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Pathways to resilience in climate-affected SIDS

A Forward-Looking Resilience Building Agenda: Promises, results and next steps

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Bios of Speakers

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H. E. Ambassador Inga Rhonda King

President of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations

Her Excellency Inga Rhonda King, who comes to diplomacy from the private sector, has lived and worked in several Caribbean countries, the United States of America, and China. She is a small business owner, business strategist, the author of three books, and a management accountant with more than two decades of professional experience. She is the immediate past chair of the Investment Promotions Agency of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (Invest SVG), and a former

Honorary Consul for Portugal to Saint Vincent and the Grenadines. Since becoming Permanent Representative in September 2013, Ambassador King has held several leadership roles. These include (i) Chair/Spokesperson of L69 (2016 - present), the largest reform group for the Security Council Reform of the United Nations, (ii) Vice-President of ECOSOC (2017-2018); (iii) Chair of the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly of the 71st Session (2016 - 2017). At the time of her chairmanship, she was only the second woman to chair this committee in the history of the United Nations. (iv) Immediate-past chair of the Island Women Open Network (IWON) (2014 - July 2018).



H.E. Ambassador Luis Alfonso de Alba

UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy for the 2019 Climate Summit

Ambassador de Alba has been appointed as the UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy for the 2019 Climate Summit. In this role, he will provide "leadership, guidance and strategic direction" towards the 2019 Climate Summit and will be engaging key strategic climate change leaders, including governments, and coalitions, to galvanize climate action ahead of the event. Prior to this appointment, he served since September 2017 as Mexico's Under-Secretary for Latin America and the Caribbean. Appointed Ambassador in 2001, he brings experience as Permanent Representative of Mexico to the Organization of American States, the International Organizations in Vienna, the UN, and other international organizations in Geneva, among others. As Mexico's Special Representative for Climate Change, Mr. de Alba led negotiations for the 2010 UN Climate Change Conference (COP16) in Cancún, Mexico. He also held several elected positions including Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council (2012) and First President of the Human Rights Council in Geneva (2006-2007). A diplomat since 1983, he undertook various other assignments at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mexico.



Amb. Colin Granderson

Assistant Secretary-General, Foreign and Community Relations, The Caribbean Community (CARICOM)

Ambassador Colin Granderson assumed the position of Assistant Secretary-General, Foreign and Community Relations at the CARICOM Secretariat on 1 May 2002. Named Ambassador at Large of Trinidad and Tobago in 1993, he was the Executive Director of the OAS/UN International Civilian Mission in Haiti (MICIVIH), a human rights observation mission, from February 1993 to March 2000. He had served earlier as the Coordinator of the Organization of American States Civilian Presence in Haiti during the period October 1992 to February 1993. He was also designated head of mission of the OAS election observation mission for the December 1995 presidential elections and also for the partial legislative and local government elections of April 1997 in Haiti. He has also headed election observation missions for the OAS for general elections in Suriname (May 2000) and Guyana (March 2001). Ambassador Granderson was a member of the advisory panel (the Brahimi Panel) convened by the UN Secretary-General in 2000 to review UN peace operations and make recommendations. At the request of the UN Secretary General, he chaired the International Commission of Inquiry into human rights violations in Côte d'Ivoire (December 2000-May 2001). Prior to the above assignments, Ambassador Granderson was Director of Political Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Trinidad and Tobago after serving at diplomatic posts in London, Geneva, and the United Nations in New York.



Ms. Alicia Bárcena Ibarra

Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)

In 2008, United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon announced the appointment of Alicia Bárcena Ibarra of Mexico as Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC). Ms. Bárcena Ibarra served as the Chef de Cabinet to former Secretary-General Kofi Annan before serving as the Under-Secretary-General for Management. Earlier in her career, Ms. Bárcena Ibarra served as Deputy Executive Secretary of ECLAC, contributing substantively and increased interagency collaboration to provide a regional perspective on the Millennium Development Goals and on Financing for Sustainable Development, connecting issues of inequality, poverty, economic development and sustainability with the required fiscal policies needed to address extreme poverty. As Chief of the Environment and Human Settlements Division of ECLAC, she heightened the profile of the Regional Commission in the areas of climate change, sustainable energy, fiscal policies and environment. She previously served as Coordinator of UNEP, as well as Adviser to the Latin American and Caribbean Sustainable Development Programme in the UNDP.



