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CBTF Side Event on Trade Liberalization, Environmental Protection and Sustainable Development -- Opportunities and Challenges for SIDS --

11 January 2005

13:15 – 14:45 pm

Hall 3, Convention Centre (Les Pailles Exhibition Centre), Port Louis

The UNEP-UNCTAD Capacity Building Task Force on Trade, Environment and Development (CBTF) will convene a side event during the 'International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (SIDS)' taking place on 10 – 14 January 2005 in Mauritius. The side event will be held on 11 January 2005 from 13:15 – 14:45 in Hall 3 of the Convention Centre (Les Pailles Exhibition Centre), Port Louis.

The side event is intended to provide a forum to discuss and consider opportunities and challenges related to the sustainable development of SIDS through enhanced trade and sound environmental management. Topics for discussion will include sustainable fisheries management, organic agriculture as a market access opportunity, sustainable tourism development and protecting and promoting traditional knowledge. The forum should also result in identifying the role of the CBTF in supporting SIDS to address these challenges.

Her Excellency Madame Maria Madalena Brito Neves, Minister of Environment, Agriculture and Fisheries, Republic of Cape Verde, His Excellency Mr. Amraiya Naidu, Ambassador at Large in Hon. Prime Minister's Office, Republic of the Fiji Islands, His Excellency Mr. Dean Peart, Minister of Land and Environment, Jamaica, and His Excellency Mr. Rajesh Anand Bhagwan, Minister of Environment and National Development, Republic of Mauritius will address the side event. Dr. Klaus Töpfer, Executive Director, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) will deliver a keynote statement. The side event will be chaired by His Excellency Ambassador Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser Permanent Representative of the State of Qatar to the United Nations and the Chairman of the Group of 77. Participants will include ministers and government delegations attending the Mauritius International Meeting as well as representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations.

The side event will be preceded by a luncheon, which will be served at 12.45 in the same hall.

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- Chair: His Excellency Ambassador Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser
Permanent Representative of the State of Qatar to the United Nations and the
Chairman of the Group of 77
- 13.15 Welcome Remarks on behalf of CBTF
- 13.20 Keynote statement by Dr. Klaus Töpfer, Executive Director, UNEP
- 13.30 Sustainable Tourism: Importance and Experiences of Cape Verde
Her Excellency Madame Maria Madalena Brito Neves, Minister of Environment,
Agriculture and Fisheries, Republic of Cape Verde
- 13.40 Traditional Knowledge: Is it a Comparative Advantage for SIDS
His Excellency Mr. Amraiya Naidu, Ambassador at Large in Hon. Prime Minister's
Office, Republic of the Fiji Islands
- 13.50 Sustainable Fisheries Management in SIDS
His Excellency Mr. Dean Peart, Minister of Land and Environment, Jamaica
- 14.00 Organic Products: Opportunities and Challenges for SIDS
His Excellency Mr. Rajesh Anand Bhagwan, Minister of Environment and National
Development, Republic of Mauritius
- 14.10 Open Discussion
- 14.40 Concluding remarks on behalf of CBTF

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