

Draft Proposed Agenda
3rd Small Island Developing States IGF (DC-SIDS IGF)
Navigating the Digital Tide: Resilience, Security, and Innovation in SIDS
JULY 31ST and AUGUST 1ST 2026

DAY 1: FRIDAY 31ST JULY 2026		
Time	Item	Speaker
14:00	SIDS IGF High Level Opening Remarks (5 minutes each)	Representative, Mauritius Government Mr. Mahendra Busgopaul, Halley Movement, Mauritius Mr. Nigel Cassimire, CTU
14:10	FIRESIDE CHAT: Why the IGF matters for SIDS	Moderator: Ms. Ms. Maureen Hilyard Mr. Olaf Kolkman Internet Society Ms. Jennifer Chung (IGF Secretariat/MAG)
14:30	Panel Discussion: Session 1: The Digital Leap: Transforming SIDS through Secure, Resilient, and Smart Technologies This theme focuses on the concept of "leapfrogging"—using advanced tools like AI and emerging technologies to bypass traditional developmental hurdles. However, it grounds this ambition in the vital need for protection. It emphasizes that any "smart" transformation must be underpinned by robust cyber resilience to combat DNS Abuse and security threats, alongside physical infrastructure capable of withstanding the realities of climate change. It frames SIDS not as vulnerable, but as agile adapters ready to harness the digital future safely.	Moderator: Mr. Nigel Cassimire, CTU Panelists: Mr. Tracy Hackshaw, UPU Mr. Arthur Cardinal, AFRINIC Mr. Russell Woruba, PNG
15:30	Session 2: Forging a Resilient and Trusted Internet for SIDS (Potential sub-theme) Emphasizing unity, this theme highlights the critical importance of regional and interregional multistakeholder partnerships, capitalizing on Mauritius's role as a convening hub. "Resilient" bridges the gap between physical climate vulnerabilities and cyber readiness, while a "Trusted Internet" directly addresses the mitigation of DNS Abuse and the ethical governance of emerging technologies like AI. It positions the IGF as a vital nexus for SIDS to build collective digital strength.	Moderator: Mr. Tracy Hackshaw, UPU Panelists: ● Ms. Cherie Lagakali ● Mr. Shernon Osepa, CTU ● Indian Ocean (Mahen to suggest)

16:30	Wrap up of Day 1	
DAY 2 – SATURDAY 1ST AUGUST 2026		
Time	Item	Speaker
14:00	RECAP OF DAY 1	Mr. Tracy Hackshaw, UPU
14:15	Session 1: From Climate Frontlines to Cyber Frontiers Small Island Developing States exist on the absolute frontlines of global climate change, and increasingly, on the frontiers of complex cyber threats. This theme uses the concept of an "ecosystem" to link the physical and the digital. It promotes discussions on how to build interconnected resilience—where AI and emerging technologies are utilized to monitor and mitigate climate impacts, while stringent digital governance and technical measures are deployed to eradicate DNS Abuse and protect the integrity of the Internet ecosystem.	Moderator: Pua Hunter, Cook Islands Panelists: • (Pua is looking for a Pacific speaker) • Indian Ocean/Mauritius • Dr. Arlene Laing, Coordinating Director, Caribbean Meteorological Organisation (CMO)
15:00	Session 2: Charting Our Own Course: Digital Governance, Security, and Innovation in Small Island States (Potential sub-theme) This theme leans heavily into the original mandate of the SIDS IGF: giving island nations a strong, unified voice in global Internet governance. "Charting Our Own Course" speaks to digital autonomy and proactive policymaking. It covers the necessity of drafting local and regional policies to manage the rapid rise of AI, formulating strong defenses against DNS Security Threats, and ensuring that digital infrastructure investments are inherently climate-resilient. It is an empowering call to action for policymakers, youth, and technical communities.	Moderator: Ms. Maureen Hilyard, Cook Islands Panelists: • Mr. Ian Tairea (Cook Islands, Pacific) • Mr. Shail Jhugroo, Youth Representative Mauritius • Mr. Nigel Cassimire, CTU
16:00	Mauritius IGF Closing Remarks & Call to Action Closing DC-SIDS IGF	
17:00	END OF SIDS IGF 2026	