

# Building Resilient Futures in SIDS using Evidence-Based Planning and Policies, Robust Data Systems and Technologies

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Ministry of Finance, Seychelles



**Mr. Sivendra Micheal**  
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**Mr. Andreas Kravik**  
Vice Foreign Minister of Norway



**Mr. Chamberlain Emmanuel**  
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**Mr. Nahuel Arenas Garcia**  
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**Ms. Nadia Meredith-Hunt**  
Vice-President, Samoa Chamber of  
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## Agenda

12:00 – 12:05 Opening by **Mr. Nikhil Seth, UN Assistant Secretary-General & UNITAR Executive Director**

### *On planning and statistics:*

12:06 – 12:12 Question by moderator and answer by **Ms. Elizabeth Agathine, Principal Secretary, Planning Department, Ministry of Finance, Seychelles** (*on national development planning*)

12:13 – 12:19 Question by moderator and answer by **Mr. Abdullahi O. Abdulkadri, Coordinator, Statistics and Social Development Unit, ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean** (*on the biggest obstacle to supportive data systems and statistical production*)

12:20 – 12:26 Question by moderator and answer by **Mr. Chamberlain Emmanuel, Head, Environmental Sustainability Division, Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) Commission** (*on the role of statistical evidence in informing climate action in the Eastern Caribbean and examples of best practices in statistical capacity building*)

### *On the use of satellite technology in building climate resilience:*

12:27 – 12:33 Question by moderator and answer by **Honourable Minister Fekita 'Utoikamanu, Ministry of Meteorology, Energy, Information, Disaster, Environment, and Climate Change (MEIDECC), Tonga** (*on infrastructure*)

*development as a cross-cutting issue and use of evidence from satellite technology)*

- 12:34 – 12:40 Question and answer by **Mr. Sivendra Micheal, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Climate Change, Fiji** (*on the use of satellite technology to strengthen climate resilience*)
- 12:41 – 12:47 Question by moderator and answer by **Mr. Andreas Kravik, Vice Foreign Minister of Norway** (*as a partner country on the importance of funding data-related work to support evidence for policy-making in SIDS*)
- 12:48 – 12:52 Question by moderator and answer by **Mr. Nahuel Arenas Garcia, Chief, Regional Office for the Americas and the Caribbean, UNDRR** (*the role of satellite technology in implementing UNDRR mandate and potential new applications*)

*On multi-stakeholder approach and data to support resilience*

- 12:53 – 12:59 Question by moderator and answer by **Ms. Nadia Meredith-Hunt, Vice-President, Samoa Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Samoa** (*on multi-sectoral approach in climate resilience and role of evidence*)
- 13:00 – 13:05 Questions from the floor
- 13:06 – 13:22 Answers and final word by each panelist (2 min. per person)
- 13:23 – 13:25 Wrap-up by moderator
- 13:26 – 13:30 QR feedback & participant information