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**Ninth Session of the SIDS DOCK Assembly
Via Telephone and Videoconferencing
Thursday, 25th September 2025
4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. (Eastern Daylight Time)**

I INTRODUCTION

1. This report is submitted pursuant to Article VIII, paragraph 2, of the SIDS DOCK Statute. It provides an account of the progress made in the development of the Work Programme, the operationalization of the Organization, including the preparation of the pertinent operational documents and arrangements.
2. The SIDS DOCK Executive Council is responsible for overall policy and direction and for providing oversight and advice for the development of the institution. The Executive Council delegates responsibility for day-to-day operations to the Secretary-General and committees. States Parties of the SIDS DOCK, who have either ratified or acceded, will be invited to nominate members for the Executive Council. Nominations shall be submitted through the State Party's United Nations (UN) Permanent Mission or other relevant Government Authority, where applicable (for Countries not having UN Permanent Missions).
3. Election and membership on the Executive Council shall reflect a range of professional expertise with individuals having multiple years of experience, and must have gender balance and equitable regional representation with no fewer than one (1) member from each regional group as established by the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN-DESA) [Atlantic Ocean, Indian Ocean and South China Sea (AIS), Caribbean and Pacific]. In addition, no two (2) members may be nationals of the same State.
4. The election of members of the Executive Council takes place annually during the Assembly. The first election of Members to the Executive Council was held during the inaugural session of the Assembly of SIDS DOCK, in Paris, France, in the margin of the UNFCCC COP 21, on 10 December 2015. Terms of Members of the Council will begin on 1 January and expire on 31 December. The following is a list of current members:

Name of Member	Country	Term of Office
His Excellency Mr. Carlos Fuller	Belize	2023-2025 (Vice Chair)
His Excellency Mr. Philbert Aaron	Commonwealth of Dominica	2024-2026
His Excellency Fatumanava III Dr. Pa'olelei Luteru	Independent State of Samoa	2024-2026
Mr. Tony Imaduwa	Republic of Seychelles	2025-2027 (Vice Chair)
His Excellency Mr. Va'inga Tōnē	Kingdom of Tonga	2025-2027 (Chair)
His Excellency Dr. Tapugao Falefou	Tuvalu	2023-2025
His Excellency Mr. Jagdish Dharamchand Koonjul, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Mauritius to the United Nations	Republic of Mauritius	2025-2026
Mrs. Bilma Mandinga	Democratic Republic of Sao Tome & Principe	2025-2026
Vacant	Caribbean Region	

5. This Report covers the period September 2024 to August 2025. The Report of the Executive Council to the Assembly is submitted each year. The Executive Council convened one meeting during this reporting period, held via telephone and video conferencing:
- a. Fourteenth Meeting of the SIDS DOCK Executive Council: 7 July 2025.

II FOURTEENTH MEETING OF THE SIDS DOCK EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

6. The fourteenth meeting of the SIDS DOCK Executive Council was held on Monday, 7th July 2025, in-person at the Commonwealth Joint Offices Conference Room, 685 Third Avenue, 11th floor, New York, N.Y., 10017, and via telephone and video conferencing using Zoom, a web-based hosting service.
7. The Meeting was attended by the following Members of the Council: H.E. Va'inga Tōnē (Tonga - Chair); H.E. Carlos Fuller (Belize – Vice Chair); Mr. Tony Imaduwa (Seychelles – Vice Chair); H.E. Mr. Philbert Aaron (Dominica); H.E. Mr. Fatumanava III Dr. Pa'olelei Luteru (Samoa); Mrs. Bilma Bandeira Mandinga (Sao Tome and Principe); and Dr. Tapugao Falefou (Tuvalu).
8. The SIDS DOCK Secretariat requested the Chair to convene an in-person, one-day meeting for the following main purposes:
- a. For the Secretary-General to update the Executive Council on the SIDS DOCK Programme of Work and Budget (2025-2027) and recent engagement with potential donors and supporters, led by the Chair.

