

A strong voice for small islands

Small Islands Voice started in early 2002 from islands in the **Caribbean, Indian Ocean** and **Pacific** regions.



'The world's small island developing states are front-line zones where, in concentrated form, many of the main problems of environment and development are unfolding'.

(United Nations Secretary-General, Mr Kofi Annan, New York, September 1999)



This initiative is all about people in small islands:

- exchanging their views on environment and development issues
- working together to solve their problems
- taking part in the Small Island Developing States' Programme of Action

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Small Islands VOICE



People talking and listening across the waves

Small Islands Voice seeks to overcome the isolation of small islands by building capacity and strengthening **local, regional** and **inter-regional** communication, by:

Small islands are, by their very nature, limited in size and relatively isolated. They are also particularly vulnerable to natural disasters and global economic events, making the problems they confront especially challenging.



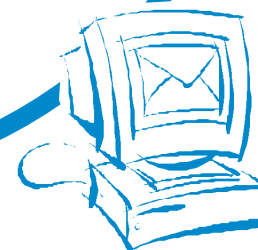
Despite these constraints, small islands can contribute to and benefit from the 'information age', which may provide a means to battle environmental degradation and growing poverty at home, and serve as an example to the rest of the world.

obtaining islanders' views on environment and development issues at the **local** level through meetings, opinion surveys, talk shows and other activities. These are supported by radio, television and print media.



encouraging young islanders to discuss environment and development issues among themselves using new technologies
(see www.sivyouth.org with username *view* and password *only*)

debating these issues **regionally** and **globally** through Internet-based discussions
(see www.sivglobal.org)



identifying key issues emerging from these debates and channelling them back to the **local** level for action on-the-ground, and towards the **global** level especially international programmes dealing with sustainable development of small islands