Mr. Luis Felipe López-Calva

Assistant Secretary-General and Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean Regional, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Mr. Luis Felipe López-Calva assumed his position as UNDP Assistant Administrator and Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean. He leads the organization's work and teams in 40 countries and territories in the region helping bring governments, civil society organizations, and the private sector together to achieve the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs. Mr. López-Calva has nearly 30 years of experience working in academia, advising top

governments in the region. He has held key leadership positions in multilateral organizations, including UNDP, and most recently with the World Bank where he served as Practice Manager of the Poverty and Equity Global Practice for Europe and Central Asia. He was also the co-director and lead author of the World Development Report 2017 on “Governance and the Law” and was a lead economist in several World Bank divisions. From 2007-2010, he served as Chief Economist for UNDP’s Regional Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean in New York, the same division he will now lead. His research focuses on labour markets, poverty and inequality, institutions and microeconomics of development.

Dialogue I. Taking stock: Commitments and results to date



H.E. Ambassador Walton Alfonso Webson,

Permanent Representative of Antigua and Barbuda to the United Nations

H.E. Ambassador Walton Alfonso Webson is the Permanent Representative of Antigua and Barbuda to the United Nations since 2014. Until his appointment, Ambassador Webson had a long career with Perkins International, serving as its Director since 2011. Prior to that, he was the organization’s Director of Institutional Development and Coordinator of Education Programs for Africa and the Caribbean. Before joining Perkins International in 1992, Ambassador Webson was the Caribbean Regional Representative for Sight Savers International for two years, beginning in 1990. From 1981 to 1986, he was the Executive Director of the Caribbean Council for the Blind. He has also been teaching Leadership and International Management at Assumption College, Worcester, Massachusetts, since 2006. He has authored books on empowering persons with disabilities and academic papers on development, education and aspects of disability. Ambassador Webson holds a doctorate in management from Case Western Reserve University in Ohio, United States. He earned his Master of Science in management of non-profit organizations and his Bachelor of Science from the New School for Social Research, New York, United States.



Mr. Nigel Salina

Chairman, Global Business Leadership Forum

Mr. Nigel Salina is an entrepreneur. Regionally, he is well known as the Caribbean’s largest insurer, visionary outlook and strong commitment to customer satisfaction. He is now the Chairman of the Global Business Leadership Forum Ltd—an international corporation focusing on global business, connecting business leaders & corporations across diverse industries in different geographic locations. This company hosts leadership seminars, conferences and forums in multiple countries. This includes; the Caribbean Leadership Forum, the Business Leaders Forum hosted at the prestigious Duquesne Club in Pittsburgh PA., and the Caribbean Security Forum. These events attracted major corporations, industry experts and global business leaders. Nigel consults with leading global corporations in the USA, Africa, Asia, Europe, Trinidad & Tobago and the wider Caribbean. He consults with a number of companies in Medical Services, Water, Technology, Infrastructure, Renewables, WTE, Security, Power and Energy.

Dialogue II. Next steps: Financing a forward-looking resilience-building agenda in SIDS



H.E. Dr. Paul Oquist Kelley

Minister-Private Secretary for National Policies of the President of the Republic of Nicaragua

