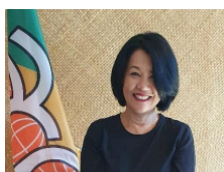


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BIOGRAPHY OF SPEAKERS



Ms.Cristelle Pratt,
 Assistant Secretary General for Environment and Climate action, OACPS

Cristelle Pratt has thirty years of policy and practice experience at national, regional, and international levels and has dedicated her public services to supporting a plethora of development issues, including climate change, risk resilience, and ocean governance. She is currently OACPS’ Assistant Secretary-General for Environment and Climate Action. Prior to that, she was the Pacific Islands Forum Deputy Secretary-General. She has consulted on climate change, risk resilience, and ocean governance for various international organizations and led the Pacific Islands Applied Geoscience Commission (SOPAC) from 2004 to 2010, now a Division of the Pacific Community (SPC).



Dr. Nsadisa Faka,
Team Leader Intra-ACP Climate Services and Related Applications,
Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS)

Dr. Dieudonne Nsadisa Faka has been appointed as Team Leader for the Programme. Holding a PhD in hydrometeorology and climate risk management, Dr. Faka has a combined background in academic professional and international consultancy with more than 25 years' experience in climate and sustainable development.

Before joining the Programme, Dr Faka worked as a Climate Expert and Coordinator of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) Climate Services Centre at the its Secretariat in Gaborone, Botswana.



Prof. Dr. Harald Kunstmann, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology

Prof. Harald Kunstmann is deputy director of the Campus Alpin of Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT), Germany. He holds the chair of Regional Climate and Hydrology and is founding director of the newly established Center for Climate Resilience at the University of Augsburg. His research comprises hydrological impacts of climate change, the setup and operation of terrestrial observatories, seasonal predictions and interdisciplinary climate resilience research. He has extensive expertise in research for countries of the global south.



Christof Lorenz, Scientific Data Management

After studying Geodesy and Geoinformatics at the University of Stuttgart, **Christof Lorenz** did his PhD in Climate and Environmental Sciences at the University of Augsburg. Since then, he has been developing methods for post-processing hydrometeorological information and, in particular, seasonal forecasts as a researcher at the Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT) – Institute of Meteorology and Climate Research (IMK-IFU). Dr. Lorenz also leads the scientific data management at IMK-IFU and is particularly committed to the FAIRification of scientific data to promote open and reproducible science.



Surekha Ramessur, Programme Officer, SADC Climate Service Centre

Ms Surekha Ramessur is a programme officer at the SADC Climate Service Centre. She has 20 years of working experience as operational meteorologist, including early warning services at Mauritius Meteorological Services. She has a Master's degree in Applied Meteorology, Climate and Management from Reading University, UK, where she studied as a Chevening Scholar. She also has a Master's in Business Administration from the University of Mauritius. She has been a part-time lecturer at the Open university of Mauritius.