

COP21

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Paris, France

Side Event

Building Resilience to Climate Variability and Change in African SIDS: Implementing the Samoa Pathway

Organizer: UNECA

Venue: Africa Pavilion

Date: 8th December, 2015, 16:00 – 17:30 hrs

Background and Objective:

African Small Island Developing States consist of Cabo Verde, Comoros, Guinea Bissau, Mauritius, Sao Tome & Principe and Seychelles and are made of small land masses but large ocean space. The

greatest threat to the attainment of the sustainable development goals, national visions and agendas is the increase in climate-related disasters and the amplified effects of climate variability coupled with the limited capacity of their small populations to respond to climate risks.

This event will discuss the implementation of the SAMOA Pathway with specific focus on support provided by ClimDev-Africa through UNECA ACPC. Presentations will focus on perspectives, status of current implementation and; outlook for the future at the continental, regional and national levels. Discussion with contributions from each of the African SIDS will follow.

Key issues:

Responding to the urgency of the Implementation of the SAMOA Pathway and articulating Africa's position and expectations of the COP21 negotiations within the context of African SIDS, the discussion will review Africa's preparation in addressing key elements of the UNFCCC deliberations on Adaptation and Loss and Damage, particularly building robust climate information services to inform high-level decision making, the development planning and reducing disaster risks.

Expected outcomes:

- Articulation of African SIDS expectations of the COP21 negotiations and modalities for implementation of outcomes.
- Increased collaboration among African SIDS in building robust climate information services for informed decision making
- Inputs from African SIDS and partners on how best to enhance, intensify and scale up on-going technical support and services

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