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Coastal adaptation for Blue Transformation in SIDS



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10:30–12:00 Türkiye (TRT) / 08:30–10:00 Rome (CET)

Online • COP31 Virtual Ocean Pavilion

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Explore how Small Island Developing States (SIDS) can plan for coastal hazards and build climate resilience in fisheries and aquaculture. The event presents a collection of 41 technical briefs for SIDS launching at COP31, along with practical adaptation tools. SIDS representatives will then discuss local responses and support needs.

Agenda and speakers

Welcome and introduction

Alice McDonald, Senior Fishery Officer, Fisheries and Aquaculture Division, FAO (moderator)

High-level opening

Manuel Barange, Assistant Director-General and Director, Fisheries and Aquaculture Division, FAO

H.E. Ilana V. Seid, AOSIS Chair and Permanent Representative of Palau to the UN

Sivendra Michael, UNFCCC Ocean and Climate Change Dialogue Co-facilitator and Permanent Secretary for Environment and Climate Change, Fiji

Technical showcase

Lars Rosendahl Appelquist, Founding Head, Coastal Hazard Wheel Initiative
& **Gerrit Hendriksen**, Senior Researcher, Spatial Data, Deltares

Ivana Pavićević, Climate Change Specialist, Fisheries and Aquaculture Division, FAO

Dimitar Taskov, Fishery Officer, Fisheries and Aquaculture Division, FAO

Country and community panel

Thomas Nelson, Deputy Chief Fisheries Officer, Saint Lucia

Betty Mondon, Board Chair, AWFishNet Seychelles

Chevaughn Brown, Environmentalist and member of the Global Youth Constituency on Fisheries and Aquaculture, Jamaica

Carlos Monteiro (tbc), National Director of Fisheries and Aquaculture, Cabo Verde

Representative from Maldives (tbc)

Audience exchange and Q&A

Moderated by **Alice McDonald**, with all speakers

Closing remarks

Vera Agostini, Deputy Director, Fisheries and Aquaculture Division, FAO

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