



**Island Finance
Forum 2022**

Report: Island Finance Forum 2022

The second Island Finance Forum brought together senior financiers, development partners, regulators, top-level island political leaders and other influential politicians, and business leaders to share and exchange expertise on sustainable and inclusive financial structures in island communities.

The Forum helped to highlight the unique financial challenges faced by global island communities and the solutions for sustainable economic recovery and inclusive growth in a post-pandemic world.



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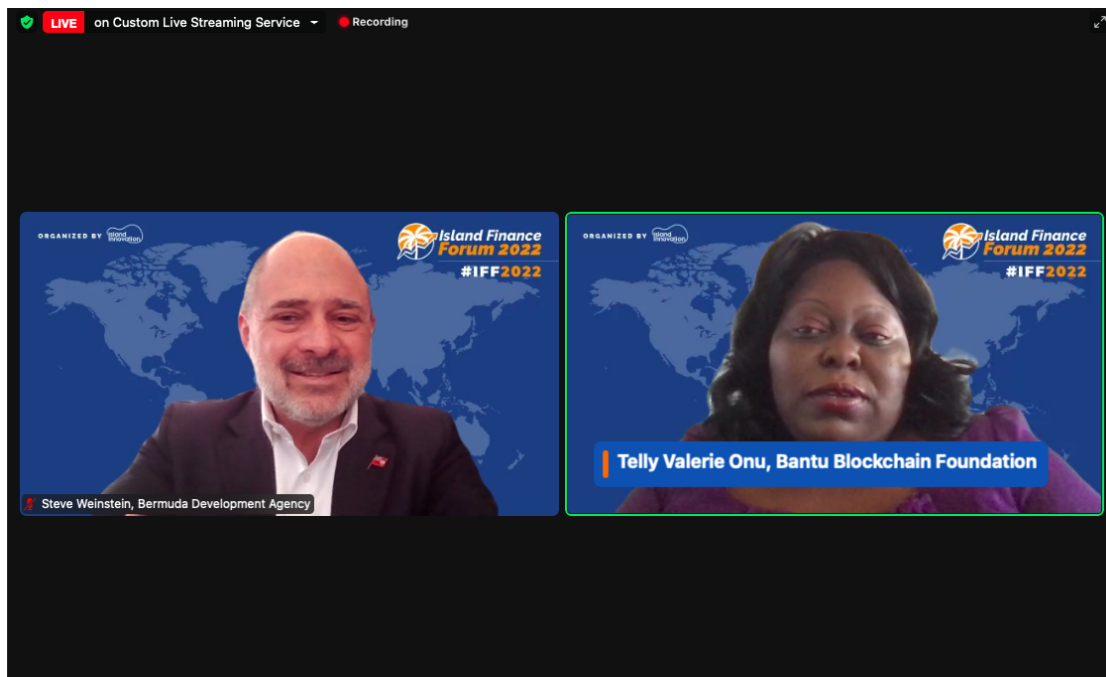
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With over 7,000 registrations and over 11,600 individual session views across all platforms, the Island Finance Forum is one of the biggest online events for island sustainability in the world. It is also an important complementary event to our annual [Virtual Island Summit](#), which itself had over 11,000 registrations at the 2021 edition. Representatives from islands across the world participated in the Forum from places as diverse as the Caribbean, Pacific, South America, Asia, Europe and beyond.

