

## **Their future depends on it—Building Climate Resilient Ocean Economies in SIDS through Partnerships and Adaptation Finance**

17 April, 13:00-13:50, Book Castle

**Lead: Stimson Center and Government of Belize**

*Small Island Developing States (SIDS) across the Global South face the triple threat of climate change, poverty, and loss of coastal and marine ecosystems from marine pollution, overexploitation, and habitat destruction. Please join us to hear from a panel of experts who are stepping up and taking action to build climate resilience, and develop their sustainable blue economies, by focusing on environmentally friendly tourism, well managed fisheries, working to restore and conserve important habitats, while also addressing aging infrastructure, and transitioning to renewable energy. To implement solutions, there is a great demand for a mix of long term and flexible financing, including from governments, multilateral development banks, the private sector, and philanthropic funding.*

*The conversation will include a panel of government representatives from SIDS, donor countries, and civil society who will examine the challenges facing frontlines coastal communities. They will showcase examples using nature based solutions to strengthen climate resilience and sustainable blue economies, highlight innovative financing tools, discuss strategies to address marine pollution, and include new commitments.*



# SIDE EVENT AGENDA

## Facilitator of the side event: Sally Yozell, Stimson Center

Time (from-to)	<i>Title of intervention/presentation</i> <b>Name, Affiliation</b>
13:00 – 13:10	Opening Remarks and Introductions Ms. Sally Yozell, Senior Fellow and Director, Environmental Security Program, Stimson Center
13:10 – 13:40	Panelist Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Carlos Pol, Director of Climate Finance Unit, Ministry of Finance, Economic Development and Investment, Government of Belize</li> <li>• Ms. Gillian Caldwell, Chief Climate Officer and Deputy Assistant Administrator, USAID</li> <li>• Ms. Karen Sack, Executive Director, Ocean Risk and Resilience Action Alliance (ORRAA)</li> <li>• Dr. Nicholas Hardman Mountford, Head of Oceans and Natural Resources, Commonwealth Secretariat</li> <li>• Ms. Sally Yozell, Senior Fellow and Director, Environmental Security Program, Stimson Center (moderator)</li> </ul>
13:40 – 13:43	Pre-recorded remarks Minister Ursell Arends, Ministry of Transport, Integrity, Nature, and Senior Affairs, Government of Aruba
13:43 – 13:50	Closing Remarks Felicia Cruz, Director of Blue Economy, Ministry of Blue Economy and Civil Aviation, Government of Belize