



RCC COP29 EVENT

Title: What does mitigation ambition mean for SIDS?

Theme: Mitigation – NDCs

Location: Special Event Room BUTA

Date: November 15, 2024

Time: 13:30 to 14:30

Co-organizers: UNFCCC RCC Asia Pacific, SPREP, SPC

Background

The side event will build the dialogue on mitigation ambition in Small Island Developing States (SIDS). 1.5 to Stay Alive is the motto advocated for by SIDS at every COP since Paris to drive global mitigation ambition. SIDS, while being negligible emitters, seek to do their part to demonstrate raised ambition to inspire global action and maintain their strong ethical voice as the world's conscience at negotiations. This event will explore what mitigation ambition means in the SIDS and how this ambition can be driven further, examining the transformative actions already being undertaken on the ground and identifying potential replication and opportunities for the future. The event will also examine how greater climate mitigation ambition is possible in the SIDS with a suitable policy mix across sectors, which can further be accelerated with regional and subregional cooperation.

Objectives:

This side event will showcase the unique and special circumstances of SIDS and provide an opportunity to shed light on how the next round of NDCs is being shaped and how ambition is being defined. It will also be a call for action to seek for targeted support to respond to their needs.

Logistics needs:

Hybrid, Video projection , Podium, Microphones for Q&A

Targeted Audience: Government focal points and development organizations working on NDCs in the SIDS

Duration: 60 minutes

Agenda / Run of show:

Time	Topic	Speaker/Organization
Event moderator: Ms. Alana Craigen, UNDP		
5 minutes	Welcome Remarks	Mr. Sefanaia Nawadra, Director General, SPREP
7 min	Keynote Address	Government of Samoa, AOSIS Chair and host of NDC 3.0 Forum for the Pacific
10 min	Context Setting: Presentation of the draft publication on <i>What does</i>	Ms. Juhi Bansal, NDC & LT-LEDS Specialist UNFCCC RCC Asia Pacific



	<i>mitigation ambitions mean for the Pacific?</i>	
30 min	Panel Discussion What does mitigation ambition mean in the SIDS? What will the next round of NDCs look like for the SIDS?	Panel Moderator: Ms. Coral Pasisi, Director of Climate Change and Sustainability, Secretariat of the Pacific Community Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mr. Antony Garae, Director, Department of Energy, Vanuatu- PNG/ RMI (TBC)- Dr. Kenel Delusca, Haiti- Dr. Colin Young, Executive Director, Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre (CCCCC) (TBC)
5 min	Q & A session	Audience
3 min	Closing remarks	Ms. Julie Amoroso-Garbin Regional Lead, UNFCCC RCC Asia Pacific

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Guiding questions for panelists:

Vanuatu

1. What kind of sectoral transitions are envisaged as part of the "mitigation ambition" for Small Island Developing States (SIDS), considering their unique vulnerabilities and resource constraints? Can you explain from Vanuatu's perspective, especially for the energy sector?
2. What innovative financing mechanisms could be explored by SIDS to mobilize resources for ambitious mitigation projects? What is Vanuatu doing in this context?

Haiti



1. How will the outcomes of the Global Stocktake influence the next round of NDCs for SIDS, and what specific adjustments might be necessary to meet global climate goals?
2. What lessons can SIDS learn from each other in terms of successful mitigation strategies and implementation experiences that could inform their upcoming NDCs?

RMI/ PNG/ Fiji:

1. In what ways can SIDS balance their mitigation efforts with adaptation needs, particularly in sectors like tourism, fisheries, and agriculture?
2. What role do local communities and stakeholders play in shaping the next round of NDCs, and how can their input be effectively integrated into national strategies?

CCCCC

1. How can SIDS leverage their National Financing Frameworks to enhance the financial viability of their NDCs?
2. How can SIDS effectively communicate their mitigation ambitions to attract international climate finance and support from multilateral development banks?