

TRADE HOUSE PAVILION SESSION DETAILS

Host: ITC
Partners: UN-OHRLLS, Caribbean Development Bank
Type: Stakeholders' dialogue
Date and time: 4 December 2023, 4.30 to 5.30 pm
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Session Title

Climate Transition for SIDS, LLDCs and LDCs - role of trade & small business

Themes Type:

2. Using trade for an inclusive and low carbon transition

Session Description

Small Island Developing States (SIDS), Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDC) Least Developed Countries (LDC) are the most vulnerable to the effects of climate change and their economies are largely driven by small business.

This panel will explore the importance and enabling conditions of small business climate action in SIDS, LLDCs and LDCs in the context of climate and financial justice. It will explore the role and recommendations for access to climate finance for small business and marginalized communities as well as sustainable and innovative business models and enabling policy conditions.

The panel will bring together voices from SIDS, LLDCs and LDCs, United Nations agencies and key stakeholders.

Speakers and Moderator

Welcome Remarks:

- **Rabab Fatima**, UN Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS (UN-OHRLLS)
- **Pamela Coke-Hamilton**, Executive Director, International Trade Centre (ITC)

Panel:

- **Hyginus Gene Leon**, President, Caribbean Development Bank (CDB)
- **Sonia Paiva**, Founder and Executive Director of Woman Farmer Foundation, Eswatini
- **Sivendra Michael**, Incoming Permanent Secretary for Environment and Climate Change, Fiji
- **Maheshwar Dhakal**, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Forests and Environment, Nepal

Moderator **Dr. Carolyn Deere Birkbeck**, Founder and Executive Director of the Forum on Trade, Environment & the SDGs (TESS)