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CBTF Side event on:
Trade Liberalization, Environmental Protection and
Sustainable Development:
Opportunities and Challenges for SIDS
11 January 2005, Port Louis, Mauritius

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 at 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 sustainable development 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.

Environment Ministers from Cape Verde, Fiji, Jamaica and Mauritius have been invited to deliver keynote speeches and Dr. Klaus Töpfer, Executive Director, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) will deliver a keynote statement during the meeting. Participants will include ministers and government delegations attending the Mauritius International Meeting as well as representatives of international organizations and non-governmental organizations.

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