COP27 Side Event

Unlocking Private Sector Finance to Accelerate Climate Action in Small and other Vulnerable Countries

Thursday 10 November 2022, 1830–2000 (EET), Amon, UNFCCC Blue Zone

This high-level side event, organised by the Commonwealth Secretariat in collaboration with the Governments of Saint Lucia, Namibia and Zambia, will provide member countries, financing institutions and other non-governmental organisations with an opportunity to share their experiences of private sector engagement in climate, energy and ocean action, focusing on readiness initiatives, climate budget tagging and new financing instruments.

Opening Session
Rt Hon Patricia Scotland KC
Secretary-General of the Commonwealth

Hon Collins Nzovu, MP
Minister of Green Economy & Env., Zambia

Hon Shawn Edward
Minister of Edu., Sustainable Dev., Innovation, Science, Tech. & Voc. Training, Saint Lucia

Prof Ruth Kattumuri
Senior Director – EYSD, Commonwealth Secretariat

Presentation
Duduzile Nhlengethwa-Masina
Director, Eswatini Meteorological Services, Ministry of Tourism & Env. Affairs, Eswatini

Karen Sack
Executive Director, Ocean Risk & Resilience Action Alliance

Panel Discussion
Racquel Moses
CEO, Caribbean Climate Smart Accelerator

Benedict Libanda
CEO, Environmental Investment Fund of Namibia

Christopher Chukwunata
Co-ordinator, Commonwealth Sustainable Energy Transition (CSET) Youth Action Group

Gareth Philips
Manager, Climate & Environment Finance Division, African Development Bank

Veronica Jakarasi
Head of Climate Finance, Africa Enterprise Challenge Fund

Vineil Narayan
Coral Reefs & the Blue Economy and Building Back Blue Programme Manager, UNDP

Andreas Reumann
Head, Independent Evaluation Unit, Green Climate Fund

Dr Nicholas Hardman-Mountford
Head of Oceans & Natural Resources, Commonwealth Secretariat

Unnikrishnan Nair
Head of Climate Change, Commonwealth Secretariat

Event will be livestreamed at unfccc.int. For more information, see thecommonwealth.org/cop27