- b. To present the National Indicative Project Pipelines for each Executive Council Member's country for review and discussion.
 - c. To have the Chair of the SIDS DOCK Foundation Finance & Investment Committee update the Council on the status of the Foundation's fundraising efforts for the SIDS DOCK Project Pipeline.
 - d. For the Council to approve a presentation from the Secretariat at the forthcoming ninth session of the SIDS DOCK Assembly, scheduled for September 2025, on the SIDS DOCK Indicative Project Pipeline containing all member countries' projects submitted to and/or discussed with the Secretariat. The purpose is to encourage countries that wish to move forward with their projects, to contact the Secretariat so that they can work with the Secretariat and its partners to develop fundable projects for submission to potential donors. The Secretariat also wished to inform the Assembly that the membership of the Executive Council has already begun this process.
 - e. Following up on the Council's decision to stage a Side Event in the margins of the UN Ocean Conference (UNOC3) in Nice, France, from 9-13 June 2025, SIDS DOCK and UNIDO were successful in the submission, and were approved for a SIDS DOCK-UNIDO Side Event, on 9 June 2025, from 10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m., in the Blue Zone at the UNOC3 Conference Venue. A Draft Concept Note and Programme is attached for your review and feedback.
9. The Council addressed the following substantial issues during the fourteenth meeting.

Agenda Item 2: Organisation of Work, Sub-item a. Election of Chair and Vice Chairs

10. The Chair extended a special welcome to the new member, Mrs. Bilma Bandeira Mandinga, Counsellor and Director for International Cooperation at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Cooperation and Communities from Sao Tome and Principe, who joined online attending her first official meeting. As noted in her Curriculum Vitae, Mrs. Mandinga is a career diplomat and lawyer within the Ministry for the past 16 years, and has served in several high-level positions throughout the government. She is a master linguist, has a strong volunteer ethic, and is passionate about human rights issues, international law, education (children with special educational needs), diplomacy, security and peace in Africa.
11. The Chair reported that the Secretariat informed him that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Cooperation and Communities, Sao Tome and Principe, transmitted the Note Verbale nominating Mrs. Bilma Bandeira Mandinga, and further reported that Secretariat had circulated it to the members of the Council. The Chair thanked the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Cooperation and Communities, Sao Tome and Principe, for submitting the documentation. The Chair invited Mrs. Mandinga to briefly introduce herself.
12. In her brief remarks, Mrs. Mandinga thanked the Chair and the Council for their warm welcome. She said it was a pleasure to be among the Members of the Council, and was looking forward to learning about the members and the good work of the Council. She said

she was honoured to be at the meeting and looks forward to making her contribution. She noted that although Sao Tome and Principe is the second smallest country in Africa, the country is committed to making its contribution to advancing ocean energy technology and the energy work being done by the organization.

13. On the matter of Election of the Chair and Vice Chairs, the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly and the Executive Council require the Council to elect a Chair and two Vice Chairs. The following were elected at the fourteenth meeting of the Executive Council:
 - a. H. E. Mr. Va‘inga Tōnē, Chair, representing the Pacific Region;
 - b. H.E. Mr. Carlos Fuller, Vice Chair, representing the Caribbean Region, and;
 - c. Mr. Tony Imaduwa, Vice Chair, representing the AIS Region.

Agenda Item 2: Organisation of Work, Sub-item e. Review of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly and Executive Council

