

## **Briefing on Global Island Partnership Events at UNSIDS**

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The United Nations Conference on Small Island Developing States (UNSIDS) will be held in Apia, Samoa, 1 to 4 September 2014 to focus attention on SIDS and partnerships. The Global Island Partnership (GLISPA), Co-Chaired by three SIDS leaders, H.E. James A. Michel, President of Seychelles, H.E. Tommy E. Remengesau Jr., President of Palau and H.E. Dr. The Right Honorable Keith Mitchell, Prime Minister of Grenada, is supporting and coordinating a series of strategic events to recognize and strengthen island leadership to inspire greater action globally. These events will be an opportunity to catalyze new leadership and commitments to build resilient and sustainable island communities through innovative partnerships.

### **Arrival and Traditional Welcome of the Hōkūleʻa and the Mālama Honua Worldwide Voyage**

**Date:** Sunday 31 Aug, 8:30am to 1pm, Aggie Grey's Beachfront, Vaisigano, Apia, Samoa

*Event is open to the public*

**Host:** Samoan Voyaging Society (Aiga Folau o Samoa)

Hōkūleʻa, the Polynesian Voyaging Society's traditional voyaging canoe, is coming to the United Nations Small Island Developing States (UNSIDS) Conference as part of the Mālama Honua Worldwide Voyage. The Hawaiian name for this journey, Mālama Honua, means "to care for our Earth" and is taking Hōkūleʻa and her sister canoe Hikianalia across Earth's oceans to grow the global movement toward a more sustainable world.

The Hōkūleʻa and her crew set sail from Hawai'i in May 2014 and have used only the tools available to Polynesian ancestors to navigate to Samoa via French Polynesia, Cook Islands and American Samoa. These courageous navigators will bring the stories of our world's oceans to inspire action for a sustainable and resilient future for our island Earth. After the conference, the Hōkūleʻa and her crew will continue to journey around the world, carrying an ocean and island message to 85 ports in 26 countries during its 47,000 nautical-mile voyage through 2017.

The Mālama Honua Worldwide Voyage, led by Master Navigator Nainoa Thompson as President of the Polynesian Voyaging Society, represents a durable, lasting and innovative partnership to protect our ocean in a new way, inspired by traditional knowledge and local wisdom. The Polynesian Voyaging Society and Voyage is being supported to arrive and engage at UNSIDS by the Global Island Partnership (GLISPA), United Nations Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLS), Samoa Voyaging Society, State of Hawai'i, Hawai'i Green Growth, Tuputupu-A'e Education Trust, Rare, IUCN, Conservation International, Sylvia Earle Alliance and Mission Blue.

The Hōkūleʻa and her crew will be located at the Apia Waterfront Beach for the duration of the conference. You are encouraged to visit the crew or look for them as they engage in the conference and undertake activities around Apia. Go to: [www.hokulea.org](http://www.hokulea.org) or email: [jenna@pvshawaii.org](mailto:jenna@pvshawaii.org).

### **"GLISPA Celebration of International Year of SIDS Leaders Sail" on Board the Hōkūleʻa**

**Date:** Monday 1 September, 10:00am to 1pm. Formal Program will commence at 11am.

*Aggie Grey's Beachfront, Vaisigano, Apia, Samoa.*

**Leaders Sail by Invitation Only.** Beach Event Open to Media and Invited Guests.

**Host:** Global Island Partnership

In celebration of the International Year of SIDS, the GLISPA is inviting an exclusive group of leaders to sail together with the United Nations Secretary General on board the traditional Polynesian voyaging canoe,

Hōkūleʻa. This will be a rare opportunity to celebrate both an inspirational island voyage and the efforts of SIDS. The Leaders Sail will be led by Master Navigator and President of the Polynesian Voyaging Society Nainoa Thompson. Media and invited guests are welcome to join the leaders at Aggie Grey's Beachfront for a short formal speaking program. There will be opportunities for interviews with the leaders and crew of the Hōkūleʻa after the sail. Refreshments will be served at the beachfront.

### **Island Bright Spot Exchange**

**Date:** *Tuesday 2 September 2014, 1500-1630, CM4 – Faleata Sports Complex  
Side Event, UNSIDS Conference. Open to Conference Delegates*

**Host:** *Palau on behalf of the Global Island Partnership*

Success is built upon initiatives that work – bright spots. To build resilient and sustainable island communities we need to invest in the bright spots that can be scaled and replicated through innovative partnerships to achieve our global development goals. Islands have inspired solutions. They have made visionary commitments and are leaders of partnerships that are creating change. This event will bring together leaders of island bright spots into a 'world café' style facilitated dialogue to share successes and inspire new leadership and commitment to action for a sustainable future and lessons. Table discussions will focus on: Food security & invasive species, oceans & voyaging, leadership in blue/green growth, innovative financing and sustainable island communities. Download the [Event Flier](#).

