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Special meeting of the OACPS Sub-committee on Sustainable Development & SIDS Forum, in preparation for the 26th session of the Conference of Parties (COP26) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)

Virtual event, 11th October 2021
19h-21h (CEST)

CONCEPT NOTE

Background

The 26th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP26) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), hosted by the United Kingdom (UK) in partnership with Italy, will take place from October 31st to November 12th in the Scottish Event Campus (SEC), in Glasgow, UK.

As part of OACPS' ongoing preparations for COP26, the Secretariat of the Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS) is organising a Special Sub-committee on Sustainable Development & SIDS Forum meeting to allow members of the OACPS to build a common position for COP26 including a schedule of joint activities with key partners, for the upcoming COP.

The Special Sub-committee on Sustainable Development and SIDS Forum meeting is scheduled to take place on the 11th of October 2021. It will be held in a virtual format.

Objectives

To increase the effectiveness of the participation of member States of the OACPS in the UNFCCC negotiations and decision-making processes, the meeting will:

- Provide a platform for discussion and agreement on a final draft of the *OACPS Issues Paper for COP 26*, which could be used by Members delegates of the OACPS in Glasgow, UK during the COP26 climate talks;
- Agree on a clear calendar of joint activities for COP26.

Organisation

A draft of the *OACPS Issues Paper for COP 26* on key OACPS priorities to be discussed at COP26 will be circulated ahead of the meeting to collect inputs and feedback from key partners. A representative from each OACPS region, the European Commission, South Centre, representatives of UNFCCC negotiating groups including the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS), the Least Developed Countries (LDCS), the African Group of Negotiators (AGN) and the G77 and China, will be invited to exchange views as part of the validation process. The draft *OACPS Issues Paper on COP26* will be finalized and agreed upon at the end of the meeting before being submitted to the OACPS Committee of Ambassadors for the official approval.