



**Intervention by the Permanent Representative  
of the Republic of Suriname**

**His Excellency Sunil Sitaldin**

**on the occasion of 2024 Coordination Segment**

***Interactive discussion***

***Sustainable, resilient and innovative solutions to advance  
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Excellencies,  
Under-Secretary-General for Global Communications, Ms. Melissa Fleming,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

At the outset, let me thank you for convening today's interactive discussion on ***Sustainable, resilient and innovative solutions to advance climate action.***

The impacts of climate change are becoming increasingly evident and devastating, threatening ecosystems, economies and societies in all our respective countries.

Our planet is giving us serious signals, encouraging us to re-write our future actions.

Our response to the climate crisis must go beyond emission reductions, while addressing the social and economic dimensions, ***leaving no one behind.***

Suriname is one of the only three carbon-negative countries in the world and has embraced a strong commitment to reduce its carbon footprint, to contribute to reaching sustainable and resilient climate solutions.

We are committed and confident that even with the new developments in our oil and gas sector, we will remain carbon negative.

We recognize the urgency of addressing climate change and view our carbon-negative status as a responsibility to current and future generations.

Suriname is listed as one of the top ten countries that are most vulnerable to climate change effects because of its low-lying coast. We are not spared from the effects of natural disasters, because we deal with extremely dry and raining seasons, within certain times throughout the year.

We are still building on our climate action and institutional capacities and are proud to share that Suriname aims to be one of the first countries to sell carbon credits under the new Paris Agreement scheme.

The task before us as a world community is immense, but we must draw strength from the possibilities that lie within our reach.

Our success depends on our ability to foster international cooperation and solidarity, to create new global partnerships and to mobilize the necessary political and financial support.

Thank you.