### **GLISPA Kava-Side Chat**

**Date:** *Tuesday 2 September, 1700 to 1900, Tradition Resort (near SIDS venue)  
Open to any one who is interested in being involved in GLISPA or related priorities.*

**Host:** *Global Island Partnership*

Following the GLISPA Island Bright Spot Exchange, participants are invited to an kava side chat at the Traditional Resort to further discuss opportunities to mobilize action towards the ten year celebration of GLISPA in 2016 including World Conservation Congress, the Worldwide Voyage and more. Kava will be provided and food and beverages available for purchase.

### **Oceans, Seas and Biodiversity Partnership Dialogue**

**Date:** *Wednesday 3 September, 1500 to 1800, Savaii Partnerships Hall, Faleata Sports Complex, Apia, Samoa  
Open to UNSIDS Delegates*

GLISPA is a successful and impactful partnership that emerged from the Mauritius International Meeting in 2005. During this Partnership Dialogue, Kate Brown as Coordinator of GLISPA, will share lessons and successes around GLISPA's effective and innovative partnership model that has promoted action for island conservation and sustainable livelihoods.

Kate will be joined by a selection of panelists from other successful partnerships related to "Oceans, Seas and Biodiversity". Panelists will engage in a discussion around "Oceans, Seas and Biodiversity" and its interrelated and complementary issues, so as to bring out the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development, as well as cross-cutting issues, such as the enabling factors of financing, capacity building, technology transfer, technical cooperation and institutional development. To learn more about GLISPA, go to:

- [GLISPA Value Proposition](#)
- [GLISPA Case Study](#)

## **SIDS leading the Rio+20 Challenge: Boosting Inter-Partnership Dialogue for the Synergistic Implementation of the three Rio Conventions**

**Date:** *Wednesday 3 September, 15:00 to 16:30, CM5 - Faleata Sports Complex*

*Side Event, UNSIDS Conference. Open to Conference Delegates*

**Host:** *Italy*

The Italian Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Italy, Seychelles' Ambassador for Climate Change and SIDS and Chair of GLISPA Steering Committee, the Executive Secretary to the Convention on Biological Diversity and Prof. Fabio Attorre Sapienza of the University of Rome will come together in a dynamic panel to discuss the leadership of SIDS in integration of environment in sustainable development through partnerships at national, regional and global levels.

## **Leaders Inspiring Action: A celebration of commitments to build resilient and sustainable island communities through innovative partnerships**

**Date:** *Wednesday 3 September, 7pm to 10pm. Strictly Invitation Only*

**Host:** *GLISPA Co-Chairs, the Presidents of Palau and Seychelles and the Prime Minister of Grenada*

This event will catalyze significant new leadership, commitments and partnerships towards conservation of island biodiversity and sustainable livelihoods. This unique event will be an opportunity to recognize, strengthen and inspire island leadership and support for greater action globally.

## **Farewell of the Hōkūleʻa and the Mālama Honua Worldwide Voyage**

**Date:** *Friday 5 September, 7:30am to 9am (To be confirmed), Aggie Grey's Beachfront, Vaisigano, Apia, Samoa*  
*Event is open to the public. Weather Dependent.*

This traditional farewell event will bless the Hōkūleʻa and her crew as they continue on their voyage around the world. The next stops will be Tokelau, Phoenix Islands – Kiribati, then returning to American Samoa, Tonga to New Zealand.

The Hōkūleʻa and her crew will carry the messages of the SIDS conference and the aspirations and commitments to action of youth, communities and leaders for a resilient and sustainable island Earth. They will journey around the world to learn, create global relationships, and explore how to care for our oceans and Island Earth.

Through this voyage, a new generation of navigators will be born that will guide the Hōkūle'a without modern instruments, using stars, waves, and ocean life to determine direction in a manner similar to Polynesian explorers settling the Pacific thousands of years ago. Hōkūle'a, alongside the voyaging family across the Pacific, has helped to revive voyaging traditions, and continues to bring together people of diverse backgrounds and professions to bring new life to a storied history of open-ocean voyaging. Named after the "star of gladness" that marks the latitude of Hawai'i, Hōkūle'a is more than a voyaging canoe—she represents a shared desire to save our most cherished places and values from disappearance.

The Mālama Honua Worldwide, led by Master Navigator Nainoa Thompson as President of the Polynesian Voyaging Society, is being supported to arrive and engage at UNSIDS by the Global Island Partnership (GLISPA), United Nations Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLS), Samoa Voyaging Society, State of Hawai'i, Hawai'i Green Growth, Tuputupu-A'e Education Trust, Rare, IUCN, Conservation International, Sylvia Earle Alliance and Mission Blue. Support the Worldwide Voyage, go to [www.hokulea.org](http://www.hokulea.org).

## GLISPA Debriefing Session

Friday 5 September, from 11 am to 4 pm, venue to be confirmed, Samoa.

### Open invitation.

This will be an opportunity to reflect on GLISPA's progress at the UNSIDS meeting and determine next steps.

## GET INVOLVED

The Global Island Partnership (GLISPA) is open to any entity, national or local government, agency or organization committed to taking significant action to build resilient and sustainable island communities through innovative partnerships.

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*Invitation to Participate*

The GLISPA Co-Chairs invite you to determine how you can contribute to build resilient and sustainable island communities through innovative partnerships. GLISPA is open to any entity committed to take action to achieve its vision.

To learn more go to:  
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