministerial rank and upwards
- National Teuila Tourism Festival starts 30 August to 5 September - provides festivities every day all day around town and in front the government building
important contact details

- Conference websites - www.sidssamo2014.ws
- Contact email – sidssamo2014@mfat.gov.ws
- Please follow us on Twitter @samoasids2014
- Facebook is https:www.facebook.com/pages/Samoa-SIDS-2014
- And on Youtube usename is Samoa SIDS 2014

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