



CONCEPT NOTE
SC1.5NCE NOT SILENCE Forum
16 July 2021 (1:15pm - 2:45pm ET)

Co-Organizers: AOSIS (Alliance of Small Island States), YOUNGO (official youth constituency of the UNFCCC), March For Science, Island Resilience Partnership, EarthX, Permanent Mission of Republic of Malta to the United Nations, Permanent Mission of Fiji to the United Nations

Description:

The science is clear: countries must take urgent action to transition to resilient, zero-carbon pathways to limit global temperature rise. The Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS), YOUNGO, March For Science, Island Resilience Partnership, EarthX, Permanent Mission of Fiji to the United Nations, and Permanent Mission of Malta to the United Nations are uniting voices for a global virtual side-event - The SC1.5NCE NOT SILENCE Forum. The event responds to the scientific imperative unequivocally set forth in the IPCC 1.5°C Special Report (SR1.5). It will illustrate the ways that youth advocates and island leaders are spearheading the global movement for science-based climate action in the midst of a pandemic.

The SC1.5NCE NOT SILENCE Forum will serve to accomplish the following objectives:

1. Build momentum for the SC1.5NCE NOT SILENCE campaign (and support for the IPCC 1.5C Special Report) heading into COP26
2. Highlight the impact of the climate crisis on frontline nations and showcase governments / leaders who are leading the fight against the climate crisis
3. Demonstrate how youth leaders are spearheading climate action around the world

Background

After the IPCC 1.5C Special Report (SR1.5) was blocked from being formally welcomed at COP24 and COP25, SC1.5NCE NOT SILENCE was launched to ensure SR1.5 would not have the same fate at COP26. One of the report's chief conclusions was that if every country achieved its Paris Agreement goals, global warming would still exceed 2C above pre-industrial levels. Clearly, global climate ambition - let alone action - is woefully inadequate. That's why it's critical that the world embraces science to not only understand the challenges humanity faces, but inform its solutions.

The SC1.5NCE NOT SILENCE organizers are using global forums to build awareness and support around this critical campaign. YOUNGO will showcase which countries have joined the SC1.5NCE NOT SILENCE campaign and are publicly championing the IPCC 1.5C Special Report, while reinforcing the historic leadership of island governments spearheading the movement to address the climate crisis.

Agenda

1:15pm - 1:18pm ET / Welcome:

- H.E. Vanessa Frazier, Permanent Mission of Republic of Malta to the United Nations (confirmed)

1:18 - 1:23pm ET / Opening Remarks

- H.E. Walton Webson, Permanent Mission of Antigua and Barbuda to the United Nations / Chair of AOSIS (confirmed)

1:23pm - 1:35pm ET / State of the Paris Agreement - SIDS Leadership

- An interview with H.E. Walton Webson (confirmed)
- Moderators: Marie-Claire Graf (YOUNGO - Global North Focal Point), Heeta Lakhani (YOUNGO - Global South Focal Point), Matt Tranchin (March For Science - President)

1:35pm - 1:55pm ET / High-Level Interview(s)

- Proposed interviewees:
 - H.E. Mr. Courtenay Rattray, High-Representative for UN-OHRLLS (TBC)
 - Foreign Minister Abdulla Shahid (Maldives), incoming President of the General Assembly (TBC)

1:55pm - 2:00pm ET / International Youth Day announcement

- YOUNGO will announce that it is organizing its first ever virtual Conference of Youth, which will be held on August 12th, International Youth Day.
- YOUNGO will also announce the creation of the SNS Task Force, calling on youth climate leaders around the world to support the campaign heading into COP26.

2:00 - 2:25pm ET / 1.5 To Stay Alive - SIDS Leadership from the Frontlines of History

- A conversation on the history of the global movement for climate action with past Chairs of AOSIS
- Panelists:
 - Dr. Angus Friday, Grenada (AOSIS Chair 2006-2007) (TBC)
 - Ambassador Marelene Moses, Nauru (AOSIS Chair 2012-2014) (TBC)
 - Ambassador Ahmed Sareer, Maldives (AOSIS Chair 2015-2017) (TBC)

2:25 - 2:32pm ET / Implementation of the SDGs

- A discussion with Prime Minister Silveria Jacobs (Sint Maarten) who will make a special announcement (TBA)

2:32 - 2:35pm ET / SC1.5NCE NOT SILENCE Announcements / CLOSE

- Marie-Claire Graf, Heeta Lakhani, and Matt Tranchin will highlight those countries that have formally signed the Pledge, while announcing upcoming SC1.5NCE NOT SILENCE



Forums

heading into COP26 that will showcase the climate of governments who've joined the movement.

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2:35pm - 2:42pm ET / Climate Action from the Next Generation

- Interview with Ernest Gibson (Fiji), member of the UN Secretary-General's Youth Advisory Group (confirmed)

2:42pm - 2:45pm ET / Closing

- H.E. Dr. Satyendra Prasad, Permanent Mission of Fiji to the United Nations (confirmed)