14. The Chair noted that the Secretariat circulated the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly and Executive Council as contained in document A/2/6, approved on 24th September 2016 at the second session of the SIDS DOCK Assembly. He said in recent times, the Council has struggled to reach a quorum, and this poses a major challenge to the survivability of the Council and by extension the work of the Secretariat. Currently, a dedicated group of countries and individuals has kept the Council relevant, active and impactful, and it is within this context that the Secretariat has requested time to put forth recommendations to constitute a quorum of the Executive Council.
15. Nine countries have consistently demonstrated the greatest commitment in service to the Council, and are represented at the fourteenth meeting, forming the quorum for the meeting. However, there will be times when it is difficult to convene meetings to reach the threshold of six (6), therefore the Secretariat is recommending the following recommendations and amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly and the Executive Council.
 - a. **Encourage Member States to nominate at least two Alternatives:** Although Rule 57 says that countries can nominate Alternates, no country has formally submitted any names thus far. Each group (Pacific, Caribbean and AIS Regions) may nominate up to two alternates, and shall present alternates alongside candidates to the Assembly. Therefore, the Secretariat is recommending that the Notice for Vacancies for the Executive Council strongly encourage Member States to nominate at least two Alternatives, and that they be present during the election at the upcoming ninth Assembly. Alternates may attend sessions and participate in discussions, but they cannot vote unless they are formally designated to act on behalf of the official representative. This designation must be recognized by the SIDS DOCK Executive Council. In practice, if an elected Member is absent, an alternate can vote only if they are officially listed as the acting representative for that meeting, otherwise, they do not

- hold voting rights independently. So, alternates can vote, but only when they are officially standing in for their country's designated representative.
- b. Executive Council strongly encourage Member States to nominate at least two Alternates, and that they be present during the election at the upcoming ninth Assembly. Alternates may attend sessions and participate in discussions, but they cannot vote unless they are formally designated to act on behalf of the official representative. This designation must be recognized by the SIDS DOCK Executive Council. In practice, if an elected Member is absent, an alternate can vote only if they are officially listed as the acting representative for that meeting, otherwise, they do not hold voting rights independently. **So, alternates can vote, but only when they are officially standing in for their country's designated representative.**
- c. **Council Rules Item I Meetings; Rule 1 Frequency of meetings**, notes: "The Executive Council shall convene twice a year at regular sessions and shall convene in special sessions as often as the Chair determines appropriate. The Executive Council shall determine at each meeting the time and place of its next regular meeting. The Executive Council shall meet as often as may be required between regular meetings for the fulfillment of its powers and functions. The Executive Council may be convened on the authority of the Chair of the Executive Council (the "Chair"), who shall convene a meeting of the Executive Council at the request of the Assembly, or at the request of three members of the Executive Council." In 2019, a decision was taken to convene one regular meeting per year, as it was difficult to reach a quorum twice per year, noting the very busy schedules of members. This has been more feasible, and with the aid of electronic communication, decisions have been made in a timely manner. Therefore, the Secretariat is recommending that this Rule be amended to read:
- d. **"The Executive Council shall convene once a year at a regular session** and shall convene in special sessions as often as the Chair determines appropriate. The Executive Council shall determine at each meeting the time and place of its next regular meeting. The Executive Council shall meet as often as may be required between regular meetings for the fulfillment of its powers and functions. The Executive Council may be convened on the authority of the Chair of the Executive Council (the "Chair"), who shall convene a meeting of the Executive Council at the request of the Assembly, or at the request of three members of the Executive Council.
- e. **Rule 4 Meetings other than in-person:** In instances where the two-thirds threshold is not met to hold a quorum, and the Secretariat would indicate to the Chair if this is the case, then the Secretariat would, based on the likely decisions to be taken at the meeting, request proxy letters from members who are unable to participate. Rule 4 notes: "The Executive Council may act by means of proxy letter, teleconference, video-conference, and other similar means of communication in which the participation of each member of the Executive Council may be facilitated and the votes of each member of the Executive Council may be recorded."

16. The Chair thanked the Secretariat for their remarks, and placed the matter to the Council for its kind consideration and appropriate action regarding the recommendations, which are as follows:
 - a. That Member States are strongly encouraged to nominate at least one Alternate to the Executive Council.
 - b. That the Assembly consider amending Rule 75, where the Council will meet regularly once per year instead of two regular meetings.
 - c. That the Council utilize Rule 4, the use of Proxy Letters, for decisions to ensure that the meeting proceeds if there is not a full quorum present and that the decisions and votes are recorded.
17. The Secretariat pointed out that there are two recommendations for amendments being requested, and this is to bring in line what currently occurs. Firstly, instead of two annual meetings of the Council, there will be one, and as the Rules note, the Chair can call special meetings and correspondence in lieu of meetings. Secondly, to amend the AIMS region to the AIS region.
18. **Noting that there were no objections, the Council approved the Secretariat's recommendations, and instructed the Secretariat to work with the Member from Belize to draft a Note Verbale to Members of the SIDS DOCK Assembly, transmitting the decisions on the following:**
 - a. **That the Assembly consider amending Rule 75, where the Council will meet regularly once per year instead of two regular meetings.**
 - b. **That Member States are strongly encouraged to nominate at least one Alternate to the Executive Council.**
 - c. **That Rule 4, the use of Proxy Letters, be used for decisions to ensure that the Executive Council meetings proceeds if there is not a full quorum present and that the decisions and votes are recorded.**

