

Panel 1. Measuring Multidimensional Vulnerability post COVID-19 and staying on track for Agenda 2030

The UN Resident Coordinators in the Small Island Developing States in partnership with Prof. Jeffrey Sachs and the Sustainable Development Solutions Network developed a Multidimensional Vulnerability Index for SIDS access to development cooperation. In this session, Simona Marinescu, UN Resident Coordinator for Samoa, Cook Islands, Niue and Tokelau will deliver a very brief presentation of the Index and seek views of the panelists on the importance of identifying, measuring and targeting SIDS structural vulnerabilities in development cooperation for better results and SDG progress.

Bios – Panel 1

Moderator



Dr. Simona Marinescu is UN Resident Coordinator in Samoa, Cook Islands, Niue and Tokelau leading a large portfolio of programmes including climate mitigation and adaptation, energy transition, governance, basic services and human rights for those Polynesian nations. Dr. Marinescu leads the joint work of the UN Resident Coordinators on the Multidimensional Vulnerability Index for Small Island Developing States in partnership with Prof. Jeffrey Sachs and the Sustainable Development Solutions Network.

Prior to that, Dr. Marinescu led the Development Impact Group in UNDP HQ coordinating programme and development effectiveness including inter-alia results management, South-South Cooperation, Knowledge Management and Innovation. Dr. Marinescu led the Istanbul International Center for Private Sector in Development and served as UNDP Senior Economist in Baghdad. Former World Bank social protection expert in the Middle East and North Africa region and USAID Sector Lead for Social Safety Nets, Dr. Marinescu also worked in her own country as Minister Secretary of State for Labour and Social Protection and Senator, Chair of the Labour and Social Protection Committee of the Senate.

Dr. Marinescu coordinated the partnership between the UN Resident Coordinators in SIDS, the Sustainable Development Solutions Network and Prof. Jeffrey Sachs in the development of the Multidimensional Vulnerability Index for SIDS.

Panelists



H.E. Ambassador Chet Donovan Neymour is the Permanent Representative of the Bahamas to the United Nations. Ambassador Neymour was most recently a Special Envoy for the Organization of American States (OAS). He has also served as the Caribbean Community (CARICOM)'s representative on the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development Intergovernmental Committee of Experts (2015-2016) and as the United Nations-CARICOM representative on the United Nations Committee of Experts on Financing for Development (2016-2017). In addition, he was the Bahamas' representative on the

United Nations Committee for Programme and Coordination and the OAS Committee for Administrative and Budgetary Affairs.



Dr. David Smith, Chair, SDSN Caribbean; Director, Centre for Environmental Management, The University of the West Indies; and member of the Independent Group of Scientists Coordinator of the Global Sustainable Development Report 2019. Dr. Smith is the Caribbean Coordinator for the [Sustainable Development Solutions Network](#) (UNSDSN).



Ms. Josie Pagani is Executive Director of the Council for International Development (CID). Ms Pagani has previously been a manager at the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development in Paris, and a communications manager for New Zealand's aid and development agency.



Ms. Ana Patricia Graca – UN Resident Coordinator in Cabo Verde

Ms. Graca is a specialist in international law and served as team leader and policy adviser on the rule of law, justice, security and human rights at the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) in New York.

Ms. Graca is one of the UN Resident Coordinators in SIDS who worked jointly with the Sustainable Development Solutions Network and Prof. Jeffrey Sachs on the Multidimensional Vulnerability Index for SIDS.