

### **The Belize Model for Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries, 5 June 2017, CRB, 1500-1630**

The Government of Belize together with its partners - the Environmental Defense Fund and the Nature Conservancy - will showcase a dynamic strategy for ecosystem based fisheries management that combines marine tenure, harvest control, protected areas, the empowerment of fisher folks and multi-stakeholder partnerships towards the advancement of sustainable small scale fisheries. The side event will demonstrate effective approaches for science policy interface, empowering women in the fisheries sector, leveraging finance and markets to reinforce good management, and the lessons learnt from co-management and community based management for fisheries governance.

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### **Ocean Governance and SIDS Sustainable Development, 7 June 2017, CR12, 1700-1815**

Effective ocean governance is essential if ocean ecosystem goods and services are to be sustained for present and future generations. The Governments of Belize and Barbados, the Caribbean Community and the University of the West Indies presents a side event to explore how to strengthen ocean governance at the regional level drawing on lessons learned from regional ocean governance initiatives around the world. The side event will develop concrete recommendations for advancing good oceans governance as a cornerstone of sustainable development. The side event will also serve as a platform to **announce** the Caribbean Large Marine Ecosystem Plus (CLME +) Partnership, a regional initiative that practically demonstrates how enhanced ocean governance can address the systemic problems impacting CARICOM namely habitat degradation, marine pollution and depletion of fish stocks.

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### **Achieving SDG 14: Scaling-up Successful Approaches to Sustainable Fisheries Development and Management in the Caribbean SIDS Region through cooperation and partnerships, 8 June 2017, CRA, 1700-1815**

The Governments of Belize, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Norway, Iceland through the the United Nations University – Fisheries Training Programme, the Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism and the Caribbean Community Secretariat are pleased to present a unique cross-regional partnership that has contributed to strengthening governance and management of fisheries and aquaculture, combating IUU fishing, improving trade capacity and knowledge base for planning and decision-making, and building human and institutional capacity for conservation, management and trade and development. The side event will feature presentations from government, civil society, and academia and will provide best practices from the Caribbean region, highlight critical gaps and needs, and announce partnerships.

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