Agenda Item 3 - Discussion on the SIDS DOCK Programme of Work (2025-2027), Sub Item a: Institutional and Administrative matters, Items one (i) through three (iii).

19. After several years of no contact the Secretariat requested and had a virtual meeting with Mr. Chandrasekar Govindarajalu, Practice Manager at ESMAP, on Tuesday, 24th June 2025, during which a request was made for information on the financial status of the Trust, report on Activities, and the designated funds for the SIDS DOCK Secretariat. The Secretariat still awaits information from World Bank/ESMAP, which is quite unacceptable.
20. On the matter of the UNDP enquiries, the Secretariat is completing a draft letter for the Council's approval, to be transmitted from the Chair of the Executive Council to H.E. Mr. Marcos Neto, Assistant Secretary General, UNDP Bureau for Policy and Programme

Support, requesting his kind assistance in getting a current status on the SIDS DOCK Trust Fund, managed under the UNDP. As part of the report to members states and development partners, the request including an update on the activities that the estimated \$7.0 million received from Denmark supported during the period, as well as the associated financial reports.

21. As previously mentioned, none of the Japanese funds have been transferred to the Secretariat despite requests in writing and meeting all of ESMAP's conditionalities. The Secretariat is therefore recommending that the Council brings this matter to the attention of the SIDS DOCK Bureau for further action.
22. In the case of UNDP, the Secretariat is recommending that the Executive Council approve the Secretariat draft a letter for the Chair to send to the UNDP write requesting information on how the \$7 million of Danish funds were spent and associated financial reports
23. **The Council agreed with the Secretariat's recommendations that the Council brings the matter regarding the outstanding \$1.2 million from ESMAP to the attention of the SIDS DOCK Bureau for further action, and also the recommendation for the Council to write to UNDP requesting information on the status of how the funding from Denmark was spent.**

Agenda Item 3, Sub-Item b., Item (i) SIDS DOCK Introductory Proposal to the Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations in New York: Partnership Supporting the Development of the SIDS DOCK Project Pipeline

24. Meeting Report, contained in Document EC/14/4, of our visit with the Delegation of the European Union to the UN in New York, on 12 March 2025. The meeting was strategic as the Executive Council, the SIDS DOCK Foundation, and the Secretariat were represented by the following:
 - a. H.E. Mr. Viliami Va'inga Tōnē, Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Tonga to the UN and Chair of the SIDS DOCK Executive Council
 - b. H.E. Mr. Ian Madeleine, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Seychelles to the UN, Vice President, Board of Directors, SIDS DOCK Foundation
 - c. Dr. Albert Binger, Secretary-General, SIDS DOCK Secretariat
 - d. Ms. Marguerite St. John-Sebastian, Technical Advisor & Consultant, SIDS DOCK Secretariat
25. Members of the Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations in New York were represented by:
 - a. H.E. Mr. Ignacio Ybáñez, EU Special Envoy on SIDS
 - b. Mrs. Dijana Delaye, Counsellor, SIDS Focal Representative

