



St Kitts & Nevis to host the Global Sustainable Islands Summit

BASSETERRE - The 2025 [Global Sustainable Islands Summit](#) (GSIS) is set to be the most ambitious iteration of the event, reflecting the drive of the St Kitts and Nevis government who are co-hosting the conference alongside Island Innovation. A major event held in a different regional island hub each year, the GSIS is one of the only island-related sustainability conferences which showcases the innovative solutions island communities and stakeholders are developing.

St Kitts & Nevis Prime Minister the Honorable Dr. Terrance Drew invited world leaders to attend the conference during his speech at the United Nations General Assembly in September 2024, an invitation echoed by **Minister of Sustainable Development, Environment, Climate Action and Constituency Empowerment the Honorable Dr. Joyelle Clarke** when she addressed the plenary at the UN Climate Conference (COP29) several weeks later. As the first speaker announcement goes out, it is clear that their calls were heard, with various high-level speakers already confirmed.

- Hon. Reuben Meade, Prime Minister of Montserrat;
- H.E. Lady Alida Francis, Governor of Sint Eustatius;
- Hon. Rebecca Fabrizi, UK Envoy, UK's Small Island Developing States (SIDS);
- Dr. James Fletcher, CARICOM Climate Envoy;
- Edison Rijna, Special Envoy BES islands for EU and UN and Economic Development with Latin America and Caribbean;
- Hon. Chris Lee, State Senator, Hawaii;
- Isaac Solomon, Vice President (Operations), Caribbean Development Bank;
- Dr. Pepukaye Bardouille, Director, Bridgetown Initiative & Special Advisor on Climate Resilience, Prime Minister's Office, Government of Barbados.

Main Conference & Specialized Forums

The main conference will be held at the Marriott Bonvoy in Frigate Bay, with three days (**May 27-29**) of high-level panel discussions, workshops, and networking opportunities centered around the host country's Sustainable Island State Agenda (SISA) and how it can be a replicable blueprint for other island communities.

In addition to the main summit, the GSIS will feature three specialized forums:



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Island Youth Forum (May 25-26, St Kitts)

This dynamic two-day event brings together young leaders from island nations for meaningful dialogue and collaboration. The forum aims to equip participants with the tools and networks needed to tackle the unique challenges facing island communities while seizing opportunities for sustainable growth and innovation.

Geothermal Energy Forum (May 26, Nevis)

Taking place in Nevis one day before the main summit, this forum will showcase the transformative potential of geothermal energy for sustainable development in Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and island regions. Using Nevis' geothermal project as a case study, the event aims to foster collaboration among energy experts, policymakers, and investors from various regions.

1st Forum on Access to Climate Finance for Sub-National Island Jurisdictions (May 30, Nevis)

The final event in the series, co-hosted with the Special Envoy for Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba and the Government of Curaçao, will provide a space for collaboration and innovation among regional governments, cities, and local authorities. The forum will highlight the unique challenges and opportunities sub-national island jurisdictions (SNIJs) face in accessing and managing climate finance for adaptation and mitigation projects.

Key Partners

Key 2025 GSIS Partners include the Government of Curaçao, the Cabinet Special Envoy for Bonaire, Eustatius, and Saba, Sustainable Travel International, and Global Island Partnership. For more information about the Summit, tickets, speakers, and supporting partners, visit: <https://islandinnovation.co/events/global-sustainable-islands-summit/>

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About Island Innovation

Island Innovation is a global, social enterprise that works to accelerate sustainable development on islands worldwide. Through events, media, and collaborative projects, Island Innovation aims to inspire and empower island communities as they transition to a sustainable future.

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