



## Reporting template for the #ForCoral Pavilion

**Two-page Maximum**

**Deadline: No later than 2 weeks after your event**

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Event Title: Actioning the Blue: A Caribbean 30x30 Vision for the Ocean

Date and Time of event: October 30, 1-3pm

Lead organisation: Caribbean Biodiversity Fund

Co-organisation(s): Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS), Blue Nature Alliance and Conservation International

# of participants:

- In person: 45
- Online: 0

Speakers: Political Dialogue: (Youth/1; ILKR/0)

1. Ms. Shemere Lawes, Global Youth Biodiversity Network, Jamaica youth delegate
2. Hon. Dr. Joyelle Clarke, Ministry of Environment, Climate Action and Constituency Empowerment, St. Kitts and Nevis
3. José Ramón Reyes Lopes, Vice-Minister of Coastal and Marine Resources, Ministry of the Environment and Natural Resources, Dominican Republic
4. Hon. Koziar Frederick, Minister of Environment, Rural Modernisation, Kalinago Upliftment and Constituency Empowerment, Dominica
5. Hon. Minister Orlando Habet, Minister of Sustainable Development, Belize

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6. Hon. Adrian Forde, Minister of Environment and National Beautification, Green and Blue Economy, Barbados
7. Hon. Jiwoh Abdulai, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Republic of Sierra Leone

## Speakers: Caribbean SIDS financing panel: : (Youth/0; ILKR/0)

1. Orissa Samaroo, Vice President, GEF Agency, Conservation International, USA
2. Karen McDonald Gayle, Chief Executive Officer, CBF, Jamaica
3. Chamberlain Emmanuel, Head of Environmental Sustainability Division,
4. OECS Commission, St Lucia
5. David Myers, Executive Director, Conservation Finance Alliance, USA
6. Kevin McCall, Senior Environmental Specialist, World Bank, Colombia Office
7. Joaquin Labougle, Regional Project Officer, Blue Nature Alliance, Uruguay

## Topics (please select as many as applicable):

- Finance
- Conservation
- Restoration
- Youth
- Monitoring and Evaluation
- 30x30
- Other (please specify)

## Background on the event (one paragraph):

The event featured a two-part dialogue with political leaders, finance experts, and financial institutions, including multilateral fund representatives, sustainable financing proponents, and regional implementing agencies. The first segment presented a Caribbean SIDS Declaration of Action, delivering strong political messages from high-level Caribbean leaders and champions. This declaration emphasized the urgent need to mobilize political will to unlock innovative financing opportunities and achieve progress toward GBF targets, addressing the unique vulnerabilities of Caribbean SIDS to the triple planetary crisis, including biodiversity loss. The second segment comprised a technical financing panel that explored challenges, opportunities, and priorities for improving access to financing. It focused on practical strategies for Caribbean SIDS to effectively leverage the GBF to fulfill ocean and coastal biodiversity commitments, including 30x30 ambition for the region.

## Key issues discussed (5-8 bullet points):

- Integrating Youth in Biodiversity Policy: Highlighting the importance of engaging youth in regional biodiversity decision-making processes.
- Collective Caribbean Political Action: Emphasizing the need for united political efforts to achieve urgent and effective ocean protection.
- Addressing Financing Challenges for SIDS: Identifying priorities to improve access to funding for Caribbean Small Island Developing States (SIDS).
- Mobilizing Financial Commitments for KMGBF: Driving additional and effective financing to implement the KMGBF in the Caribbean.

If available, key recommendations for action (5-6 bullet points):

- Advance a platform for Caribbean leaders and high-level champions to address the urgency and socioeconomic benefits of scaling collective and effective marine protection within the Caribbean region.
- Further promote a Caribbean 30x30 Vision that defines a transformative and actionable political declaration and includes a tangible and practical roadmap of action through to 2030 for the Caribbean region – to be launched at UNOC in 2025
- Advance an interactive space for global SIDS leaders and high-level champions to renew cross regional cooperation on progress toward achieving 30x30 and biodiversity targets in line with international commitments like the KMGBF including actioning the establishment of country owned and driven cross regional platforms for knowledge exchange, information gathering and identifying and executing innovative solutions.

Take home message(s) (5-6 bullet points):

- Renewed Collective Political is vital for achieving urgent and effective ocean protection for the Caribbean region.
- Caribbean 30x30 Vision: Ministers endorsed advancing a shared, transformative vision for achieving ambitious ocean conservation goals by 2030, guided by a practical roadmap.
- Alignment with Global Goals: The 30x30 vision supports COP16's action agenda and reflects the Caribbean's historic commitment to conservation, as a biodiversity hotspot and advocate for indigenous and local community rights.
- Unified Advocacy for Nature Finance: Strengthening cross-regional platforms like the Ministerial Alliance for Ambition for Nature Finance (MAANF) empowers Caribbean leaders to jointly advocate for \$20 billion per year commitment in biodiversity funding for developing countries and SIDS by 2025.

How will the outcomes of the event contribute to the vision and mission of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework:

The event outcomes support the KMGBF by fostering collaboration, mobilizing resources, and driving measurable conservation efforts:

1. **Unified Action:** Advancing the "Caribbean 30x30 Vision" aligns with KMGBF's goal of protecting 30% of oceans and lands by 2030.
2. **Equity and Inclusion:** Advocating for indigenous and local community rights reflects KMGBF's commitment to inclusive conservation.
3. **Financing for Biodiversity:** Strengthening platforms like MAANF helps secure the \$20 billion annual funding needed for developing countries and SIDS by 2025.
4. **Global Alignment:** Linking regional priorities to KMGBF's "action agenda" ensures the Caribbean's contributions to halting biodiversity loss by 2030.

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Which Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework Targets did your event cover:

- Target 3
- Target 19

Links:

- Photos:
  - Link to photos taken during your event:  
<https://photos.google.com/share/AF1QipNEWpNy5cLhZrMdILqNf0OyaH1XoFM6ZoQI3-OmQRQ7XOaakEHGIKjLQzw68ia4w?key=cZsZnlqWkVya0wta2FwNzdwaWVNMGtJV08tX3B3>
  - Please note these photos will be shared on the #ForCoral Website
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  - Are you happy for this to be shared in .pdf format? Yes/No **N/A - no slides used**

Press release here:

<https://pressroom.oecs.int/advancing-the-caribbean-3030-vision-for-the-ocean-at-cop16>

- Please share a link to download the updated PowerPoints if changes are made: **no changes**