26. The goal of the meeting was to introduce SIDS DOCK to the European Union and to highlight some of the innovative projects in the SIDS DOCK Indicative Project Pipeline as possible proposals for partnership, as contained in Document EC/14/2.
27. We took the opportunity to highlight the need to strengthen partnerships to find common and durable solutions to deliver tangible impacts on the ground for SIDS. The Secretary-General presented the pipeline projects to the EU, and illustrated how these projects would provide durable and sustainable impacts not only on the energy sector of the countries but also will contribute to the advancement of sustainable development goals in its three dimensions – economic, social and environmental spheres:
 - a. Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion (OTEC)
 - b. Wave Energy Technologies
 - c. Blue Regeneration: Biorock nature-based solution for protection of Coastlines and regeneration of Coral Reefs
 - d. Sargassum (Seaweed) Bioenergy Solution
 - e. E-Mobility
28. The Secretary-General also spoke about the work SIDS DOCK is doing with women and youth through its Island Women Open Network (IWON), which is empowering women and youth in various areas including through technology advancements and trading abilities. The meeting concluded with exchanges of commitments to make sure this materializes into something tangible. The Secretariat will be following up and will report back to the Council on progress.
29. The Secretary-General informed me that while on their mission in Denmark, the new Minister of Foreign Affairs made the point that Denmark takes over as chairman of the EU's Council of Ministers, and this also provides SIDS DOCK with an opportunity based on the discussions held, which the Secretary-General will update us on later in the agenda.

Agenda Item 3, Sub-Item b., Item (ii) Update: Seabased Group Wave Power Parks: Country MoUs: Presentation by Dr. Laurent Albert, CEO Seabased Group.

30. Dr. Laurent noted that SIDS DOCK and Seabased Company have been partners since 2023, when Tonga, Seabased and SIDS DOCK signed a three-party Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the development and deployment of a pilot two-megawatt (2MW) Wave Energy Park to be scaled up to 10MW. Since then, Seabased has signed MoUs with Barbados, Grenada and St. Vincent and the Grenadines, with MoUs under review in Seychelles, St. Lucia and Sao Tome and Principe, and Seabased has also prepared a project proposal for Samoa. This is the first time that we have achieved scale enough to warrant further time and investment from Seabased, having identified nine (9) countries, including Bermuda, which was the first SIDS to sign an agreement with Seabased. He said the company has established a manufacturing facility in Norway, to build the components for the wave parks.

31. The Chair encouraged those members whose countries have agreements pending to finalize them for signature so that we can accelerate the deployment of this badly needed technology that can provide us with baseload power and help stabilize our energy costs, reduce our foreign exchange expenditure on fossil fuels, among other important things.

Agenda Item 3, Sub-Item b., Item (iii), Sub-Item:

- a. SIDS DOCK-UNIDO Side Event, UN Ocean Conference (UNOC3), Nice, France, 9 June 2025;***
- b. Mission to Norway, 14-22 June 2025, organized by GRID-Arendal, Norway, and;***
- c. Mission to Denmark, 22-26 June 2025, organized by Clean the Danish Water-and Environment Cluster.***
32. The Secretariat delivered a presentation on the three events. The missions to France, Denmark and Norway were supported by UNIDO, GRID-Arendal and the Government of Belize. During these meetings, the GLOEA Project Pipeline was discussed.
33. **The UNOC3 Side Event** was a success, in terms of achieving the goals of the meeting. Over 120 persons attended the event, hosted by Hon. John Briceno, Prime Minister of Belize and President of the eighth session of the SIDS DOCK Assembly.
34. **The highlight of the Norway visit** was the Signing Ceremony on the Renewal of the MoU between SIDS DOCK & GRID-Arendal, that was signed by Ms. Karen Landmark, Managing Director, and Dr. Albert Binger, Secretary-General, on 16 June 2025, at Arendal, Norway.
35. The Secretary-General was invited to the Official launch of Longskip- Europes 17 June 2025, Oslo, the first complete end-to-end value chain for Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS), at the Norwegian National Opera and Ballet. The Minister of Energy, Terje Aasland opened the event
36. The Secretary-General also held meetings with Ms. Line Aune, Director, Section for Climate, Energy and Environment, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and other Officials on 18 June 2025. A case was made to Norway for advocating for financing for SIDS at the GCF Board level, World Bank SIF Climate Investment Fund, where Norway is represented.
37. **In Denmark, the Secretary-General held meetings with H.E. Ms. Mette Nørgaard Dissing-Spandet**, Director, Green Diplomacy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Denmark, on 24 June 2025. Denmark noted that they are currently drafting a new development policy and new thinking on financing. The Ministry was preparing for the handover of the EU Chairmanship which they assume on 1 July 2025
38. A highlight of the mission was a Site Visit to Roskilde University Denmark, on 25 June 2025. The purpose was to seek technical support and Waste-to-Energy Solutions to address the Sargassum Problem.

