



SIDS4 SIDE EVENT

FROM VULNERABILITY TO RESILIENCE: ADDRESSING LOSS & DAMAGE IN SIDS

This event focuses on deepening the understanding and advancing discussions around financing to address Loss and Damage (L&D). This event seeks to deepen the understanding of financial challenges faced by SIDS and incorporate these insights into strategies for addressing loss and damage. It aims to explore sustainable and equitable solutions that reflect the immediate and long-term needs of SIDS, including through generating support for the Fund. Through this dialogue, we will discuss how development partners can more effectively integrate a SIDS-focused perspective in their policies and financial mechanisms, ensuring that our approach to the climate crisis is both just and equitable. We will also aim to chart a course for practical solutions at 2024 Annual Meetings of the IMF and World Bank Group and COP29.

Opening remarks

- Ms. Rabab Fatima, Under-Secretary-General & High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States
- H.E. Fatumanava-o-Upolu III Dr Pa'olelei Luteru, Chair of AOSIS and Permanent Representative of Samoa to the United Nations

Scene setting presentation by Sasha Jattansingh, Loss and Damage Expert, Climate Analytics

- Brief presentation on the Loss and Damage threats SIDS face and initial findings of research on how SIDS have been assessing and reporting on L&D and the broader implications of this on accessing finance.

Panel Discussion: Rising Tides, Rising Solutions: Financial Strategies for SIDS Survival

Moderator: Dr. Tom Mitchell, Executive Director, IIED

Panellists:

- H.E. Christina Markus Lassen, Permanent Representative of Denmark to the UN
- Ms. Lilia Burunciuc, Country Director for the Caribbean Countries, World Bank
- Ambassador Janine Felson, Ambassador for Climate Change for Belize
- Dr. Emily Wilkinson, Director, Resilient & Sustainable Islands, Principal Research Fellow, ODI

Q&A session with audience

Lead discussants:

- Ritu Bharadwaj, Team Leader and Principal Researcher, Climate Change Group, IIED
- Ms. Ugochi Daniels, Deputy Director General of Operations, IOM

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2:00-3:30 PM

Side Event Room 3, AUA