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International Conference Charting the Course: Innovative Environmental Financing for Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Development in São Tomé and Príncipe

March 14 - 15, 2024

Day 1, Thursday, March 14th

Meeting URL:

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8.30 - 9.00	<i>Arrival of participants and installation</i>
9.00 - 9.45	Opening speech: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Country Manager of the African Development Bank for Angola and São Tomé and Príncipe - H.E. Mr. Pietro Toigo• Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations - H.E. Abdou Abarry• President of Autonomous Region of Príncipe- H.E. Filipe de Nascimento,• His Excellency the Prime Minister and Head of Government - H.E. Patrice Trovoada
9.45 - 10.00	Family photo and coffee break
10.00 - 10.15	Session 1: National Strategic Priorities in the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Terrestrial and Marine Resources



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minister for the Environment, H.E. Nilda da Mata
10.15 - 11.45	Session 2: Turning debt into nature's dividend
	<p><u>Panel moderated by Ms. Lisa Kurbiel, Head of the Joint SDG Fund</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Finance and Business Development and Minister of Digital Economy of Cape Verde - H.E. Olavo Avelino Garcia Correia Portuguese Minister for the Environment and Climate Action Office of the Special Adviser for Africa of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and former Minister of Finance of Seychelles - H.E. Jean-Paul Adams <p>15 minutes of discussion</p>
11.45 - 1300	Session 3: Strengthening sustainability through Green Conservation Funds
	<p><u>Panel moderated by Ms. Nana Spio Grabrah, AfDB Manager Client Solutions Division</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minister for the Environment, Sustainable Development and the Congo Basin, Republic of Congo - H.E. Arlette Soudan-Nonault BIOFUND - Foundation for the Conservation of Biodiversity in Mozambique - Ms. Alexandra Jorge, Director of BIOFUND Rwanda's experience in setting up and managing the Green Fund - Ms. Madeleine Nyiratuza, UNDP, Regional Technical Advisor for Water, Ocean Governance, Ecosystems and Biodiversity <p>15 minutes of discussion</p>
13.00 - 14.30	<i>Lunch</i>
14.30 -15.30	Session 4: Innovative financing for climate change adaptation
	<p><u>Panel moderated by Mr. Helmut Barreto, Director of Planning, Ministry of Planning and Finance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Adaptation Benefits Mechanism (ABM) - Mr. Gareth Philips, AfDB, Manager of the Climate and Environment Finance Local Climate Adaptive Livelihood (LoCAL) - Mr. Damiano Borgogno, UNCDF, Regional Climate Facility Specialist for West Africa & Gulf of Guinea GEF Funding Opportunity in São Tomé and Príncipe - Mr. Darnel Baia, GEF Focal Point <p>15 minutes of discussion</p>

15.30 - 16.30	Session 5: Private sector pioneers in biodiversity conservation and climate resilience
	<p><u>Panel moderated by Mr. Guillaume Taufflieb, CEO, Valudo</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An introduction to the concept of natural dividend for the Príncipe - Ms. Emma Tuzinkiewicz, Sustainability Director and Chief of Staff, HBD Príncipe • Experience in the Valorization of Vegetable Biomass in the Preservation of the Environment - Mr. Elísio do Sacramento Luís Nunes, Ecoblasa Company, CEO • Emergence of sustainable asset classes striking the right balance with island economies, tourism, conservation, Data & technology - Mr. Faraz Khan, CEO and partner of global sustainability advisory and technology company SpectrEco <p><i>15 minutes of discussion</i></p>
	<u>Day 2, Friday, March 15th</u>
8.30 - 9.00	<i>Arrival of participants and installation</i>
9.00 - 10.15	Session 6: Exploring Biodiversity Credits for forest and mangrove conservation
	<p><u>Panel moderated by Mrs. Isabel Miranda, President of ARBIP</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carbon credits and the São Tomé and Príncipe Forest - Mr. Adilson da Mata, Director of Forestry and Biodiversity • Exploring the potential of UNESCO designated sites for biodiversity credits in São Tomé and Príncipe - Mr. Paul Coustere, UNESCO, Regional Director for Central Africa <p>15 minutes of discussion</p>
10.15 - 10.30	<i>Coffee break</i>
10.30 - 11.30	<i>Session 7: Navigating the Blue Economy: Investment, Conservation and Community Involvement in Marine Resources</i>
	<p><u>Panel moderated by Mr. Silvino Palmer, former Regional Secretary for the Economy</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The creation of marine protected areas on the island of Príncipe - Mr. Julio Mendes, Regional Secretary for the Biosphere, Environment, Agriculture and Rural Development • Principe Foundation and Entrepreneurs for Conservation: A strategy to integrate local communities in the protection of marine resources - Ms. Claricela Andrade, Principe Foundation, Project Manager Omali Vida Nón

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 minutes of discussion
11.30 - 12.30	Session 8: What could a roadmap for sustainable blue and green financing look like for São Tomé and Príncipe?
	<p><u>Panel moderated by Mr. Eric Overvest, United Nations Resident Coordinator</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resident Representative of the United Nations Development Programme - Ms. Lovita Ramguttee • Minister of Economy - H.E. Disney Leite Ramos • President of Autonomous Region of Príncipe - H.E. Filipe de Nascimento
12.30 - 13.00	<p style="text-align: center;">Closing the event</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conference summary - Ms. Sulisa Quaresma, Director General for Environment and Climate Action • Your Excellency the Government Representative
13.00 - 14h30	Lunch