





Let's talk about sea level rise

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Abstract

Adaptation to sea level rise: coastal cities coalition Ocean Rise and Coastal Resilience

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On June 7, leaders from 230 coastal cities and Small Island Developing States (SIDS) gathered to launch the global Coalition for Ocean Rise & Coastal Resilience (OR&CR). With over 1 billion people projected to be at risk from sea-level rise by 2050, the Coalition seeks to amplify local coastal elected representatives' voices to mobilize scientific knowledge and financial resources, and strengthen global advocacy through locally driven leadership. Prior to the launch of the Coalition, extensive groundwork was undertaken, and the conference on “Adaptation to sea level rise: coastal cities, Coalition Ocean Rise and Coastal Resilience” provides an opportunity to reflect on that process.

Indeed, it is important to understand the reason behind the Coalition. Launched in 2020 by the Ocean & Climate Platform, the [Sea'ties initiative](#) aimed at supporting the development of public policies and implementation of adaptation solutions for coastal cities facing sea level rise. Its main goals were to compile and disseminate knowledge, gather and share experiences, and strengthen political action for the sustainable adaptation of coastal cities. The presentation will focus on finance and social justice issues, through the concrete example of managed retreat and of the city of Saint-Louis, Senegal, as a case study in planned and inclusive managed retreat.