39. The Secretary-General held meetings with Henrik Bjørnager Jensen, Chief Operating Officer, Clean – The Danish Water & Environmental Cluster, on 24 June 2025. Discussions were held on the GINP Application and introduction to technology companies, e.g., Genan Company presentation.
40. **Visit to Fonden Mærsk Mc-Kinney Møller Center for Zero Carbon Shipping, Copenhagen.** The Secretariat met with Ms. Mira Bergen, and the Secretariat has been having follow up discussions. Mærsk Shipping Company is one of the largest freight companies in the world and among the most environmentally committed in the freight business. Mærsk has committed to very ambitious environmental goals for greening of their shipping operations by 2050, including clean ports and coastal zones, and clean fuel to replace the worst petroleum fuel – heavy fuel oil. Mærsk is eagerly awaiting the International Maritime Organization (IMO) proposal as to how the price differential between clean fuels (Methanol, Hydrogen and Ammonia) and dirty HFO, will be addressed and how it will be implemented. There is a significant difference between the two classes of fuel, additionally, there are not many facilities now producing green fuel.
41. In discussions both with the Shipping Foundation and Mærsk, we are encouraged to pay close attention and look for opportunities to participate in the IMO process, and promote ocean energy solutions. Based on a request for continuing our dialogues to examine the potential of a partnership between an industry giant and a group of small islands scattered across the ocean with a big ambition of using the world’s most abundant energy source rather than fossil, could form a partnership to advance this ambition. They promised to provide names of their representatives in the Caribbean and Pacific so we could continue exchange of ideas on the partnership.
42. **The Secretariat will keep the Council informed on the outcome of the discussions.**

Agenda Item 3, Sub-item (iv): Update: Global Ocean Energy Alliance (GLOEA):

- a. **GLOEA Indicative Project Pipeline: Pacific Region (Tonga, Tuvalu, Samoa); Caribbean Region (Belize, Dominica); AIS Region (Mauritius, Sao Tome and Principe, Seychelles)**
 - b. **Project for mitigating coastline erosion and coral reef mortality in Tuvalu using a proven nature-based system: electrolytic mineral accretion technology (“Biorock”): Pilot Capacity Building & Skills & Knowledge Training In Shore Regeneration Pilot Projects In Tuvalu: Presented to the Government of Ireland and the Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations.**
43. The Secretariat delivered a presentation on the Indicative GLOEA Project Pipeline and progress made. there's a \$366 million opportunity sitting in front of us that could change everything.
 44. **Nine projects. Nine countries. 100 megawatts of clean energy capacity.** Belize is already moving forward with a pilot 25MW waste-to-energy conversion project that will

