## **Katherine Kennedy**

Katherine Kennedy leads the effort researching climate change at The Commonwealth; a role covering 53 Member States including many that are small and vulnerable to climate change. She is an Environmental Scientist with over 20 years' experience in consultancy and public service; including previously as Director of the Strategic Development Programme at the UK Marine Agency.

Katherine has led dialogue processes pertaining to environmental emergencies and disputes; including on climate change and flood risk. She led the design and development of the award-winning UK Marine Climate Change Impacts

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Katherine will shortly complete an International Masters in Conflictology (UN Peace-keeping training). As a Chartered Environmentalist, she also serves on the Audit and Risk Committee of the UK Chartered Institute of Ecology & Environmental Management (CIEEM).