



Small Island Developing States Dock (SIDS DOCK)

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*Belize Prime Minister John Briceño elected Vice President of the ninth SIDS DOCK Assembly
Briceno's election affirms a bold commitment to trailblazing leadership and transformative innovation*



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PHOTO CAPTION: 2nd October 2025, UN Headquarters, New York: On 25th September 2025, Honourable John Briceño, Prime Minister of Belize (right), was unanimously elected Vice President of the ninth session of the SIDS DOCK Assembly, representing the Caribbean Region. Briceño handed over the Presidency during the ninth session to the Honourable Feleti Penitala Teo, Prime Minister of Tuvalu (left), after having served as the eighth President. “Being present before you today, on the occasion of our tenth anniversary, is not only a privilege, but also a moment of deep significance and shared purpose,” said Briceño, during the organization’s milestone celebration. Belize’s leadership is not symbolic, it’s structural. The country hosts not only SIDS DOCK, but also the Global Ocean Energy Alliance (GLOEA) and the Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre (CCCCC), forming a powerful triad of climate and energy institutions. Together, they are creating a technological space that reimagines the Caribbean’s climate and energy landscape. Belize is not just hosting institutions, it is hosting hope, innovation, and a shared future. Belize’s tribute to SIDS DOCK on its tenth anniversary resonates across oceans. “Let us rise together, powered by purpose and united by the ocean,” Briceño said. As Belize looks ahead, Briceño’s message is clear - SIDS DOCK must remain a catalyst. “The next decade must be one of acceleration, from pilots to infrastructure, from resilience to regeneration,” he concluded.

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SIDS DOCK is a United Nations (UN) recognised international organisation established in 2015, with all the rights and privileges for addressing climate change, resilience, and energy security in small islands. SIDS DOCK represents 32 small islands and low-lying developing states across the globe, and is so named because it is designed as a “DOCKing station,” to connect the energy sector in SIDS with the global markets for finance and sustainable energy technologies. The organisation’s work is coordinated by the Secretariat, in Belmopan, Belize.

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