COP26 OFFICIAL SIDE EVENT CONCEPT NOTE

Side event title: **Raising Resilience Ambition: Leadership from Small Islands**

Date:Wednesday 10 November, 13.15-14.30

Location: Multimedia Studio 1 - South Downs (SEC).

Length: 75 mins

Purpose of the session: Small Islands are among the most climate-vulnerable states, some of them facing existential risks to nationhood as a result of climate impacts. They are also among the most deeply affected by the Covid-19-related economic downturn, and many have high levels of sovereign debt. This mix of vulnerabilities makes it impossible for small tourism-development islands to spend at the levels required to build back better and implement measures that will transform their economies and empower communities to effectively reduce climate risks. Elevating adaptation and resilience in climate policy will require leadership and a demonstration of what can be achieved. This side event will show case examples from Dominica, the Balearic Islands and other small islands that are setting ambitious goals, making progress on mainstreaming adaptation and resilience across ministries and sectors. Speakers and experts will also describe the financing gap and pinpoint the types of support needed to achieve these ambitious resilience goals.

FIRST SEGMENT: ‘Resilience: A time for big ambition’

Chair:

* Dr Emily Wilkinson, Climate Resilience Execution Agency for Dominica (CREAD) and ODI

Keynote Speakers:

* Hon Cozier Frederick, Minister of Environment, Rural Modernization and Kalinago Upliftment, Government of the Commonwealth of Dominica
* Mr Courtenay Rattray, High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-HORLLS)
* Hon Juan Pedro Yllanes, Vice President of the Balearic Government and Regional Minister of Energy Transition and Productive Sectors.

Format: Chair introduces each of the keynote speakers (3 mins total). Keynote speakers emphasise the scale of ambition needed for climate resilience in small islands (5 minutes each)

Videos: Dominica and the Balearic Islands (2 mins each)

SECOND SEGMENT: ‘Resilience: how to get it done’

Expert panel:

* Ambassador Walton Webson, Permanent Representative of Antigua and Barbuda to the United Nations
* Ambassador Francine Baron, CEO Climate Resilience Execution Agency for Dominica (CREAD)
* Ms. Elena Jinámar Tomás Ribot, technical manager of the Balearic Government's climate change adaptation policies.
* Dr. Richard Kozul-Wright, Director of the Globalization and Development Strategies Division, UNCTAD

Moderator:

Dr Emily Wilkinson, CREAD and ODI

Format:

1. Facilitator introduces the panellists (3 mins)
2. Q&A facilitator asks each expert 2 questions about what it takes to achieve resilience and sustain development progress in small islands (5 minutes each answer)
3. Q&A with general audience (virtual, moderated) (10 mins approx)