

# SIDS leadership on Ocean, Climate and SDGs

*Advancing adaptation and private sector engagement to build a climate resilient blue economy in islands*

December 11<sup>th</sup> | 13h15 – 14h45 | Room 2 | Hall 4 | Blue Zone



## Welcoming remarks (2')

- Mr Antonio Palazuelos Prieto, President SYAH Cabo Verde (MC)

## Inspirational speech (5')

- HE Amb. Peter Thomson, United Nations Secretary General Special Envoy on the Ocean

## Special address (4')

- Ms Helena Semedo, Deputy Director-General, FAO

## Opening statement (4')

- Dr Miguel Clüsener-Godt, Director, Division of Ecological and Earth Sciences, UNESCO

## High level panel on SIDS innovative ocean and climate action for SDGs (30')

### Panelists

- HE Alexandre Monteiro, Minister of Industry, Trade and Energy of Cabo Verde, represented by Mr Rito Évora, National Director of Energy of Cabo Verde
- HE Wallace Cosgrow, Minister of Environment, Energy and Climate Change of Seychelles
- HE Jose Cardoso Cassandra, President of Principe Island, São Tomé & Príncipe
- HE Paulo Silva, Ambassador of Guinea Bissau to the Kingdom of Spain

### Moderator

- Ms Khalissa Ikhlef, UNESCO SIDS Focal Point

## Panel on Advancing adaptation and private sector engagement to build a climate resilient blue economy in islands (30')

### Panelists

- Dr Godfrey Bahigwa, Director, Department of Rural Economy and Agriculture, African Union Commission
- Prof Anthony Nyong, Director for Climate Change and Green Growth, African Development Bank
- Ms Margarita Astralaga, Director of the Environment, Climate, Gender and Social Inclusion Division, IFAD
- Mr Paul Holthus, CEO, World Ocean Council

### Moderator

- Ms Leah Wanambwa, Senior Climate Policy Officer, African Union Commission

## Closing statement (5')

- HE Prof. Petteri Taalas, Secretary General, World Meteorological Organization

## Interaction with participants