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ST. JOHN'S, ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA

Virtual Side Events Programme

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Monday 27 May, virtual side events

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TIME	LEAD ORGANIZATION	ORGANIZING PARTNERS	TITLE	SHORT DESCRIPTION	EVENT PAGE	CONTACT
09:00	Ruden AS	-	Climate adaptation - Hydraulic uplifting of low-lying islands	Atoll islands threatened by rising seas may find hope in hydraulic uplifting—injecting fluids underground—as a remedy against coastal erosion and flooding, due to climate change.	Link	manon@rudenas.com
13:00-15:00	Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)	Notre Dame Law School - Global Human Rights Clinic	Litigation, Reparation, and Resilience: Realizing the Right to Development and the Right to a Clean, Healthy and Sustainable Environment for SIDS in the face of the Challenges of Climate Change	This event will discuss a study on climate change challenges to achieving the rights to development and environment in SIDS and means to address them, to realize human rights & sustainable development.	Link	ndlsglobalhumanrightsclinic@nd.edu

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TIME	LEAD ORGANIZATION	ORGANIZING PARTNERS	TITLE	SHORT DESCRIPTION	EVENT PAGE	CONTACT
08:30-09:30	UNDP Ocean Innovation Challenge	UNDP Ocean Innovation Challenge, Sida, Norad, Ocean Race, Zero Waste Maldives, IPNLF, UNDP Comoros, University of Exeter, Mauritius Research and Innovation Council, Cape Eleuthera Institute (CEI) of the Bahamas, Surrey Space Center, and other SIDS- and coastal LDC-based NGOs and SMEs	UNDP Ocean Innovations: Powering Sustainable Blue Economy in SIDS and coastal LDCs	UNDP's Ocean Innovation Challenge presents innovative, replicable, scalable, community empowering and transformational Blue Economy solution designed to empower SIDS and coastal LDCs.	Link	oic.info@undp.org
08:30-09:30	Island Innovation	Portugal - Development Cooperation Agency - Camões, I.P.	Building blue bridges: Charting a course for resiliency with a focus on economic diversification and inter-regional collaboration	This inclusive dialogue will highlight practical steps to promote practices that protect the biodiversity, and heritage of coastal communities and to share examples of financing instruments.	Link	stacey@islandinnovation.co
08:00-09:30	Government of The Bahamas		Transforming Disaster Preparedness and Response with Technology	Exploring how innovative technologies can dramatically transform disaster preparedness and response capabilities.	Link	wanda.banamy@dra.gov.bs
09:00-10:00	Caribbean Development Bank	Caribbean Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency; CPCS Transcom Limited	Accelerating the Caribbean sustainable energy transition through the Integrated Utility Services (IUS) model	The side event will provide an opportunity for participants to discuss the Caribbean energy transition and how the Integrated Utility Services (IUS) model can help accelerate it.	Link	nicholas.ross@caribank.org
09:00-10:30	World Tourism Organization (UN Tourism)	UN Tourism, International Monetary Fund, Oxford SDG Impact Lab, Pegasus Capital Advisors, Catalytic Finance Foundation	Better data for a better tourism in SIDS	The event will explore frameworks and tools to comprehensively measure tourism's impact, dependencies and growth 'beyond GDP', fostering informed decision-making for its sustainable advancement.	Link	irp@unwto.org
11:00	International Police Executive Symposium	-	The Challenges and Consequences of Governance and Rule of Law in Small Island States	This virtual event sets out to describe the position of small island developing states relative to rest of the world and one another in terms of governance, rule of law and related factors.	Link	anthonymurney@ipes.info
14:00-15:30	Global Network of Civil Society Organisations for Disaster Reduction (GNDR)	Global Network of Civil Society Organisations for Disaster Reduction (GNDR); UNDRR-Stakeholder Engagement Mechanism (UNDRR-SEM)	Strengthening Global Partnerships for Early Warning Systems	Aimed at raising awareness on EWSs; facilitating collaboration between participants from diverse sectors and backgrounds; advocating for policy action.	Link	andrew.knight@gndr.org

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15:00-18:00	China Biodiversity Conservation and Green Development Foundation	Porrima, The SUNx Program, International Engineering and Technology Institute, IETI, Beijing Pioneer Hi-Tech Development Ltd. Co. (BPC), Globalization and Development (GAD) Program, Department of Social Sciences, Beijing Normal University - Hong Kong Baptist University United International College (BNU-HKBU UIC); Biodiversity and Green Foundation, INC(BAG), Beijing Genomics Institution (BGI), Wuhan Business University, WBU, Wenzhou University, WZU, World Academy of Sustainable Development, WAOSD, Hong Kong Shark Foundation	Marine Biodiversity and Sustainable Development of Small Islands	The side event focuses on the crucial role of marine biodiversity for the ecosystems and economies of small islands, exploring the solutions for protecting this vital resource and its sustainable use.	Link	v25@cbcgdf.org
17:00-18:30	International Coastal and Ocean Organization (Global Ocean Forum)	University of the South Pacific, Office of the Pacific Ocean Commissioner, Solomon Islands National University	Integrated approaches to ocean governance in the context of climate change, the BBNJ Agreement, and Small Island Developing States	A high-level discussion on the integrated and collaborative approaches used to progress the ocean agenda in the climate, biodiversity, and sustainable development frameworks in the context of SIDS.	Link	cmitchell@globaloceanforum.com