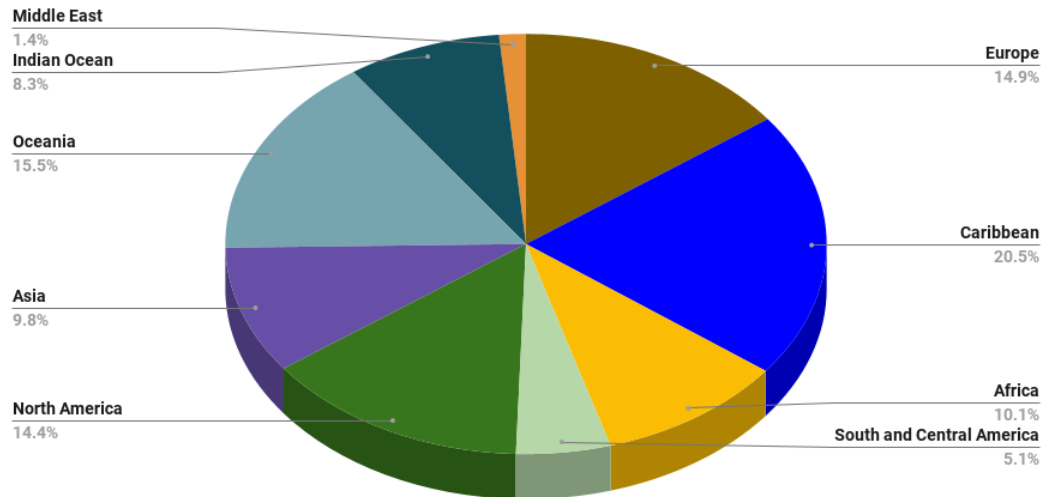


This five-day virtual event was accessible to attendees from across the globe in a variety of interactive sessions, including networking opportunities to meet and exchange ideas one to one or in small groups. Attendees were from a broad range of backgrounds representing entrepreneurs, the public sector, NGOs and academia.



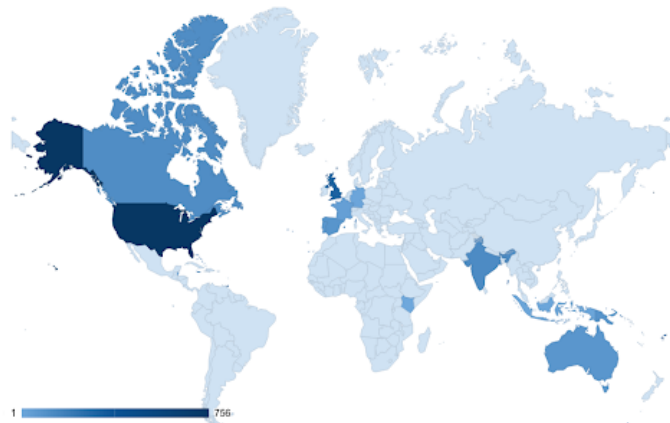
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Audience registered by region:

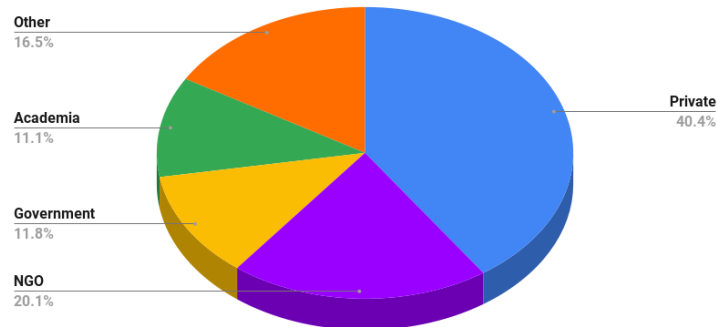


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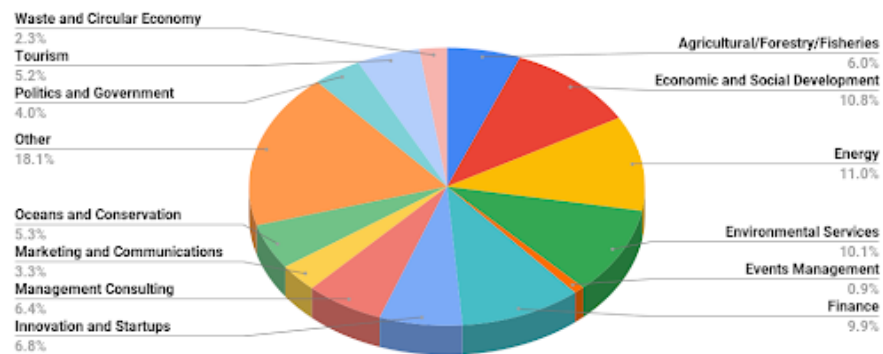
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| 3. United Kingdom: 347 | 13. Bahamas: 116 |
| 4. Trinidad and Tobago: 294 | 14. France: 97 |
| 5. Jamaica: 213 | 15. Bermuda: 79 |
| 6. India: 180 | 16. Germany: 74 |
| 7. Canada: 171 | 17. Indonesia: 72 |
| 8. Papua New Guinea: 142 | 18. Cayman Islands: 70 |
| 9. Spain: 141 | 19. Belize: 66 |
| 10. Barbados: 139 | 20. Kenya: 62 |