- help address the Sargassum seaweed invasion, as well as piloting the transitioning of 5000 fossil-fueled golf carts to EV carts and charging networks on the island of San Pedro.
45. MoUs for Wave Power Parks in Tonga, Barbados, St. Vincent and the Grenadines have been signed, with MoUs under review in St. Lucia, Samoa, São Tomé and Príncipe and Seychelles, meanwhile, studies have identified potential for a wave power park in Dominica. These countries are being positioned to develop and deploy a 2-megawatt wave power park that scales to 10 megawatts.
 46. Additionally, a proposal has been drafted for Tuvalu for piloting a reef restoration and coastline protection project using Biorock technology - Living breakwaters that protect coastlines.
 47. By 2030, the global ocean economy will be worth \$3 trillion and create 40 million jobs. Our share of that depends on what we decide in the next 18 months. Without policy support, investors are reluctant to move. Without investment, these projects stay on paper. Without these projects, our energy costs stay high and our people pay the price. This isn't just about electricity. It's about energy independence that works with our tourism-dependent economies. Wave power parks sit offshore where tourists never see them. Living breakwaters protect our coastlines while generating power. Waste-to-energy systems solve two problems at once.
 48. The Secretariat and its partners are ready to help fast-track regulatory approvals. It means policy support that gives investors the confidence to move forward. It means helping us get from signed MOUs to project development. Countries have projects in the pipeline, we have the technology partners, and we have the financing framework. This is the easy part.
 49. What we don't have is the financing to help derisk projects. This is where we need your help. To advocate at the World Bank, the Green Climate Fund (GCF), the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and other financial institutions to support SIDS-Appropriate ocean energy technologies, which is a gamechanger for small islands and coastal developing countries.
 50. The Secretariat will be sharing these country pipelines with the Members present and our intention is to seek your support in helping to accelerate Capital's approval for the development of these projects, so that we can begin to work with our partners to develop bankable projects. On the matter of the Tuvalu Biorock proposal, we are hopeful that the project will be supported and will keep the Council informed.
 51. The Secretariat is recommending that the Council approve a presentation from the Secretariat at the forthcoming ninth session of the SIDS DOCK Assembly, scheduled for September 2025, on the SIDS DOCK Indicative Project Pipeline containing all member countries' projects submitted to and/or discussed with the Secretariat. The purpose is to encourage countries that wish to move forward with their projects, to contact the Secretariat so that they can work with the Secretariat and its partners to develop fundable projects for submission to potential donors. It is our intention to also inform the Assembly that the membership of the Executive Council has already begun this process.

Agenda Item 4 – Update: SIDS DOCK Foundation: Presentation by Mr. Peter McCall, Vice President, Board of Directors and Chair of the Finance and Investment Committee; Sub-items:

- a. SIDS Blue Guardians Programme***
 - b. SIDS DOCK Foundation Blended Finance Proposal***
 - c. SIDS DOCK Foundation Fundraising Strategy***
 - d. Launch of the SIDS DOCK Foundation***
 - e. Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) 2024, 21-26 October 2024, Samoa***
52. Mr. McCall reported that the Foundation is looking to revive the proposal for the ***Small Island Developing States (SIDS) Blue Guardians: Partnering for Development of Climate-Resilient Blue Economies and Protecting the Oceans***. Grenada, Samoa, Seychelles, Tonga, Belize, The Bahamas, had sent Letters of Interest, however, the project stalled during the COVID Pandemic. The project was being implemented by SIDS DOCK, GRID-Arendal and other partners. The proposed Blue Guardians Pilot Programme is a US \$40 million project that extends across all SIDS regions, promoting proven nature-based solutions that counters the false choice between development and protection. The objective of the Blue Guardians Programme is to work with SIDS across three overarching activity areas to directly increase climate resilience and help achieve Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) in the countries. These activities will be provided through the Blue Guardians Climate Resilience Centers, located in each country involved in the pilot:
- a. Developing national climate resilience institutional infrastructure.
 - b. Building national and community climate resilience.
 - c. Establishing SIDS climate resilience knowledge exchange.
53. ***SIDS DOCK Foundation Fundraising Strategy & Launch of the SIDS DOCK Foundation***. Mr. McCall said that the Finance and Investment Committee will be reviewing the Draft SIDS DOCK Capital Campaign document to update it, to determine the immediate fundraising strategy that would inform the Foundation when to have the official launch.
54. ***Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) 2024, 21-26 October 2024, Samoa***. The SIDS DOCK Mission was led by Dr. Albert Binger, Secretary-General, and Mr. Peter McCall, Vice President, SIDS DOCK Foundation Board of Directors & Chair of the SIDS DOCK Foundation Finance Committee, and participated in the CHOGM 2024, from 21-26 October 2024, and specifically, the following events:

A/9/3 Report on the Activities of the Executive Council September 2024 to August 2025

