



United Nations Information Centre
Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific

Briefing
The Third International Conference on Small Island Developing States
UN Climate Summit 2014

10:30am - 12:00pm, Wednesday 13 August 2014

What:

The United Nations Information Centre Canberra is holding a briefing on these important upcoming events. These will be undertaken by UN officials via video link, and will also include one of New Zealand's lead authors for the IPCC Report. They will give an overview of the events, their intended outcomes and their importance for the region, followed by a Q&A session.

Who:

- Nikhil Seth, Director of the Division for Sustainable Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA).
- Dan Shepard, Public Information Officer, UN Department of Public Information (DPI).
- Ralph E. H. Sims, Professor of Sustainable Energy and Director, Centre for Energy Research, Massey University.

Where:

St Andrew's on the Terrace
30 The Terrace, Wellington 6011

Please note this advisory is designed for media representatives, but other interested parties are also welcome to attend.

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Briefing Presenter Biographies

Nikhil Seth

Nikhil Seth is currently the Director of the Division for Sustainable Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) and he was also Head of the Rio+20 Secretariat.

During his twenty year career with the United Nations, Mr. Seth has served as Special Assistant and Chief of Office to the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, Chief of the Policy Coordination Branch in the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, as Secretary of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and the Second Committee of the General Assembly, and as Director of the DESA Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, where he guided the ECOSOC's work in implementing several new key mandates, including its Annual Ministerial Review and Development Cooperation Forum.

Dan Shepard

Dan Shepard is a Public Information Office at the UN Department of Public Information (DPI) working on a range of sustainability issues, climate change, biodiversity and follow-up from Rio+20.

Ralph E. H. Sims

Ralph Sims is the Professor of Sustainable Energy, and Director of the Centre for Energy Research at Massey University. He has recently returned to this position after 4 years at the IEA (International Energy Agency) in Paris as a senior analyst working on Renewable Energy and climate change mitigation.

Professor Sims has been a lead author of Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) reports over the past decade, most recently more recently leading the "Transport" chapter of the IPCC 5th Assessment Report- Mitigation. He is currently undertaking consulting projects for UNEP, UN FAO, REN 21 and OECD and was recently appointed to the Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel of the Global Environment Facility (GEF).