A SIDE EVENT AT UNSTOPPABLE AFRICA 2025 Venue: Marriott Marquis Hotel, New York Date: 21 September 2025 | Time: 3pm



21-22 SEPT 2025

AGENDA

Context

The Caribbean region, home to many Small Island Developing States (SIDS), remains on the frontline of the climate crisis experiencing severe weather events, rising sea levels, and economic volatility. Yet, amid these vulnerabilities, Caribbean governments and businesses are taking bold, innovative steps to build climate resilience and sustainable economies.

The Caribbean and Africa share deep historical, cultural, and economic ties, as well as common challenges and opportunities in the face of global transformations. Both regions are poised to leverage trade and investment through digital access advancement, energy innovation, and creative industries, which can ultimately drive sustainable development and climate resilience for the Caribbean.

'Unstoppable Africa 2025' will convene under the theme: "The BIG Push: Africa's Time to Shape the Markets." Therefore, the UN Global Compact Network Caribbean aims to leverage this Side Event as an opportunity to engage private and public sectors, international partners, and global investors to explore opportunities for sustainable climate-resilience, regional economic integration, and responsible business practices across the global south.

The UN Global Compact Network Caribbean, aligned with the Ten Principles of sustainability, will provide a platform to highlight synergies between the regions, showcasing private-sector leadership, policy innovation, and community-driven solutions.

Objectives

- Highlight Caribbean leadership and innovation in building climate resilience, particularly in SIDS.
- Promote global solidarity among multilateral financing systems.
- Demonstrate how resilience can be achieved by driving growth through sustainability.
- Provide a roadmap for Caribbean-African partnerships among global leaders, investors, and the development community.



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Event Host - Rosana John, Attorney-at-Law, Dentons Delany

TIME	ITEM	SPEAKER
3:00pm	OPENING REMARKS	Kyana Bowen Executive Director UN Global Compact Network Caribbean
3:03pm	WELCOME REMARKS	Sanda Ojiambo ASG and CEO UN Global Compact
3:10pm	HIGH-LEVEL DIALOUGE 'From Vision to Action: Scaling Caribbean Prosperity through Partnerships'	Hon. Mia Amor Mottley, Prime Minister of Barbados and Ali Matalon, CEO, CorpCare and Board Chair, Network Caribbean
3:30pm	OFFICIAL PHOTO	Coordinated by Event Host
3:35pm- 3:50pm	GUEST SPEAKER PRESENTATIONS 'Global South Synergies for a Resilient Caribbean' Guest Speaker Presentations Facilitated by: Vashti Guyadeen, CEO, Trinidad and Tobago Chamber of Industry and Commerce, President - Caribbean Women in Trade, and Global Ambassador - Pan African Leadership Institute • Sarah Hendriks - Director of the Policy, Programme and Intergovernmental Support Division, UN Women Topic: 'The importance of gender-responsive approaches in strengthening climate resilience strategies across the global south'	

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	Martin Ochien'g - Group Managing Director, Sasini Plc Topic: 'Private sector engagement experience with the UN Global Compact; driving partnerships; lessons from Africa and opportunities for the Caribbean'		
	(ITC) Topic: 'Building resilient trade ed	cutive Director, International Trade Centre cosystems; strengthening Caribbean e and SME-led climate solutions'	
	PANEL DISCUSSION – 'Partnerships for a Climate-Resilient Caribbean: Bridging Finance, Policy, and Innovation' This panel explores collaborative efforts among governments, the private sector, and multilateral institutions to unlock the financing, policy reforms, and apply technological solutions needed to accelerate climate resilience across the Caribbean. The discussion highlights practical models and bold partnerships driving sustainable development in one of the world's most climate-vulnerable regions.		
3:50pm- 4:35pm	Panel Moderator - Lonni Ann Brodner Head of Secretariat Wo		
	 Panelist - Caroline Belgrave Driver, PwC in the Caribbear Panelist - Racquel Moses, C 	esident, Caribbean Development Bank , Markets Leader, Net Zero and Sustainability	
4:35pm	WAY FORWARD & CLOSING REMARKS	Dominic Summers Chief Technology Officer CorpCare	
4:40pm- 5:00pm	NETWORKING RECEPTION	3	