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08:00-09:30	UN-GGIM Task Team on Geospatial Information for Climate Resilience	Barbados, Kingdom of Tonga, United Kingdom	Leveraging Geospatial Information for Climate Resilience	Geospatial information reveals key insights about global connections. Join the Task Team from UN-GGIM to discover how geospatial information can help SIDS chart a course towards climate resilience.	Link	michelle.stclair@landsandsurveys.gov.bb
09:00-10:15	UNEP	UN Habitat, FLACSO, INSUCO	Empowering women for climate resilient livelihoods	The session explores women's link to natural resources, differentiated vulnerability to climate change, and potential as agents of sustainable change in Hispanic Caribbean.	Link	cityadaptlac@gmail.com
10:00	United States Agency for International Development (USAID)	ANSA Merchant Bank Limited; The Cropper Foundation	The Greenprint: Catalyzing SIDS Economies through Natural Capital Approaches.	The "What", "Why" and "How" conversations on natural capital integration into Caribbean business' decision-making, learning from USAID & AMBL's novel public-private partnership.	Link	RASSIU@USAID.GOV
10:00	PARIS21	CARICOM, Belize, Grenada	Beyond the numbers: an inclusive approach to data-driven climate action	This event will showcase a collaborative approach for policymakers, ministries, statistical offices and non-state actors to adopt digital technologies and enhance data use for inclusive climate action	Link	Paz.PATINO@oecd.org
10:30-11:20	Audit Office of Antigua and Barbuda	Caribbean Organisation of Supreme Audit Institutions (CAROSAI)	Role of Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs) in ensuring effective, accountable and inclusive public institutions for resilient and sustainable SIDS	Panel Discussion focussed on 3 areas Why SAI Matter in strengthening the accountability ecosystem of SIDS; SAI Value to SIDS; and 3. Challenges and Opportunities for Strengthening SAI role in SIDS.	Link	Karen.nbell@auditorgeneral.gov.jm
11:00-12:30	United Nations Institute of Training and Research	York University, and Nova SBE	Blueprints for Prosperity: Building Resilience in SIDS through Blue Economy Innovation	UNITAR hosts an event on Navigating the Blue Future, to foster SIDS discussions on sustainable growth through blue economy innovation with partner organizations.	Link	stephen.joyce@unitar.org

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12:00-13:00	Association of the Bar of the City of New York, United Nations Committee	Association of the Bar of the City of New York, African Affairs Committee	Re-Centering Global Climate Change Discourse: The Role of SIDS in Advocacy and Action	Panel discussion on SIDS' ability to effect sustainable development and clean business, with emphasis on the Pacific islands, Caribbean, and off the coast of Africa/Indian Ocean.	Link	justinmloveland@gmail.com
17:00-18:30	International Health Awareness Network	UNICEF Australia	Making waves: Sustainable health solutions for women and girls at forefront of climate crisis	Women and girls bear the brunt of climate health impacts, while also leading in climate action. Join us to explore research, policies, and actions on women's health through the climate crisis.	Link	gabrielle@casper.net.au
19:00	CLAN (Caring & Living As Neighbours)	@MATES4Kids (Maximising Access To Essential Supplies For Children), Lehigh University, International Pediatric Association (IPA), International Society for Neonatal Screening (ISNS), Colonial War Memorial Hospital, National Referral Hospital, Taking Paediatrics Abroad, New South Wales Newborn Screening (NSW Health)	Investing in Tomorrow: Strengthening Newborn Screening for Resilient and Prosperous Futures in Small Island Developing States	Scaling newborn screening (NBS) in SIDS is crucial for child health. Hear from experts in Fiji, Solomon Islands, American Samoa, Indonesia, and global specialists as they highlight NBS progress.	Link	kpb321@lehigh.edu

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08:00-10:00	United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM) Americas through the Caribbean Geospatial Development Initiative (CARIGEO)	United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC); Barbados - Lands and Surveys Department; Jamaica - Ministry of Economic Growth and Job Creation - National Spatial Data Management Branch; UN-GGIM High level Group of the Integrated Geospatial Framework (HLG-IGIF); UNGGIM: Americas - Academic Network and Private Sector Network	“Location Intelligence the panacea to accelerated development in SIDS”	This event will highlight the importance of location intelligence and geospatial technologies in propelling growth in the Caribbean while exploring real-life applications in SIDS.	Link	americas.carigeo@gmail.com
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