

Advancing Climate Action through Legislation and Parliamentary Oversight



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Raising Ambition for Climate Action

Hon. Ambassador Robby Ramlakhan,

Cabinet of the President of Suriname Coordination Environment

Relevant information on Suriname

- Most forested country by the World Bank
 - > 93% forest cover
 - Net-carbon dioxide producer
 - Biodiversity hotspot with many endemic species
 - Presence of indigenous and tribal communities
- Suriname is also one of the top10 most endangered countries in the world regarding to the rising sea level as a result of Global Warming.
 - Low coastline
 - 70% of the population
 - Area of food producer

Environmental policy

- Environmental Framework Bill
- Paris Agreement (NDC)
- State of the Environment

Raising Ambition

- History of nature conservation
 - 13% protected area
 - Central Suriname Natural Reserve placed on the world heritage list
- Balance between sustainable development and protection of the environment.
- The specific role of Coordination Environment
 - Reports to the President
 - Appointment of the ambassador for the environment
 - Policy body in charge of the development and the coordination of environmental policy

Similar Countries & Actions

- HFLD Conference February 2019
 - Experiences with current climate finance instruments
 - Krutu of Paramaribo Joint Declaration
 - Way forward
 - Rules and procedures
 - Road map
 - Common agenda
 - Access to GCF

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Stakeholders Involvement

- December 2017: COP 23 Suriname's 93% Pledge
- February 2018: National Environment Actors Dialogue
- July 2018: National Youth Environmental Awareness Program
- February 2019: HFLD Conference

Government Climate Actions

- Validation of the National Climate Change Policy, Strategy and Action Plan for Suriname
- NDC update in progress
- NAP in final draft
- NAMA in publication phase
- REDD+ Readiness in final stage

SDG's:

- 6: Clean Water and Sanitation13: Climate Action14: Life Below Water
- 15: Life on Land

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