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# Background

- Ph.D. in Animal Ecology
- Headed a national NGO that established the Jamaican protected areas system
- Former 2-term IUCN Regional Councilor and member of Commissions for Parks, Education and Species Survival, & Board member of Caribbean Conservation Association
- Regional work with UNDP on Energy, Environment, Climate & DRM
- Caribbean Chair for SDSN and Coordinator for the UCSIS
- Research work on disaster risk reduction, conservation and green economy



# Approach to GSDR

- Future-looking, don't duplicate or reinvent the wheel
- Knowledge brokering? (sensu Hering 2016)
- Critical Review Article approach?
  - Not 17 reviews but enough to cover emerging and important issues.
  - Prioritize and link wherever this approach makes sense e.g. Goals 13+7
- Measurements of progress
  - Sarkozy report – Stiglitz, Sen & Fitoussi.
  - Invite other experts
  - How do we measure progress in data-deficient countries?
  - How relevant is the SDSN dashboard and index?
  - Is the green/blue economy relevant?



# Approach to GSDR

- Many developing countries don't have a lot of data, how do we address this?
  - SIDS
  - LL countries
  - LDCs
- Is the GSDR about progress to the goals or the role of the UN in progress? How do we engage civil society and the private sector?
- Role of technology in improving human development
  - What role can big data and anonymized cellular data play in M&E
  - Are there other ways of using tech to measure progress on the goals?
- We need experts but we need champions too.



# How I can Contribute

- Perspective of SIDS
  - Blue Economy
  - Green Economy
- Biodiversity and Ecology
- Climate and climate-related hazards
- Disaster Risk Management
- Working on a data project



# Networks I belong to

- SDSN
- UCSIS
- AAAS