

SIDE EVENT

LOSS & DAMAGE SAMOA PATHWAY & THE 2030 AGENDA

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Least Developed Countries
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Small Island Developing States

United Nations Office of the High Representative for Least Developed Countries,
Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States



PROGRAMME

High Level Remarks

Ms. Fekitamoeloa Katoa 'Utoikamanu, Under-Secretary-General and High Representative, UN-OHRLLS

Remarks by Chair of AOSIS

Expert Presentation

**What does the 1.5°C Special Report of the IPCC tell us about loss and damage?
What are future risks and how will the achievement of the SDGs be affected?**

Presentation by SIDS IPCC author Dr. Adelle Thomas, Climate Analytics

Moderated Discussion

**How can we best advance science in the climate negotiations process?
How do we strengthen the linkages between the implementation of
Paris Agreement, the SAMOA Pathway and the 2030 Agenda?**

Moderator: Ambassador Janine Coye-Felson, Belize representative, AOSIS
lead negotiator on Climate Finance

Lead Discussants:

Dr. Koko Warner, UNFCCC

The Hon. Inia Seruiratu, Climate Champion Fiji

Tomasz Chruszczow, Climate Champion Poland

Ambassador Luis Alfonso de Alba, UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy
to lead preparations for the UN 2019 Climate Summit.

Closing Statement

Ms. Fekitamoeloa Katoa 'Utoikamanu, Under Secretary-General and High Representative, UN-OHRLLS



CONCEPT NOTE

INTRODUCTION

UN-OHRLLS intends on continuing its engagement with Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and all stakeholders on the issue of Loss and Damage at COP24, building on the High-level Event entitled: LOSS & DAMAGE & the 2030 Agenda “BUILDING STRONG LINKAGES” it co-organised with UNDESA at COP23 in Bonn, Germany in 2017.

BACKGROUND

To sustain the political emphasis on Loss and Damage at this important moment in the climate negotiations, the event at COP24 will focus on conveying clear strong messages on the evidence base of loss and damage, including in the context of the findings of the IPCC Special Report on 1.5°C. This would include a presentation drawing from the IPCC’s Special Report on 1.5°C and latest peer-reviewed science, on observed extreme events (e.g. hurricanes, droughts) and risk of future loss and damage as well as their impacts on the achievement of the SDGs in SIDS.

To ensure relevance to the negotiations process, the event will stress the importance, in particular for SIDS, of the reflection of loss and damage, including in the context of the findings of the IPCC Special Report on 1.5°C, in the main expected outcomes of COP24, including the Paris Agreement rulebook.

The event, through a moderated high-level discussion, will also continue to build on the linkages between the climate negotiations process and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, while taking account of the preparations for the Mid-Term Review of the SAMOA Pathway and the UN Secretary-General’s Climate Summit, which is to take place in September 2019.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

This High-Level Event is expected to:

- Provide an update and deepen understanding on latest science on current and projected loss and damage;
- Establish the linkages between the 1.5°C temperature limit, the achievement of the SDGs and loss and damage;
- Highlight possible ways of reflecting advancing science into the negotiations; and
- Strengthen the linkages between the implementation of Paris Agreement, the SAMOA Pathway and the 2030 Agenda.

COLLABORATING PARTNERS

Building on the momentum from COP23, the following Governments and Organisations are proposed to be the collaborating partners for this High-level Event:

UN-OHRLLS
UN-DESA
Fiji
Poland
AOSIS
Climate Analytics