Date	Event	Location	Description
21-22 October	The Commonwealth People's Forum	Tanoa Tusitala Hotel conference centre, Beach Road, Sogi, Apia	Forum brings together civil society representatives from across the Commonwealth to discuss key issues facing the Peoples of the Commonwealth. It is the single largest opportunity for civil society to engage with Commonwealth leaders on global development issues.
21-22 October	The Commonwealth Women's Forum Commonwealth Women's Forum Commonwealth (thecommonwealth.org)	TATTE Convention Centre	Forum brings together international delegates from the Commonwealth and the rest of the world across sectors including civil society, youth and the private sector to ensure perspectives from all areas of society are incorporated. The Women's Forum will provide a platform for women to discuss challenges, share best practices and agree on actions and recommendations to carry forward to the leaders of the Commonwealth.
22-24	Commonwealth Business Forum	Sheraton Aggies Hotel, Ballroom	The Commonwealth Business Forum (CBF) provides an opportunity for high-level dialogue between businesses and Government leaders from the Commonwealth and beyond to develop stronger partnerships and connections, exchange knowledge, and contribute to impactful discussions on promoting sustainable growth across the world.
October 25	Official Conference Opening	Tuanaimito Multipurpose Centre	The official conference opening occurred on 25 October. The Leaders' Executive sessions at Parliament House. The Foreign Ministers meetings took place on 25-26 October at Taumeasina Island Resort. The event culminated in the Leaders Retreat on 26 October at Sheraton Resort Mulifanua.
26 October	Commonwealth People's Forum 2024: Foreign Ministers Roundtable		

III NEXT STEPS FOR THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Agenda Item 5 – Arrangements for the ninth session of the Assembly.

55. Members recall that last year, the eighth session of the Assembly was held virtually, with the Belize Permanent Mission to the UN hosting the Bureau in-person as well as other members and Observers. Therefore, the Secretary-General is recommending that the Council consider convening the ninth session of the Assembly of SIDS DOCK, virtually, and the incoming President hosts the Bureau at the Permanent Mission to the UN.

56. There continues to be a consistent level of participation on the virtual Assembly calls. In this regard, the Secretariat is once again recommending that the Council considers convening the ninth session of the SIDS DOCK Assembly by virtual means.
57. The Assembly's meeting notice will be sent to members before 18th July 2025, notifying them of the tentative date and time of the meeting. The 80th Session of the UN General Assembly (UNGA) will be open on Tuesday, 9th September 2025, in New York. The first day of the high-level General Debate will be Tuesday, 23rd September 2025.
58. In this regard, the Secretariat is proposing Saturday, 27th September 2025, at 4:00 p.m. New York time, as the date and time for the ninth session of the Assembly. The proposed time is the same time as the sixth, seventh and eighth sessions, which seems a good time, based on the level of participation from across the SIDS.
59. In addition to the items recommended during this meeting for the Assembly's consideration, the following additional items will be on the agenda for the ninth session of the Assembly:
 - a. Election of the President (Pacific Region) and Vice Presidents (Caribbean and AIS Regions, respectively) for the ninth session;
 - b. Election of two (2) members to the Executive Council for the terms:
 - 2026-2028 - Caribbean Region: 2 Vacancies. The Member from Belize's term expires at the end of 2025 and is eligible for a second three-year term.
 - 2026 to 2028 - Pacific Region: 1 Vacancy. The Member from Tuval's term expires at the end of 2025 and is eligible for a second three-year term.
 - AIS Region: 1 Vacancy – Mauritius.

Agenda Item 6 – Organisation of the fifteenth meeting of the Executive Council, and in particular, to Sub-Item a. Date for the fifteenth meeting of the Council.

60. The Secretariat has recommended June 2026 for the convening of the fifteenth meeting. The Secretary-General has informed me that as we get closer to the date, a recommendation will be made to either convene the meeting virtually or face-to-face, in New York. In this regard, the Secretariat will send out its usual notices enquiring about members availability and setting a mutual day and time.

Agenda Item 8 – Closing of the Meeting

61. There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the fourteenth meeting of the SIDS DOCK Executive Council.