



S3: Climate Change and the SDGs – Public Dialogue and SIDS

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Summary of themes covered in workshop

Clarification/definition of the SDGs. What are the implications for Small Island Developing States and the SDG's if some of the targets like 1.5 or 2 degrees are not realised? What role should public dialogue play in supporting these agreements?

Most controversial question that came up in this workshop?

What will happen to small islands if developed countries don't push to meet the 1.5 target?

Results of the discussion

There was consensus that public dialogue was critical in ensuring governance and accountability re the Paris agreement and the SDG's. It was thought that the role of civil society could be strengthened to do public education campaigns and engagements to ensure ownership of the SDG's and greater action for the Paris Agreement.

Research gaps identified

More cooperations between groups/sector required as it is difficult to cover all SDGs in a single analysis.

Greater research re media coverage of climate change issues needed. Media capacity needs to be built to do more in-depth reporting. Greater engagement needed between researchers and media to ensure public getting information re climate impacts and potential action.

Next steps

Collaboration and information sharing between some of the groups participating in the session.

Other

NA

3-5 keywords that characterize the session

SIDS, 1.5 targets, media and communication