Registrations per Sector:



Registrations per Industry:



This event brought together sponsors and partners from many locations around the world:

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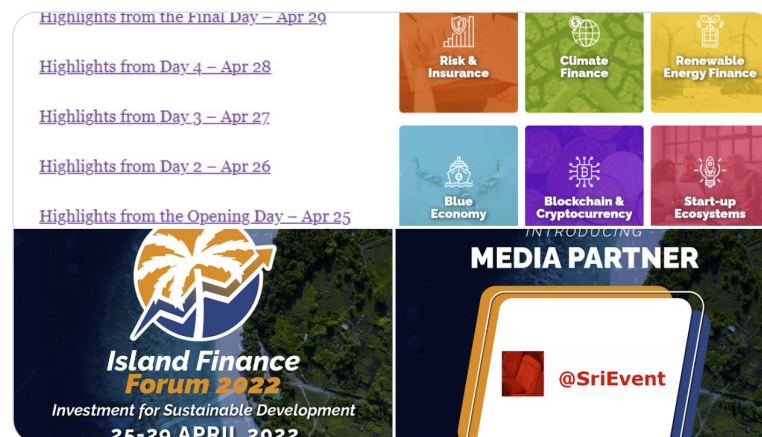
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The Island Finance Forum 2022 included 88 [speakers](#). Their professional positions were as diverse as Prime Ministers, high-level government ministers, Ambassadors, founders of large and small companies, business leaders, academics and founders of non-profit organizations.

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ICYMI: We had a lively discussion yesterday at the Island Innovation Forum on Risky Business: Exploring Insurance & Capital Risk. Thank you [Simon Young](#) of [WTW](#), [Telly Valerie Onu](#) of [Bantu Blockchain Foundation](#), [Josh Ling](#) of Asia Pacific Climate Finance Fund, [Aholotu Palu](#) of [Pacific Catastrophe Risk Insurance Company \(PCRIC\)](#).
Island communities and the insurance community are on the front end of climate change; and with collaboration can make a difference mitigating these risks.

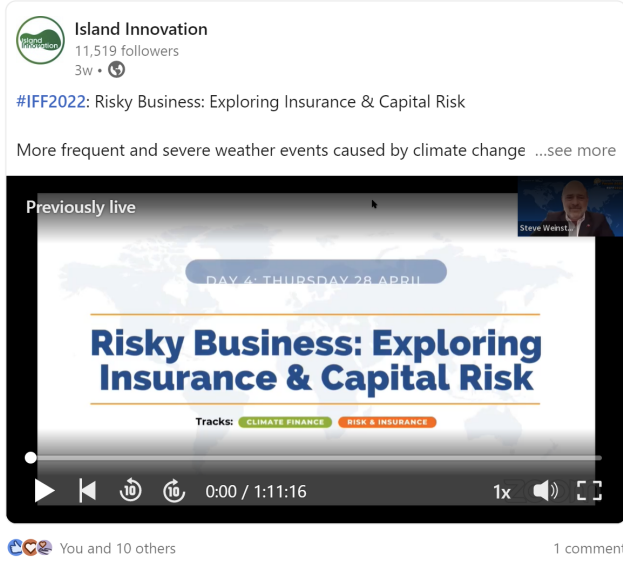
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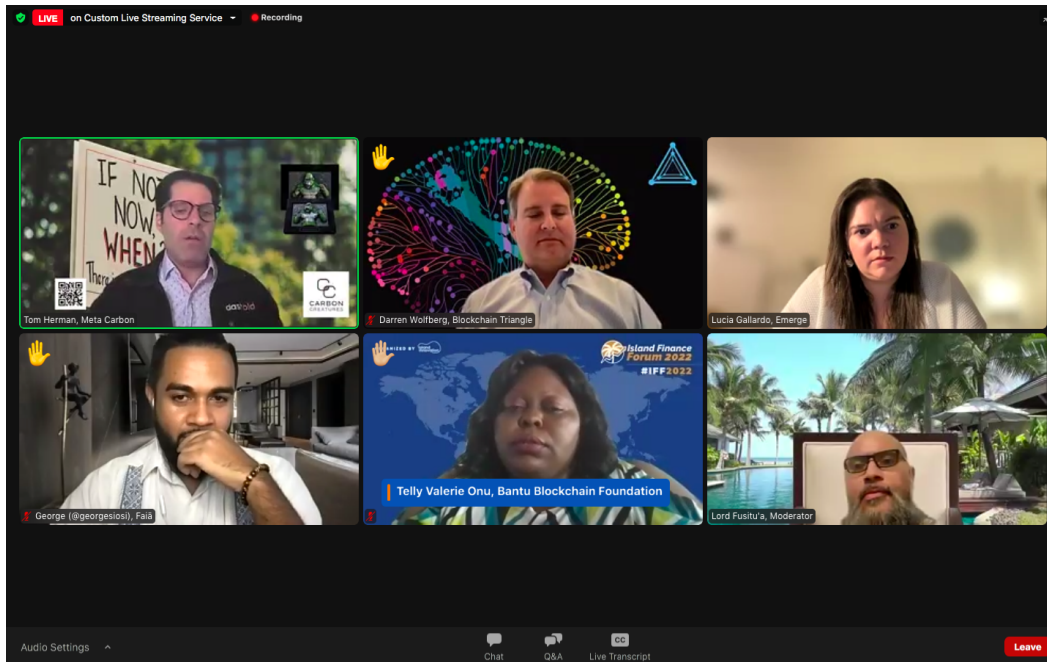
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We accomplished all 3 main Island Finance Forum Goals:

