



**12th November 2016
14h00 – 15h30
Venue: Africa Pavilion
Conference Room 1**

COP22 Africa Pavilion Event

The Blue Economy and Climate Change in the context of Sustainable Development

The African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Group of States is one of the largest groups of developing countries in the world consisting of 79 Member States of which 37 are Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and 39 are Least Developed Countries (LDCs).

Oceans, rivers, lakes and other natural waterways are a fundamental source of food, water, and livelihoods for people worldwide. Damage to these resources and their ecosystems is likely to affect the livelihoods of present and future generations, as well as the fauna and flora that live and depend on these resources.

The main objective of the event is to facilitate dialogue and exchange of best practices among Small Island Developing States, including coastal countries in Africa. The meeting will show by examples how ACP countries are using the opportunities of the blue economy to support the economic and human development in the context of sustainable development.

High Level Panel

**Chair: H.E. Dr. Kaire Munionganda Mbuende,
Ambassador of Namibia and Chair of the ACP Sub-
committee on Sustainable Development**

**Setting the scene: Prof. Elisabeth Holland, Director of the
Pacific Centre for Environment and Sustainable
Development (PACE-SD), University of the South Pacific,
Fiji**

Discussants

**H.E. Mr. Pohamba Shifeta, Minister of Environment and
Tourism, Namibia**

**H.E. Dr. Omar Figueroa, Minister for Forests, Fisheries,
the Environment and Sustainable Development, Belize**

**H.E. Mr. Deo Saran, Ambassador Extraordinary &
Plenipotentiary, Fiji**

Moderator

**Mr. Viwanou Gnassounou, Assistant Secretary General –
Department of Sustainable Development and Trade,
Secretariat of the African, Caribbean and Pacific group of
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