

STRENGTHENING CLIMATE ACTION:

The role of the United Nations General Assembly in addressing sea-level rise and other climate-induced disasters

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**4:30 p.m. Reception | 5:15 p.m. Lecture
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We stand at a critical juncture in our collective fight against climate change—a challenge that affects every corner of our globe. Sea-level rise and other climate-induced disasters are no longer distant threats. They are present realities that demand urgent and coordinated action.

We must establish clear targets for greenhouse gas reduction and encourage nations to enhance their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs). These actions are crucial in galvanizing global commitment and ensuring a cohesive approach to climate mitigation and adaptation. In addition to policy and financial measures, combating misinformation and disinformation is essential. The spread of false information undermines scientific consensus and confuses public understanding, impeding our efforts to address climate change effectively.

President of the United Nations General Assembly, His Excellency Dennis Francis, will address our shared responsibility to confront climate inaction with resolve and innovation. The discourse will focus on the imperative role of the General Assembly in driving global efforts to address these pressing issues.

From mobilizing actions to the action-oriented resolutions, international cooperation is paramount in fostering dialogue and supporting global initiatives. President Francis will discuss how the General Assembly works to leverage our collective strength, diverse expertise, and resources to tackle climate impacts effectively.