

## **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**

The Fifth Assessment Report of the IPCC further confirms findings of current and future climate-related drivers of risk for small islands. The Pacific Islands States have identified climate change as a severe threat and have decided to work together with international partners to fight against and adapt to climate change. Pacific leaders and governments are working on effective strategies on mitigation and adaptation to climate change and on making their voices heard in the global loss and damage debate.

With this side event we would like to embed climate change related risks in the broader context of regional and global governance and institutional development and significant geopolitical changes.

Climate change triggers water, energy and food security in the Pacific Islands region and thus has major implications for regional stability. By bringing together foreign policy makers and climate policy experts from the region, this side event will explore foreign policy perspectives on climate change in the Pacific Islands region through addressing three questions:

- (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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#### Welcome and Introduction

17:00 – 17:10	<b>N. N.</b> Senior Representative, German Government <b>Prof. Elisabeth Holland</b> Director, PACE-SD at the University of the South Pacific (USP)
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#### Key Notes

17:10 – 17:20	The Honourable <b>Tony de Brum</b> Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Marshall Islands (tbc)
17:20 – 17:30	The Honourable <b>Enele Sosene Sopoaga</b> Prime Minister of Tuvalu (tbc)
17:30 – 17:40	The Honourable <b>Anote Tong</b> President of Kiribati (tbc)

#### Panel Discussion

17:40 – 18:30	The Honourable <b>Tony de Brum</b> , Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Marshall Islands (tbc) The Honourable <b>Enele Sosene Sopoaga</b> , Prime Minister of Tuvalu (tbc) The Honourable <b>Anote Tong</b> , President of Kiribati (tbc) <b>Dr. Hoesung Lee</b> , Vice-chair of the IPCC <b>Dr. Netatua Pelesikoti</b> , Director - climate change, Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) Moderator: <b>Alexander Carius</b> , Director, adelphi
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