Dr. Paul Oquist Kelley is currently Co-Chair of the Board of Directors of the Green Climate Fund. He is a Member for the Latin American and the Caribbean Group (GRULAC) and shares a seat with the Republic of Cuba and Antigua and Barbuda, under the role rotation system. In 2016, he was Advisor; in 2017 he served as Alternate Member of the Board and for 2018 is now a full Member of the Board and Co-Chair for the Developing Countries. Dr. Oquist actively supported the proposal for the creation of the Green Climate Fund at COP-16 (Cancun, 2010). He also served on the Transitional Committee which designed a proposal for the organization of the Green Fund (2010). In the final negotiation of the COP-17 Green Climate Fund approval resolution (Durban, 2011), was appointed by the G-77 to represent the Developing Countries. Dr. Oquist is also currently President of the UNCTAD Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Financing for Development. In 2008, Dr. Oquist represented the Executive Committee on Finance as a representative of developing countries on the UNFCCC Interim Executive Committee of the Warsaw International Mechanism on Loss and Damage. He was a member for two consecutive terms (2010-2017) of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) Committee of Experts on Public Administration. Dr. Oquist has been Head of the Nicaragua Delegation at the XVI, XVII, XVIII, XIX, XX, XXI, XXII and XXIII Conferences of the Parties of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), and respective Conferences of Parties to the Kyoto Protocol. He was a member of the Nicaragua Delegation during the XV Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC and the Conference of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol, held in Copenhagen, Denmark in 2009. Dr. Oquist also served as Senior Advisor to the President of the 63rd UN General Assembly; Regional Expert on Governance for the Asia Division of the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) based in Islamabad, Pakistan (1998-2006); Senior Technical Adviser for the UNDP Management Program in Mongolia (1993-1998); and Director of UNDP Public Administration Projects in Quito, Ecuador (1975-1979). In addition, Dr. Oquist was a consultant for UNDP, UNICEF & CLAD at the highest levels of government in Colombia, Ecuador, Chile, Kyrgyzstan, Vietnam and the Philippines.



H.E. Ambassador Marlene Moses

Permanent Representative of the Republic of Nauru to the United Nations (Chair of the Pacific Islands Forum and Chair of Pacific SIDS)

Ambassador Marlene Moses is the Permanent Representative of Nauru to the United Nations since 2005. Prior to her appointment, Ms. Moses was Nauru's Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations, beginning in November 2003. During that time, she also served as Acting Chief Secretary, and Public Service Commissioner and Secretary to the Cabinet. Earlier, from 2000 to 2003, she was Permanent Secretary for Health and Medical Services. She also served as Permanent Secretary for Internal Affairs (1999-2000). Having joined the foreign service of her country in 1983 as a Foreign Affairs Officer, Ms. Moses served as Consul in Tokyo, Japan (1988-1990), as Consul-General in Auckland, New Zealand (1991-1995), and as Assistant Director in the Department of Foreign Affairs (1995-1996). She was also chairperson of the Lands Negotiation Committee, coordinator of the Economic Strategy Committee, and a member of the Nauru Rehabilitation Corporation - Land Use Planning Committee. Ms. Moses was educated at Canberra College of Advanced University and at Monash University, in Melbourne, both in Australia.



Mr. Chamberlain Emmanuel

Head, Environmental Sustainability Cluster, Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS)

Chamberlain Emmanuel is a professional Civil Engineer, Project & Programme Manager and People Leader with over seventeen years of experience at the community, national and regional level, and with initiatives involving a myriad of international development partners. His strengths are demonstrated in his core technical expertise, leadership competencies, and reputation of delivery and trust. Within the context of increasing vulnerability and fiscal constraints, Chamberlain is driving a team and portfolio mandated to work with countries, civil society, private sector and international institutions to design, mobilize and implement innovative and sustainable approaches and solutions for resilience and sustainable development, underpinned by environmental integrity. He supports to the Director General in leadership, representation, planning and implementation towards the organization's strategic priorities. Chamberlain is a graduate of the University of the West Indies (St. Augustine, Trinidad), with multiple post graduate and professional certifications. He is a valued speaker, evangelist, volunteer and father.



Mr. Denis Jordy

Lead Disaster Risk Management Specialist,

Denis Jordy leads the Small Islands States Resilience Initiative and the Nature Based Solution Platform. He has more than 20 years of experience in environment, water management, disaster risk management, and climate change adaptation. Before joining GFDRR, he coordinated the Environment, Disaster Risk Management and Climate Change Adaptation portfolio in the Pacific and Region and Senegal. During his time at the World Bank, Denis has worked on urban flood risk reduction, coastal zone management, climate change adaptation, disaster risk management, response and reconstruction, post-disaster needs assessments, environmental management, and pollution control. He has a multi-region experience in Africa, Asia, Middle East and North Africa, Latin America, France and USA. Prior to the Bank, he worked for the French Government on environment, pollution control, agriculture, and rural development programs and policies in France and West Africa.