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Exchange on SIDS: scaling up investments in SIDS towards SDGs

- **Oath GEF International Waters Conference**
- **10 May 2016**
- Jetwing Beach Hotel, Negombo, Sri Lanka















Objectives



- ●For SIDS participants to discuss through the exchange of good practices and lessons learned opportunities to scale up investments in SIDS to achieve SDGs
- To get to know each other (at least recognize faces) for further networking and discussions

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Session structure:

Interactive!

- ●Introduction (5min)
- Sharing experience and knowledge among SIDS (30min)
 - 1. Case from the Pacific: from the SIDS IWRM project to the Ridge-to-Reef Programme by Jose Padilla, UNDP
 - 2. Case from the Caribbean: from the IWCAM to the IWECO by Chris Corbin, Cartagena Convention Secretariat
 - 3. Case from Maldives: securing GCF resources for climate resilient integrated water supply by Aminath Sheron, Maldives
 - 4. Case from Seychelles: successful debt swap to invest in Blue Economy by HE Minister Didier Dogley, Ministry of Environment, Energy, and Climate Change, Seychelles
- ●Investing in *Sustainable* Blue Economy in SIDS (10min)
 - GEF by Chris Severin, GEF Secretariat
 - World Bank by Charlotte de Fontaubert, World Bank
- Discussions (3omin)
- •Reflections/Recommendations/Way Forward (10min)

Thank you!



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