



SIDE EVENT



WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF THE
FIJI COP 23 PRESIDENCY

*“Addressing Vulnerability in African,
Caribbean and Pacific countries:
Adaptation, Capacity, People (ACP)”*

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).

Scientific evidence indicates that countries such as Small Island Developing States, Least Developed Countries and landlocked countries will become increasingly more vulnerable to the devastating effects of climate change such as sea-level rise and storm surges, floods, droughts and extreme weather events, coral bleaching, coastal erosion and changing precipitation patterns.

The meeting seeks to: provide a platform for outreach and advocacy in support of implementing the Paris Agreement, strengthen negotiation aspects and facilitate dialogue and exchange of ideas among vulnerable ACP Island Developing States, Least Developed Countries, landlocked countries and coastal countries.

High-level Panel:

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

Welcoming remarks: H.E. Mr. Johnson Weru, Chair of the Subcommittee on Sustainable Development and Ambassador of Kenya

Setting the scene: Mrs. Olushola Olayide, Head, Division of Environment and Climate Change, African Union (AU)

Key note address: Ms. Elina Bardram, Head of the EU Delegation to the UNFCCC, Directorate General for Climate Action (DG CLIMA), European Commission

Fiji's priorities for COP23: H.E. Mr. Deo Saran, Ambassador of Fiji, President of COP 23

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UNFCCC conference room Bonn 181
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Expectations for COP23:

Mr. Kamal Djemouai, Adviser to the Chair of African Group of Negotiators (AGN)

Mr. Amjad Abdulla, Chief Negotiator of the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS)

Mr. Gebru Jember Endalew (tbc), Institutions Development and Strategic Partnerships Advisor, Ethiopia Country Programme, Chair, Least Developed Countries (LDCs) Group

H.E. Ms. Maria Fernanda Espinosa Garcés (tbc), Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Permanent Mission of Ecuador to the United Nations Office of Geneva and Chair of the Group of 77 and China

Discussants:

Mr. Maguette Kaire, (tbc) Permanent Inter-State Committee against Drought Control in the Sahel (CILSS)/Agrhymet

Mr. Carlos Fuller, (representing the Caribbean Region), International and Regional Liaison Officer, Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre (CCCCC) and SBSTA Chair

Mr. Espen Ronneberg (representing the Pacific Region), Climate Change Adviser, Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)

Dr. German Velasquez, Department of Mitigation and Adaptation, Green Climate Fund

Q&A session

Joint Press Conference ACP Group and European Union

at the end of the side event