

CLIMATE DIPLOMACY - FOREIGN POLICY CHALLENGES IN THE CONTEXT OF CLIMATE CHANGE IN THE PACIFIC ISLANDS REGION

Side event at the SIDS Conference in Apia (Samoa)

September 3, 2014 (17:00-18:30), Faleata Sports Complex (Room: CR 2)



Climate change triggers water, energy and food security in the Pacific Islands region and thus has major implications for regional stability and development. The Fifth Assessment Report of the IPCC further confirms findings of current and future climate-related drivers of risk for small islands. This side event will gather high-level foreign policy makers and experts from the Pacific region to explore a foreign policy perspective on climate change in the Pacific Islands region. Climate change related risks will be embedded in the broader context of regional and global governance, institutional development and significant geopolitical changes.

Three key questions will be addressed:

1. How does climate change threaten livelihoods and cultural heritage of island societies?
2. What are regional and geopolitical challenges of climate change impacts and how should we address them?
3. How would a regional vision towards climate resilience and sustainable growth in the Pacific Islands region look like?

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PROGRAMME (DRAFT)

17:00 – 17:10 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Ambassador Dr. Patricia Flor

Director-General for United Nations and Global Issues, German Federal Foreign Office

Prof. Elisabeth Holland

Director, PACE-SD at the University of the South Pacific (USP)

17:10 – 17:40 KEY NOTES

The Honourable **Tony de Brum** | Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Marshall Islands

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17:40 – 18:30 PANEL DISCUSSION | Moderator: **Alexander Carius**, Director, adelphi

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Dr. Hoesung Lee | Vice-chair of the IPCC

Dr. Netatua Pelesikoti | Director - climate change, Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)