1. **Connectivity:** The Forum helped to bridge the gap between sustainable development practitioners and financial stakeholders.



2. **Free access:** It helped islanders to access expert knowledge and the financial opportunities available to them.



3. **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):** Sessions at the Forum showcased the economic opportunities available from investing in the sustainability sector on islands – particularly impact investing and ESG.



Interaction, as well as continuity of the conversations, were also core aims of the IFF that we were able to achieve. Most of the sessions which were broadcast live via Zoom were characterised by attendees raising their questions to the panel of experts.

IR India Rose Matharu-Daley 2:24 PM

What's the best way for lower-income people to learn about blockchain and crypto? Are there any resources or organizations that you recommend?

LG Lucia Gallardo, Emerge Tech Lab 2:26 PM

Gammified learning has proven to be an interesting approach, and very involved in-person onboarding. At least that's what my projects have benefitted and learned from across our rollouts.

IR India Rose Matharu-Daley 2:27 PM

Thanks, Lucia! I'd love to learn more.

Many sessions featured live polls where attendees could participate and provide relevant demographic information, and the chat box allowed communication among attendees in addition to networking opportunities.

Tom Herman, Meta Carbon to Everyone 2:37 PM

I'm happy to talk with anyone about how to use NFTs to build community, engage brands, and address SDGs. Contact me at www.linkedin.com/in/tomherman

There were also several networking sessions held on Remo in which attendees could discuss different topics on virtual tables in small groups or one on one.



Mali Quamina to **Everyone**

7:22 PM



This is the best networking event I attending to date with so many like minded people and attractive platforms to learn and grow. thank you Island Innovation for this. God bless you

Continuity of the conversations is important for talk to turn into action. The sessions covered a wide range of island-related financial topics, and discussion does not need to end after the sessions have finished.

Participants are encouraged to continue to interact with the Island Innovation community by using the [Facebook Group](#) and [LinkedIn Group](#) and via our social media channels ([LinkedIn](#), [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [YouTube](#)).



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Great talk this morning about [#blueeconomy](#) at [#IFF2022](#), about various ways in which islands can use the ocean's power to help people, nature and the economy altogether.

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DAY 2: TUESDAY 26 APRIL

Building a Blue Future: Harnessing the Hope of the Ocean

Time: 05:00am EDT (New York) | 10:00am BST (London) | 19:00pm AEST (Sydney)

Duration: 1 hour

Track: **BLUE ECONOMY**



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We are proud to have received an overwhelmingly positive response from participants for the Forum:



Sherika Ballingsingh @Sballingsingh · Apr 28

The sessions so far are incredibly informative and the network opportunities have great potential for project partnerships! #IFF2022



Ramiro Schiavo @RamiroSchiavo · Apr 29

Amazing!!!!...#IFF2022. Last day, Congratulations Island Innovation Team, Great job!



Telly Valerie Onu Author

Ecosystem Innovator| Digital Finance Infrastructure Archite...

