

CONCEPT NOTE

UNGA 78 Framing Session on International Finance and Energy Transition Diplomacy

18 September, 1:15 p.m – 2.30PM (EST), (CR12, UN Headquarters in New York)

This event will host high-ranking SIDS and non-SIDS officials in a framing session that will foster expert discussions on the energy transition in the Small Island Developing States (SIDS) within the scope of the next 10-year agenda to be adopted in Antigua and Barbuda at the 4th International Conference in May 2024.

The Permanent Mission of Antigua and Barbuda jointly with the Alliance of Small Island Developing States (AOSIS) and the Scotia Group, which Professor Malik Al Dahlan founded in 2021, will be hosting the 78th UN General Assembly side meeting on this important issue.

A Call to Action will be issued which advocates for a fundamental shift in the way climate finance is raised and deployed. RAND Europe and the Scotia Group will announce their findings ('Roadmap for a Global Energy Transition') which introduces new financial and legal tools that will encourage much needed green investments in Small Island Development States (SIDs) in collaboration with members of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) and MERCOSUR countries.

H.E. Prime Minister Silveria Jacobs of St. Martin, Mr. Moreira Da Silva, UN Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director of UNOPS, HE Molwyn Joseph, Minister of Health, Wellness, Social Transformation and the Environment of Antigua and Barbuda, and Harriet Mathews CMG OBE, Director General, Africa and the Americas at the UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office will make brief statements, followed by a presentation of the RAND-Scotia Group 'Roadmap for the Global Energy Transition' and a Q&A.

Who:

H.E. Prime Minister Silveria Jacobs of St. Martin

USG Moreira Da Silva, Executive Director of UNOPS

HE Molwyn Joseph, Minister of Health, Wellness, Social Transformation and the Environment of Antigua and Barbuda

HE Ambassador Aubrey Webson, Permanent Representative of Antigua and Barbuda to the United Nations

HE Ambassador Alicia Buenrostro, Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations

Harriet Mathews CMG OBE, Director General, Africa and the Americas at the UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office

Professor Jeffrey Sachs, Columbia University

Professor Malik Al Dahlan, Scotia Group (Emeritus Professor at Queen Mary University of London)

Ambassador John Craig, Scotia Group (Former U.S. Ambassador to Oman)

What: UNGA side event on international finance and energy transition diplomacy.

When: 18 September, 1:15pm EST

Where: Conference Room 12, First Basement GA, General Assembly, United Nations Headquarters, New York.

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