

FAO- CARICOM Side Event  
27 May 2024, 14:00 to 15:30  
Room 8, American University of Antigua

**Delivering concrete solutions for Small Island Developing States (SIDS) through the FAO Global Roadmap: Achieving SDG2 without breaching the 1.5 C° threshold**

FAO and CARICOM organized the side event *Delivering concrete solutions for SIDS through the FAO Global Roadmap: Achieving SDG2 without breaching the 1.5 C° threshold*.

The interactive side event commenced with welcoming remarks from the moderator and was followed by a presentation by the FAO Chief Economist on the *FAO Global Roadmap: Achieving SDG 2 without breaching the 1.5C° threshold*, and how it can deliver concrete solutions for SIDS in the framework of the Antigua and Barbuda Agenda for SIDS (ABAS).

The presentation focused on the specific challenges faced by SIDS, including, among others, increasing chronic undernourishment, the health impacts of diet-related non-communicable diseases, as well as the high cost of a healthy diet.<sup>1</sup> This situation is further exacerbated by the vulnerability of SIDS to climate change, leading to increasing disasters that, in turn, result in losses in gross domestic product and biodiversity.<sup>2</sup>

Nutrition and climate challenges in SIDS require holistic solutions that unite actors and initiatives. The FAO Roadmap provides a framework to address the intertwined, multifaceted challenges faced by SIDS through global efforts with complementary local and context-specific actions.

To properly implement these actions, food security and nutrition should be integrated into resource mobilization efforts, especially climate financing. Furthermore, innovative partnerships- like the Initiative on Climate Action and Nutrition (I-CAN) - play a key role in achieving the milestones set out in the FAO Roadmap in SIDS. I-CAN aims to catalyze integrated actions, particularly the domain of action of the Roadmap related to enabling healthy diets to reduce all forms of malnutrition, including non-communicable diseases.

During the panel session, PAHO provided some reflections on the interconnected nature of nutrition and climate change and drew attention to the high consumption of ultra-processed foods in SIDS, and their detrimental impact on non-communicable diseases. The World Food Forum Youth Policy Board (YPB) Member shared her perspective on the role of youth in supporting the implementation of the FAO Global Roadmap and highlighted the importance of youth-led networks, such as the World Food Forum, in amplifying the voice of SIDS youth.

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<sup>1</sup> FAOSTAT; WHO. 2023. *Report of the High-level technical meeting on NCDs and mental health*. Geneva [https://cdn.who.int/media/docs/default-source/ncds/sids-event/sids-report-final-dec2022.pdf?sfvrsn=34f38e87\\_4](https://cdn.who.int/media/docs/default-source/ncds/sids-event/sids-report-final-dec2022.pdf?sfvrsn=34f38e87_4)

<sup>2</sup>FAO. 2023. *The Impact of Disasters on Agriculture and Food Security 2023 – Avoiding and reducing losses through investment in resilience*. Rome. <https://doi.org/10.4060/cc7900en>; OECD. 2018, *Making Development Co-operation Work for Small Island Developing States*, OECD Publishing, Paris, <https://doi.org/10.1787/9789264287648-en>; UNCTAD. 2020. *Multiple disasters and debt sustainability in Small Island Developing States- UNCTAD Research Paper No. 55* (UNCTAD/SER.RP/2020/14)

Closing remarks were provided by CARICOM on the synergies between the *FAO Global Roadmap: Achieving SDG2 without breaching the 1.5 C ° threshold*, supported by partnerships such as I-CAN and the 25 by 2025 Initiative.