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Programme

SIDSDOCK-UNIDO Side Event

In the Margins of the United Nations (UN)
Ocean Conference (UNOC3) on the
Global Ocean Energy Alliance (GLOEA):

**“Critical Services SIDS Need from the Ocean to Achieve
SDGs 7, 9, 13 and 14 and to Strengthen Economic and
Physical Resilience to Climate Change”**

Side Event Date: Monday, 9th June 2025

Side Event Time: 10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. (Central European Time)

Venue: UNOC3 Conference Venue, Blue Zone, Room 3

Organized under the umbrella of the UN Ocean Action Commitment 41820 on the
Global Ocean Energy Alliance (GLOEA) for SIDS:

<https://sdgs.un.org/partnerships/global-ocean-energy-alliance-gloea-small-island-developing-states>

Co-organized by the SIDSDOCK Secretariat, Island Women Open Network (IWON),
United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), Global Network of
Regional Sustainable Energy Centres (GN-SEC), SIDSDOCK Foundation, in close
partnership with the Governments of Belize, Kingdom of Tonga, Republic of
Seychelles, Tuvalu, Commonwealth of Dominica, Saint Lucia, Austria

10:30–10:33

Welcome & Introductions by Side Event Host

Ms. Christine Neves Duncan, Chief of Staff & Project Director, SIDSDOCK Secretariat



**OPENING
SESSION**

Critical Services SIDS Need from the Ocean to Achieve SDGs 7, 9, 13 and 14 and to Strengthen Economic and Physical Resilience to Climate Change

10:33–10:45

Opening Remarks

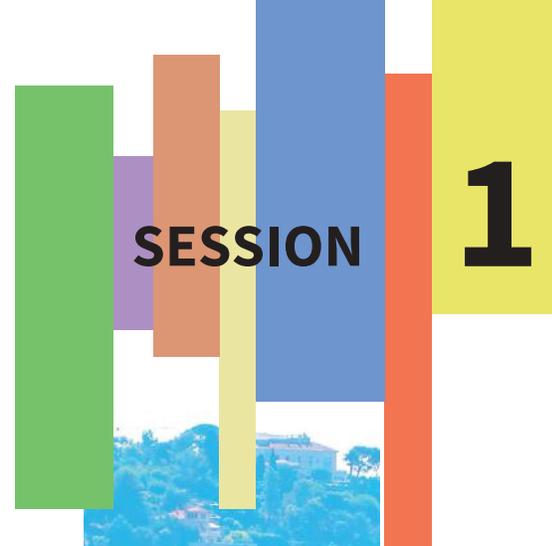
Hon. John Briceño, Prime Minister of Belize and President of the eighth session of the SIDSDOCK Assembly

Remarks

H.E. Mr. Sepp Schellhorn, State Secretary at the Austrian Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs

Mr. Ciyong Zou, Deputy to the Director General and the Managing Director of the Directorate of Technical Cooperation and Sustainable Industrial Development, UNIDO

Mr. Axel van Trotsenburg, Senior Managing Director, responsible for Development Policy and Partnerships, World Bank



SESSION

1

High-Level Panel on Recommendations for Climate Financing and Financing the GLOEA Indicative Project Pipeline

10:45–11:10

Moderator: H.E. Mr. Carlos Fuller, OBE, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Belize to the UN and SIDSDOCK Executive Council Member from Belize and Vice Chair of the Executive Council

Panelists:

Hon. John Briceño, Prime Minister of Belize and President of the eighth session of the SIDSDOCK Assembly

Hon. Feleti Penitala Teo, Prime Minister of Tuvalu

Hon. Andre Perez, Minister of the Blue Economy and Marine Conservation, Belize

H.E. Mr. Viliami Va'inga Tōnē, Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Tonga to the United Nations and Chair of the SIDSDOCK Executive Council

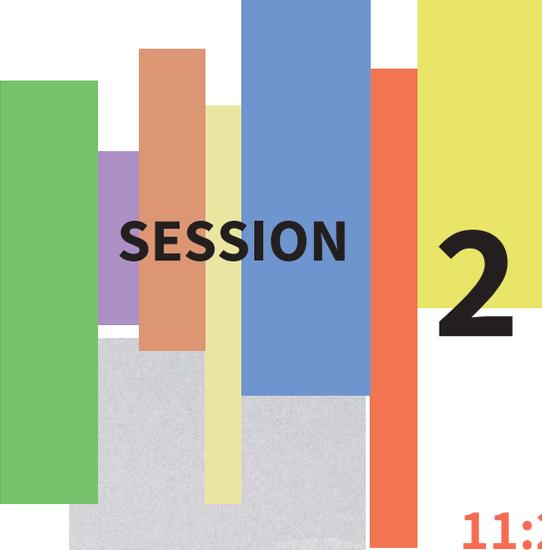
Hon. Flavien P Joubert, Minister of Agriculture, Climate Change and Environment, Republic of Seychelles

Mr. Axel van Trotsenburg, Senior Managing Director, responsible for Development Policy and Partnerships, World Bank

11:10–11:20

Questions from the Floor





SESSION

2

Overview of the GLOEA Indicative Project Pipeline

11:20–11:23

Recommendations To Strengthen Climate Resilience In Small Island Developing States (SIDS) Through Innovative Financing, Partnerships, and Policy Solutions

Ms. Valerie Herzog, Climate and Sustainability Expert and Lead of OPEC Fund's Island Resilience Facility, OPEC Fund for International Development

11:23–11:30

Financing Wave Energy Parks: De-risking Ocean Energy Technologies

Mr. Rémi Gruet, Chief Executive Officer, Ocean Energy Europe

SIDS Wave Energy Park Programme:

Overview on Status of Pilot Countries:

Tonga, Grenada, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, St. Lucia, Barbados, Seychelles, Sao Tome & Principe

Dr. Laurent Albert, Chief Executive Officer, Seabased Limited, Ireland



11:30–11:36

**High-Integrity Nature-Based Carbon Solutions
for a Climate-Resilient Blue Economy**

Mr. Per Fredrik Pharo, Director, Department of
Climate, Nature and Private Sector, Norwegian
Agency for Development Cooperation (NORAD)

**Blue Carbon As A Nature-Based Blue Economy
Solution To The Impacts Of Climate Change**

Mr. Steven Lutz, Senior Programme Officer,
Blue Carbon Lead, GRID-Arendal, Norway

11:36–11:43

**Pacific Renewable Ocean Energy Readiness
Program in Support of Climate Resilient
Energy Systems**

Overview on the Status

Mr. Solomone Fifita, General Manager, Pacific Centre
for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (PCREEE/
SPC)

Mr. Martin Lugmayr, Industrial Development Expert,
Sustainable and Just Energy Transitions Unit, Division
of Energy and Climate Action, UNIDO

11:43–11:45

Closing





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