# Charting courses for knowledge, action, and behavioural change



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Climate Change, SIDS, & the SDGs

#### 1. Innovations & Actions

**S**IDs are at the forefront of scientific endeavours, innovative solutions, and collective action to confront global environmental change. Both landscapes and their populations are uniquely tuned to agents of change. Despite the development challenges, small islands have placed sustainability prominently on their collective agenda:

- Barbados Programme of Action
- > Mauritius Strategy of Implementation
- > SAMOA Pathway
- Convention on Biological Diversity
- Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species
- Sustainable Development Goal 14

#### Interfaces Between Land & Sea



#### 2. Resonance & Knowledge Transfer

Inspiring collective behavior change toward sustainable futures requires a deeper understanding of why knowledge relevant to the climate change impacts in different contexts may be accepted or rejected at local scales.

**Question**: What is needed from and for stakeholders to inspire behavioural action to the effects of and risks of climate change impacts

## Small population High vulnerability to natural hazards

Low elevation

Characteristics of Small Island Developing States

Narrow resource base

## 3. Learning Platforms & Case Studies

**S**IDs offer increasingly important social learning platforms both locally as well as across scales. Current conflicting dialogue between the need for economic expansion through blue growth and the push for sustainability through measured development is intensified by the characteristics and landscapes of SIDs.

**Question**: Is there adequate coordination between the policy drivers for blue growth and sustainability? If not, what are the reasons?

**Question**: Case studies and personal narratives are often used as interface between local, traditional, and commonly held knowledge and scientific research outputs. Is this an effective approach for knowledge transfer?



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