WHO Global Conference on Health and Climate Change 21-22 March 2018

Government of Mauritius will be hosting the third WHO Global Conference on Health and Climate Change for SIDS Group of Africa and South East Asia from 21-22 March 2018 at Westin Turtle Bay Resort & Spa, Balaclava.

The WHO SIDS initiative vision is to have, by 2030, all health system in small island developing state resilient to climate variability and change, and countries around the world reducing carbon emissions both to protect the most vulnerable from climate risks, and to gain the health co-benefits of mitigation policies.

The specific objectives of the conference are to:

(i) taking stock of the implementation of the WHO Health and climate change Global agenda;

(ii) launching the WHO Special SIDS Initiative and further consult with national and regional leaders and experts on its implementation priorities in the Pacific, in the Caribbean and in the AFRO and SEARO regions; and

(iii) with a focus on AFRO and SEARO, develop a regional implementation plan for the SIDS initiative

The two-day conference will bring together about 65 participants including government minister, health experts, environmental experts, representatives of African Union, Regional economic communities and donors. It is suggested that the official country delegation from the nine SIDS Countries (Cabo Verde, Comoros, Madagascar, Maldives, Mauritius, Sao Tome & Principe, Seychelles, Timor-Leste, and Reunion Island) be composed of four delegates, including:

1. Minister of Health
2. Minister of Environment
3. National designated Authority or focal point for the Green Climate Fund, and

In addition the following regional authorities will also be invited to participate in the Conference:

1. African Union
2. UNEP
3. SADC
4. ECOWAS
5. East African Community
6. CEMAC
7. Indian Ocean Commission
8. Indian Ocean Rim Association

The Global conference will be an opportunity to align and integrate the goal, objective of SIDS countries to adopt concerted approach to challenge of Health and climate change.