



ISID FOR SIDS WEBINARS

Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development (ISID) for Small Island Developing States (SIDS)

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As a way to support the implementation of UNIDO's Small Island Developing States (SIDS) Strategy, this webinar series aims at facilitating the transfer of knowledge among SIDS for Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development (ISID).

The goal of this series of webinars is to advocate for UNIDO's interventions in SIDS and potentially replicate successful interventions in other regions. The webinars will also be an occasion to engage donors, who have expressed interest in cooperation with SIDS.

**30 NOVEMBER
2020**

16:00 - 17:30 CET

Ocean Energy Technologies for Blue Economies in Small Island Developing States (SIDS)

The webinar's principal aim is to contribute to the envisaged Ocean Energy Platform for Blue Economies, advocated by UNIDO and SIDS DOCK, in close coordination with CTCN and GN-SEC. The goal of the platform is to build a bridge between the industry and research players, which need to test new solutions in various climates and contexts, and the interest of SIDS and coastal developing countries to get access to technology and expertise. Currently, the exchange on these future-oriented issues is limited.

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**7 DECEMBER
2020**

Official Launch: Online Capacity Building Program on Sustainable Energy for Islands

The development of inclusive sustainable energy technology markets in SIDS requires a critical mass of professionals in the private and public sectors. However, in many SIDS there is a lack of training institutions and quality programs, which respond to the particular needs and priorities of islands and are affordable.

The program includes nine online modules, which describe and analyse the following technologies and energy issues: Solar Photovoltaics, Solar Thermal and Ocean Energy technologies, Bioenergy, Energy Efficiency and Thermal Optimization in buildings, Mini-grids and Energy Storage in Insular Power Systems, E-mobility and an overview on Energy, Climate Change Mitigation and Resilience in island regions. Learning takes place in an e-learning platform and delivery can be done either in self-study or through trainers.

The program is developed under the umbrella of GN-SEC by UNIDO, SIDS DOCK and CIEMAT.

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**JANUARY
2021**

How information and communications technology (ICT) can foster ISID in SIDS?

As stressed in the SAMOA Pathway, ICT can help mitigate many of the development challenges affecting SIDS, providing, at the same time, the foundation to diversify their economies. SIDS have been constantly progressing in deploying ICT infrastructure, but the technical, financial and human resources are still underdeveloped, hindering SIDS to fully benefit from disruptive technologies.

The webinar will address these issues, discussing how UNIDO can support SIDS in linking ICT to sustainable industrial production by developing policy frameworks, supporting SIDS-to-SIDS and South-South cooperation and by promoting investment in the sector.

**FEBRUARY
2021**

Renewable energy in SIDS: A key to tackle climate change

SIDS are menaced more and more by climate change. Despite their contribution to the global emissions is minimal, their share per capita is still significant. UNIDO, through the GN-SEC network is supporting SIDS in promoting the use of renewable sources of energy and in reducing the production of pollutants.

Developing green technologies for climate action, disaster risk reduction, the blue economy, and renewable energy is particularly important. In fact, they can serve the dual purpose of creating new innovative technologies to add to SIDS' trade capacity, and improve their ability to address environmental challenges.

**MARCH
2021**

Strengthening agro-value chains to create employment opportunities and enhance food security

Agriculture is a key component of the economic structure of most SIDS. Strengthening agro-value chains would mean helping SIDS to better integrate into regional markets, boost exports and ultimately create job opportunities.

To this end, processing capacities, quality infrastructure and policy standards are crucial and can contribute to SIDS' food security by establishing solid commercial links with key partners, in the region and globally.

**6 JULY
2021**

Vienna North-South Innovation Room: Ocean Energy and the Fourth Industrial Revolution in the Blue Economy. Perspectives for Small Island Developing States (SIDS)

Organised in conjunction with the Vienna Energy Forum 2021

Organized by UNIDO, SIDS DOCK and GN-SEC, the high-level Innovation Room is designed as a knowledge and matchmaking event, which will bring together a unique mixture of blue economy, industry 4.0 and ocean energy representatives from Europe and SIDS.

The event will discuss the role of sustainable ocean energy solutions in the context of blue economy strategies of SIDS. Ocean energy covers a broad range of renewable energy and energy efficiency solutions, which are using marine resources and space, or are serving traditional or emerging blue economy sectors (e.g. fisheries and aquaculture, desalination and freshwater production, coastal protection and waste treatment, biotechnology, ocean intelligence and observation, coastal and maritime tourism, shipping and ports).

Further information will be made available at: www.gn-sec.net