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 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM  
 Room 10,  
 American University of Antigua



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Leveraging SIDS knowledge, technology, innovation and capacity to  
 advance deep-sea research for the benefit of humanity



Co-hosts



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Time	Programme
16:00-16:30	<p><b>Opening remarks: Towards a stronger multilateral and evidence-based approach to sustainable ocean development for the benefit of humankind</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>H.E. Mr. Michael W. Lodge, Secretary-General of the International Seabed Authority</li> </ul> <p><b>Keynote addresses:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hon. Mark Brown, Prime Minister, Cook Islands</li> <li>Dr Mohamad Maliki Bin Osman, Minister in the Prime Minister’s Office, Second Minister for Education and Foreign Affairs, Singapore</li> <li>Mr Andreas Kravik, State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Norway</li> <li>USG Mr Li Junhua, UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Secretary-General of the Conference</li> </ul>
16:30-16:45	<p><b>Panel 1: Advancing deep-sea research and science in ensuring the sustainable management of the Area and its resources for all humanity</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Professor Dale Webber, Director of the Centre for Marine Science, University of the West Indies, Jamaica</li> <li>Mr Joe Appiott, Coordinator for Marine, Coastal and Island Biodiversity, Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity</li> </ul>

16:45-17:10	<p><b>Panel 2: Fostering strategic partnership to support SIDS’s participation in existing and emerging ocean sectors of the blue economy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• H.E Ms Vanessa Frazier, Permanent Representative of Malta to ISA and to the UN</li> <li>• H.E. Dr Salman Al Farisi, Secretary-General, Indian Ocean Rim Association</li> <li>• Dr. Branson Belle, Director of the Center of Excellence for Oceanography and the Blue Economy, Antigua and Barbuda</li> <li>• H.E. Mr. Jagdish Dharamchand Koonjul, Permanent Representative of Mauritius to ISA and the UN</li> </ul>
17:10-17:30	<p><b>Closing remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Senator, Hon. Kamina Johnson-Smith, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Jamaica</li> </ul> <p><b>Signing of the Global Call to Action for Accelerating Sustainable Development through Advanced Deep-sea Science and Innovations</b></p> <p><i>Group photo</i></p>