

SIDE EVENT

Commonwealth Secretariat, Mauritius and Africa Union

Strengthening synergies between Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction Actions

13 December 2018, UNFCCC-COP 24, Katowice, Poland

18:30-20:00, Wisla Room

The overall aim of the side event is to promote and call for accelerated efforts to integrate climate change and disaster risk reduction actions.

18:30 - 19:00	<p>Welcome and Opening Remarks</p> <p>The Rt Hon Patricia Scotland QC, Secretary-General of the Commonwealth</p> <p>The Rt Hon Claire Perry MP, Minister of State for Energy and Clean Growth - United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland</p> <p>Amb. Kheswar Jankee, Head of Delegation, Mauritius</p> <p>Mr. Harsen Nyambe, Head of Division, Environment, Climate Change, Water and Land Management - Africa Union Commission</p>
19:00 - 19:15	<p>The global context: enhancing synergies through the UNFCCC-Paris Agreement and Sendai Framework</p> <p>Ms. Koko Warner PhD, Manager - Impacts, Vulnerabilities and Risks Subprogramme, Adaptation Programme - United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)</p> <p>Dr. Pendo Maro, GCCA Intra-ACP Programme - Africa Caribbean and Pacific Group of States</p> <p>Dr. Saleemul Huq, Director - International Centre for Climate Change and Development</p>
19:15 - 19:45	<p>Panel Discussion - Policy and practice: national perspectives and approaches</p> <p>Prof. Prajapati Trivedi, Director, Economic, Social and Sustainable Development Directorate - Commonwealth Secretariat</p> <p>Mr. Tumasie Blair, Head of Delegation - Antigua and Barbuda</p> <p>Dr. Nurul Quadir, Ministry of Environment and Forests - Bangladesh</p> <p>Mr. Paula Ma'u, CEO Ministry of Meteorology, Energy, Information, Disaster Management, Environment, Climate Change and Communications (MEIDECC) - Tonga</p>

19:45 - 19:55	Interventions from the floor / Question & Answer Session
19:55 - 20:00	Conclusion and Closure
20:00 onwards	Refreshments and Networking