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# African Island States Climate Commission AIS High-Level Dialogue on SDG14

## *Strengthening Ocean Partnerships for Resilience and Sustainable Finance: Charting a Blue Future for African Island States and AIS SIDS*

*Side event of the 3<sup>rd</sup> United Nations Ocean Conference  
13 June 2025, 8h45 – 10 am – Room 1, Blue Zone, Nice, France*

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### Agenda

#### Opening panel (10')

##### *Welcoming remarks*

- Mr. Nassim Oulmane, Head of Section, Climate, Food and Natural Resources Division, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa
- Mr. Edgard Razafindravahy, Secretary General, Indian Ocean Commission

##### *Special Remarks*

- H.E. Li Junhua, Under Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations

##### *Opening remarks*

- H.E. Flavien Joubert, Chair, African Island States Climate Commission, and Minister of Agriculture, Climate Change and Environment, Republic of Seychelles,

#### Setting the scene (3')

*Overview of the work of the African Island States Climate Commission and the  
RESIslands Initiative to strengthen ocean partnerships for resilience and sustainable finance*

- Mr. Antonio Palazuelos Prieto, Coordination Expert, Climate, Food and Natural Resources Division, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa





### **AIS Member States Ministerial panel (30')**

- H.E. Nilda Borges da Mata, Minister of Environment, Youth and Sustainable Tourism, Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe
- H.E. Jorge Santos, Minister of the Sea, Republic of Cabo Verde
- H.E. Viriato Soares Cassama, Minister of Environment, Biodiversity and Climate Action, Republic of Guinea Bissau
- H.E. Maria Ebiaca Moete, State Secretary of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, Republic of Equatorial Guinea
- H.E. Fabrice David, Junior Minister of Agro-Industry, Food Security, Blue Economy, and Fisheries, Republic of Mauritius
- H.E. Mahatante Tsimanaoraty Paubert, Minister of Fisheries and Blue Economy, Republic of Madagascar

*Moderator: H.E. Flavien Joubert, Minister of Agriculture, Climate Change and Environment, Republic of Seychelles*

### **Partners commitments panel (24')**

- Ms. Mary Beth Goodman, Deputy Secretary-General, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
- Amb. Jennifer Morgan, State Secretary and Special Envoy for International Climate Action, Germany (TBC)
- Ms. Nardos Bekele-Thomas, CEO, African Union Development Agency-NEPAD
- Mr. Fred Boltz, Manager, Programming Division, Global Environment Facility
- Mr. Kevin Horsburgh, Climate Science Lead, Green Climate Fund
- Mr. Kiran Atwal, Head of SIDS Hub, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office, United Kingdom
- Ms. Dorothy Abade-Maseke, Head of ANCA Secretariat & Lead Nature Finance and TNFD, FSD Africa

*Moderator: Ms. Patricia Portela de Sousa, United Nations Resident Coordinator, Cabo Verde*

### **Closing panel (6')**

- H.E. Moses Vilakati, Commissioner, Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy and Sustainable Environment, African Union Commission
- H.E. Peter Thomson, United Nations Secretary General Special Envoy for the Ocean

*Moderator: Mme. Gina Bonne, Head of Mission, Indian Ocean Commission/AISCC Secretariat*