The whole event is tastefully curated i must say.

GF

Hello everybody!
Greetings from Bucharest,
Romania!
Looking forward to another
excellent session of this forum!
My thanks and congrats to the
organizers and speakers of this
insightful outstanding event!

George Florin Staicu

Linda Carti to [Everyone](#)

3:46 PM

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What a great conference! Thank you so much, thank you to all panelist/ island innovation. I am from the islands of Saint-Martin and from Guadeloupe in the Caribbean (temporarily living in France now). Much brainstorming and research to do on my side since I am new in this but very much interested. Have a great day/ evening/ night wherever you are!

The Forum had a large global reach and was covered by several media publications around the world, including:



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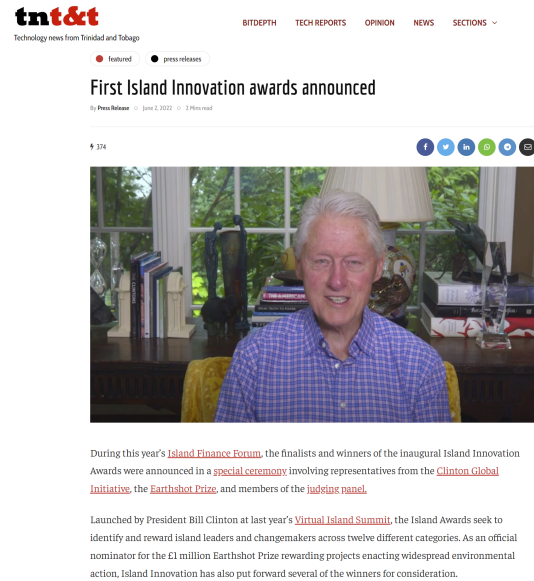


Stephen Weinstein, chairman of the BDA (File photograph)

Stephen Weinstein, chairman of the Bermuda Business Development Agency, is to moderate a session on insurance and capital risk at the Island Finance Forum, which kicks off today (Monday).

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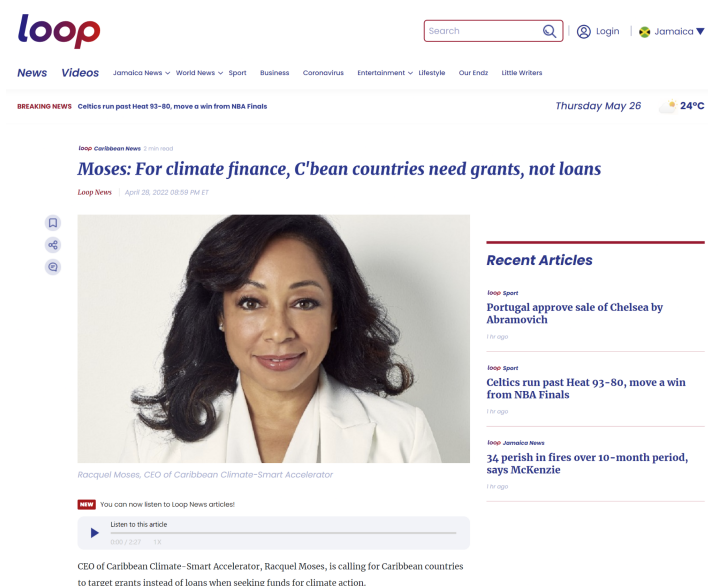
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During this year's [Island Finance Forum](#), the finalists and winners of the inaugural Island Innovation Awards were announced in a [special ceremony](#) involving representatives from the [Clinton Global Initiative](#), the [Earthshot Prize](#), and members of the [judging panel](#).

Launched by President Bill Clinton at last year's [Virtual Island Summit](#), the Island Awards seek to identify and reward island leaders and changemakers across twelve different categories. As an official nominator for the £1 million Earthshot Prize rewarding projects enacting widespread environmental action, Island Innovation has also put forward several of the winners for consideration.



