

# African Island States Climate Commission High-Level Roundtable

## *Financing Climate Resilience and Sustainable Development for African Island States and SIDS in the AIS Region*

*Side event of the Fourth International Conference on Financing for  
Development (FFD4)*

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### Agenda

#### **Opening panel (15')**

##### *Welcoming remarks*

- H.E. Hanan Morsy, Deputy Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa

##### *Special Remarks*

- H.E. Navid Hanif, Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations

##### *Opening remarks*

- H.E. Ilza Amado Vaz, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Cooperation and Communities, Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe

*Moderator: Mr. Antonio Palazuelos Prieto, Climate, Food and Natural Resources Division,*

*United Nations Economic Commission for Africa*

**AIS Member States perspectives (40')**

- H.E. Soares Sambu, Minister of Economy and Regional Integration, Republic of Guinea Bissau
- H.E. Ivan Bacale Ebe Molina, Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, Republic of Equatorial Guinea
- H.E. Elizabeth Agatine Charles, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Republic of Seychelles
- H.E. Gilson Pina, National Director of Planning, Ministry of Finances, Republic of Cabo Verde
- H.E. Milan J.N. Meetarbhan, Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Republic of Mauritius
- H.E. Mirhane Bourhane, Ambassador, General Inspector, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Union of Comoros
- H.E. Samuel Soares, Director for UN Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Timor-Leste

*Moderator: H.E. Djazalde Aguiar, Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe*

**Partners reflections (25')**

- H.E. Jorge Moreira da Silva, Executive Director, UN Office for Project Services  
*Introductory remarks*
- Prof. Anthony Nyong, Director, Climate Change and Green Growth Division, African Development Bank
- Dr. Charles Erhart, Chief Strategy and Impact, Green Climate Fund
- Mr. Matthieu Pegon, Deputy CEO, Climate Investment Funds
- Ms. Neha Sharma, Lead for Results, Impact and Knowledge, Adaptation Fund
- Mr. Yabanex Batista, SIDS Lead and Deputy Director, Global Fund for Coral Reefs

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## Interaction with the audience (5')

## Closing reflections (6')

- H.E. Moses Vilakati, Commissioner, Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy and Sustainable Environment, African Union Commission
- H.E. Tania Romualdo, Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Republic of Cabo Verde

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