

## *Summary of Side Event*

***[Addressing the challenges of climate-induced human mobility in SIDS through effective partnerships, in a context of recovery from COVID-19]:***

31 January 2023 [1:15 pm to 2:30pm EST] Hybrid at Conference Room 5 and virtual via Webex

### **Background on the event (one paragraph)**

Sudden and slow-onset disasters are challenging the human security of SIDS, including culture, identity, health, and livelihoods. Environmental hazards are already directly and indirectly driving climate-related mobility, with larger movement of communities on the horizon if action is not taken. Many of these challenges have been exacerbated by COVID-19. Across the Caribbean and the Pacific, governments, development partners and the UN are pioneering initiatives to address climate disasters and mobility which avoid worst-case scenarios particularly for vulnerable groups. Practices on the ground have proved that strong partnerships are crucial to comprehensively address the challenges of climate-induced human mobility in the SIDS context. It is imperative that all stakeholders join efforts in a complementary and holistic manner to ensure the most vulnerable segments of society are prioritized. The event was co-organized by IOM New York, the Permanent Mission of Portugal to the UN, the Permanent Mission of Samoa to the UN, the UN Department for Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), and the Office of the UN High Representative for Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (OHRLLS).

Please see the [event webpage](#) including the programme and list of speakers and panellists.

### **Key Issues discussed (5- 8 bullet points)**

#### Tools, initiatives, and best practices shared:

The need for additional support for existing collaborations and creation of new alliances to address gaps was unanimously voiced. The speakers called for operationalisation of

[seasonal employment program](#) was mentioned as possible measures to address the broader issue of mobility and access to employment in the Pacific region.

Other existing/ongoing initiatives and examples of successful partnerships include: [Partnership Accelerator](#),