**DRAFT PROGRAMME**

**HIGH LEVEL SIDE EVENT ON CLIMATE FINANCE NEEDS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES**

**COP28 SIDE EVENT**

**United Arab Emirates, Dubai**

**Friday, 1 December 2023, 18:30-20:00**

**Meeting Room 2**

## OBJECTIVE

The purpose of the event is to showcase the progress countries have made in facilitating access to and mobilization of climate finance for needs and priorities as supported by the Needs-Based Finance ([NBF](https://unfccc.int/NBF_Project)) Project in response to decisions by the COP, under long term finance.[[1]](#footnote-2)

The NBF currently covers 80 countries in 8 participating regions, supporting them assess their needs, determine flows of finance, design, and adopt strategies with actions that address needs as described in their NDCs, NAPs etc. and relevant national and regional plans, policies, and strategies.

Government ministers and heads of agencies will share experiences, opportunities, and challenges in facilitating access to and mobilization of climate finance.

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### PART I – OPENING SEGMENT

**18:30-18:45, (15’)**

**Opening:**

* Mr. Simon Stiell, Executive Secretary, UNFCCC secretariat

### PART II – PANEL DISCUSSION

**18:45-19:30, (45’)**

This section will host an esteemed panel discussion featuring Ministers from regions where the NBF Project has made significant contributions. The panelists will delve into an in-depth dialogue about their firsthand experiences in securing climate finance to meet both national and regional objectives, all while navigating the complex challenges presented by climate change.

Moderator**:**

* Hon Dr. Dessima D Williams, President of the Senate of Grenada

**Panel:**

1. HE Mr. Siaosi Sovaleni, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Tonga
2. HE Mr. Mark Brown, Prime Minister of Cook Islands
3. Hon. Ms. Kerryne Z. James, Minister for Climate Resilience, the Environment and Renewable Energy, Grenada
4. Hon. Mr. Sheralizoda Bahodur Ahmadjon, Chairman of the Committee for Environmental Protection, Republic of Tajikistan

Key topics to be explored include:

* Sustainable climate finance: A look at replicable and scalable financial solutions that have demonstrated success, while also maintaining responsible national debt levels.
* Regional access to climate finance: Insights and perspectives on the challenges and opportunities of securing climate finance at a regional scale.
* Financing approaches for the vulnerable: Approaches to funding enhanced resilience, and mitigating loss and damage, with a focus on Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and Least Developed Countries (LDCs).
* Private sector engagement: Strategic approaches for increasing private sector involvement in the implementation of climate solutions.

### PART III – QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

**19:30-19:55 (25’)**

Moderator:

* Hon Dr. Dessima D Williams, President of the Senate of Grenada

### PART IV – CLOSING SEGMENT

**19:55-20:00 (5’)**

Moderator:

* Hon Dr. Dessima D Williams, President of the Senate of Grenada

## PARTICIPATION

Any registered participants at COP28 can attend the event in person.

Virtual participation will be possible through COP28 Platform for registered participants. People not registered to COP28 can follow the event live on the UN Climate Change YouTube channel. Links for both options will be provided once available.

1. Decision 6/CP.23, para. 10; Decision 4/CP.26, para. 22; 13/CP.27, para. 11 [↑](#footnote-ref-2)