



The Commonwealth

COP27 Side Event

Unlocking Private Sector Finance to Accelerate Climate Action in Small and other Vulnerable Countries

Thursday 10 November 2022, 1830–2000 (EET), Amon, UNFCCC Blue Zone

This high-level side event, organised by the Commonwealth Secretariat in collaboration with the Governments of Saint Lucia, Namibia and Zambia, will provide member countries, financing institutions and other non-governmental organisations with an opportunity to share their experiences of private sector engagement in climate, energy and ocean action, focusing on readiness initiatives, climate budget tagging and new financing instruments.

Opening Session

Rt Hon Patricia Scotland KC

Secretary-General of the Commonwealth

Hon Collins Nzovu, MP

Minister of Green Economy & Env.,
Zambia

Hon Shawn Edward

Minister of Edu., Sustainable Dev., Innovation,
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Prof Ruth Kattumuri

Senior Director – EYSD,
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Presentation

Duduzile Nhlengethwa-Masina

Director, Eswatini Meteorological Services,
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Karen Sack

Executive Director, Ocean Risk &
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Panel Discussion

Racquel Moses

CEO, Caribbean Climate Smart Accelerator

Benedict Libanda

CEO, Environmental Investment Fund
of Namibia

Christopher Chukwunta

Co-ordinator, Commonwealth Sustainable
Energy Transition (CSET) Youth Action Group

Gareth Philips

Manager, Climate & Environment Finance
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Veronica Jakarasi

Head of Climate Finance, Africa Enterprise
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Event will be livestreamed at unfccc.int. For more information, see thecommonwealth.org/cop27