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Racquel Moses, CEO of Caribbean Climate-Smart Accelerator

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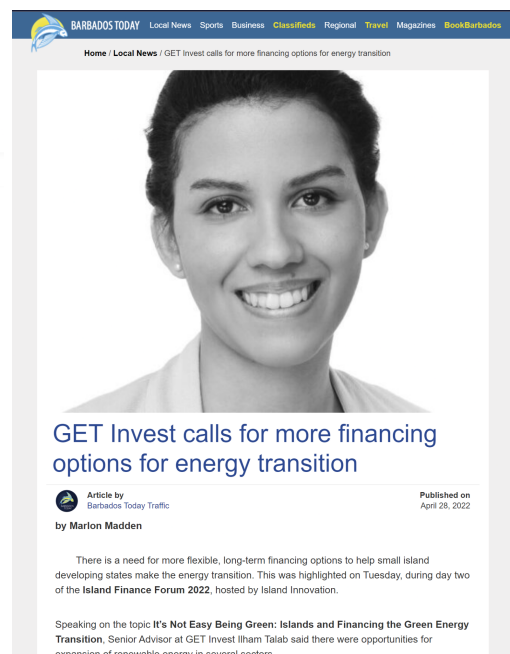
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CEO of Caribbean Climate-Smart Accelerator, Racquel Moses, is calling for Caribbean countries to target grants instead of loans when seeking funds for climate action.



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Article by Barbados Today Traffic
by Marlon Madden


Published on April 28, 2022

There is a need for more flexible, long-term financing options to help small island developing states make the energy transition. This was highlighted on Tuesday, during day two of the [Island Finance Forum 2022](#), hosted by Island Innovation.

Speaking on the topic [It's Not Easy Being Green: Islands and Financing the Green Energy Transition](#), Senior Advisor at GET Invest Iham Talab said there were opportunities for expansion of renewable energy in several sectors.

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Target inequality to aid economic recovery, small islands told

Article by Barbados Today Traffic Published on April 28, 2022
by Marlon Madden

Leaders in Barbados and other small island development states are being warned to address issues of inequality as they put policies in place to aid economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and as they seek to tackle issues relating to climate change.

This was highlighted on Monday, day one of the **Island Innovation's Island Finance Forum (IFF) 2022**, which is being held under the theme **Investment for Sustainable Development**.

During the session **Leave No One Behind: Building an Equitable and Inclusive Recovery for Island Communities**, Stefan Kossoff, Development Director for the Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) in the Caribbean for the UK, recalled the devastation that Barbados and other regional economies faced as a result of recent hurricanes

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Curaçao will be represented at the Island Finance Forum 2022 from April 25 to April 29. This conference brings together policymakers and top professionals in the domains of sustainable finance and development to share and exchange knowledge about how to create sustainable and inclusive financial structures in island communities. It is a free virtual event with a variety of interactive sessions available to registrants from around the world, including networking chances to connect and discuss ideas face to face or in small groups.

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One of the content tracks of the upcoming [Island Finance Forum](#) will focus on **Climate Finance**. Do you know what this term means?

Climate Finance refers to financing that seeks to support mitigation and adaptation actions to address climate change.

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The **contribution of each country to climate change** varies enormously. So does their **capacity to prevent it and cope with its consequences**. Some of the countries most seriously threatened by its effects tend to be those that cause the least pollution.



Curacao will chair Island Finance Forum 2022 this year. The meeting is scheduled for April 25th – 29th. This annual forum focuses on island economies and sustainable development. It is about exchanging information to achieve an inclusive economy. Vanessa Toré, director of the Foreign Economic Cooperation Division at Curaçao's Ministry of Economic Development (MEO) one of the speakers.

Leading experts offered diverse perspectives and solutions on pressing finance and sustainability issues:

Over 11,600 individual views across all sessions (via Zoom, Remo, LinkedIn, Twitter, Facebook, and YouTube).

- [Official Opening](#)
- [Leave No One Behind: Building an equitable and inclusive recovery for island communities](#)
- [Chambers of Commerce and Sustainable Development](#)
- [Slow and Steady Wins: The Race to Net-Zero Islands](#)
- [Building a Blue Future: Harnessing the Hope of the Ocean](#)
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Continue the conversations started at the Forum and keep in contact with fellow attendees with these networking opportunities:

- [Virtual Island Summit 2022](#): Save the date for our next Virtual Island Summit, taking place September 26th to October 2nd 2022.
- [Weekly Newsletter](#): You are all set to receive Island Innovation's weekly newsletter, covering important topics around sustainability.
- [Facebook Group](#): Connect with fellow Summit participants in our exclusive Facebook Group.
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We look forward to your continued involvement in the Island Innovation community!