COP28 Side Event

Empowering Vulnerable Nations: Bridging Needs and Gaps in Loss and Damage via Financial Interventions

Sunday 3 December 2023, 1645 – 1815 (GST), Expo City, Dubai, The Commonwealth Pavilion, Blue Zone, Area B2, Building 21 – MA09G4

This side event is organised by the Commonwealth Secretariat in collaboration with the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI) to discuss the updates on the establishment of the Loss and Damage Fund, and the expectations of member countries concerning the Fund’s operationalisation. The discussion will also focus on countries’ readiness to access and utilise these funds, and on the role of financial interventions for effective utilisation.

Opening Session
Dr Ruth Kattumuri
Senior Director, EYSD, the Commonwealth Secretariat
Madeleine Sarr
Chair of the Least Developed Countries (LDC) Group on Climate Change

GGGI Presentation on Multi-country Stakeholder Consultations
Dr Achala Abeysinghe
Director of Asia, Global Green Growth Institute

CCFAH Presentation on Financial Interventions for Loss and Damage
Sagar Srijan Joshi
Commonwealth National Climate Finance Adviser – Maldives
Martin Barriteau
Commonwealth National Climate Finance Adviser – Tonga

Panel Discussion
Ambassador Diann Black-Layne
Antigua and Barbuda’s Ambassador for Climate Change
Debbie Palmer
Director, Energy, Climate and Environment, FCDO
Harjeet Singh
Head, Global Political Strategy Climate Action Network
Unnikrishnan Nair
Head of Climate Change, the Commonwealth Secretariat

Closing Remarks
Dr Frank Rijsberman
Director General, Global Green Growth Institute

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