

## Ocean-Climate Financing for a Resilient Future: Commonwealth Approaches and Solutions

Tuesday 29 November 2024 | 13:30 - 14:30 | #ForCoral Pavilion, CBD COP 16

### Event Description

The event will focus on enhancing ocean and climate resilience through building capacity and access to innovative financing solutions for marine conservation. The session will begin with a presentation on key Commonwealth initiatives, spotlighting the Commonwealth's efforts to promote and finance sustainable ocean governance and conservation, to support country commitments, through its Blue Charter initiative and Climate Finance Access Hub.

Highlighted strategies will include data-driven approaches to supporting financing proposals, leveraging public-private partnerships, and the use of innovative financial instruments to fund conservation efforts. The event aims to provide attendees with actionable insights into scaling these models and forming new partnerships that can advance climate resilience, adaptation and biodiversity conservation across the Commonwealth. This session is designed for policymakers, financial institutions, and environmental leaders seeking to foster collaboration and invest in ocean-climate solutions for a sustainable future.

### Agenda

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| 13:30 - 13:35 | <p><b>Welcome Remarks and Introduction</b></p> <p>Dr Nicholas Hardman-Mountford, Head of Oceans and Natural Resources, Commonwealth Secretariat</p>  |
| 13:35 - 13:45 | <p><b>Presentation on Commonwealth Initiatives on Ocean-Climate Financing</b></p> <p>Mxolisi Sibanda, Adviser Climate Changer, Commonwealth Secretariat</p>  |
| 13:45 - 14:10 | <p><b>Panel Discussion: Innovative Financing for Ocean-Climate Solutions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Kaija Barisa, Senior Economist, Blue Marine Foundation</li> <li>- Marie-May Jeremie, Chief Executive Officer, Seychelles Conservation and Climate Adaptation Trust (SeyCCAT)</li> <li>- Dr Michael Sivendra, Permanent Secretary for the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change, Fiji</li> </ul> |
| 14:15 - 14:25 | <p><b>Q&amp;A</b></p>  |
| 14:25 - 14:30 | <p><b>Closing Remarks</b></p>  |

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