

**Intervention Ambassador Sunil Sitaldin on the occasion of the  
Stockholm + 50 preparatory meeting  
28 March 2022**

Distinguished Co-Chairs,

- Suriname aligns itself with the Statements delivered by G77 and China, AOSIS and CARICOM.
- The Republic of Suriname has managed to retain 93 percent of its forest cover, its wide range of ecosystems and its rich biodiversity. We are a carbon negative country!
- Suriname as a low-lying coastal state who faces the challenges of climate change remains committed in contributing significantly to mitigating the adverse effects of climate change in the world.
- We have endorsed the Glasgow Declaration on forest and land use, and we are commitment to the Paris Agreement.
- Mindful of the Sustainable Development Goals and the Decade of Action, the National Adaptation Plan for Suriname (2019-2029) is an initiative designed to effectively address climate-related challenges in the pursuit of sustainable development.

Co-Chairs,

- Our decisions and commitments must be global, forceful, trustworthy, but above all realistic and supported by political will and financial means. The call for action is loud and clear!
- Suriname therefore hopes that “Stockholm+50, with its very fitting theme, indeed will be a universal call to accelerate the implementation of our commitments to address the adverse effects of climate change.  
There is no time to lose!

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Co-Chairs in closing I would like to put forward the following question(s):

- How will the conference contribute to a mechanism for food security in developing countries to ensure their self-sufficiency to feed their population and end hunger?
- How will Stockholm + 50 further discussions to promote the implementation of approaches to address loss and damage due to climate change?
- How can the conference contribute to a long-term solution for access to climate finance for middle income countries, who are facing financial challenges in responding to the effects of climate change due their middle-income status?