



Virtual Meeting of National Focal Points (NFPs) of Small Island Developing States (SIDS)

Pacific & Caribbean Region

Monday, 22 November 2021 4:00pm – 6:00pm (New York Time)

(ZOOM)

Enhancing coherence in the implementation of the SAMOA Pathway, and SDGs: Focus on COVID-19 recovery and building back better in SIDS – lessons from the Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs).

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

TIME	AGENDA ITEM
4:00pm-4:10pm	1. OPENING Moderator: Ms. Tishka Francis, Head- SIDS Sub-programme, (UN-OHRLLS) Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> H.E. Mr. Courtenay Rattray, High Representative, Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS (UN-OHRLLS) – <i>by Video</i> H.E. Mr. Aubrey Webson, Permanent Representative of Antigua & Barbuda to the United Nations, Chair of Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS)
4:10pm – 4:30 pm	2. KEY ISSUES: IMPLEMENTATION OF SDGS AND SAMOA PATHWAY IN COVID-19 ERA AND BEYOND <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moderator: Ms. Tishka Francis, Head- SIDS Sub-programme, (UN-OHRLLS) Presentation I: Summary of Key issues & Lessons learnt from VNRs – Ms Tonya Vaturi, Sustainable Development Officer, UNDESA Presentation II: Building back better: Towards effective COVID-19 recovery in SIDS

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Diane Quarless Director, ECLAC Sub-regional Office, Port of Spain - Mr Sanjesh Naidu, Economic Affairs Officer, ESCAP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q&A <p><u>GUIDING QUESTIONS</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are the key issues & Lessons learnt from VNRs on the implementation of the SDGs and SAMOA Pathway in the COVID-19 era? What are the implications for further practice? 2. What are the challenges, opportunities and emerging best practices to build back better (at the global and regional levels) to respond effectively and recover from COVID-19 in SIDS? 3. What have been the critical issues related to finance and response at the global and/or regional level? Are there vignettes of success stories that could be replicated elsewhere? 4. How can international and regional platforms continue to support SIDS to build back better? What are the challenges and successes? What could be the missing link(s) and the ways to address these?
4:30 – 5:55pm	<p>3. COUNTRY EXPERIENCES: IMPLEMENTATION OF SDGS AND SAMOA PATHWAY IN COVID-19 ERA AND BEYOND</p> <p>Moderator: Resident Coordinator, Barbados MCO</p> <p>Pacific and Caribbean SIDS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation I: Ms. Andrea C. Muller, Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Marshall Islands to the United Nations, Marshall Islands • Presentation II: Ms. Torree Musgrove, SDG Focal Point, Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Unit, Office of the Prime Minister, Bahamas <p>Interactive Discussion - Responses from SIDS NFPs and Interventions from (other) UN System</p> <p>Discussants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barbados - H.E. Ms. H. Elizabeth Thompson, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary with responsibility for matters related to Climate Change, Small Island Developing States and Law of the Sea • Tonga – Ms. Ma’u Alipate, Deputy Secretary for National Planning Division, Prime Minister’s Office • UNDRR – Ms. Toni-Shae Freckleton, Chief of New York Office

	<p>Moderator's Summary</p> <p><u>GUIDING QUESTIONS</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are the key issues & lessons learnt, drawing from VNRs, on the implementation of the SDGs and SAMOA Pathway in the COVID-19 era? 2. How is your country building back better? What are the opportunities, emerging priorities, and best practices to build back better to respond effectively and recover from COVID-19 in SIDS? 3. How have your country responded to some of the critical issues related to finance? Are there vignettes of success stories that could be replicated elsewhere? 4. How can international and regional platforms continue to support SIDS to build back better? What are the lessons learnt? What could be the missing link(s) and the possible ways to address these?
4:55 pm – 6:00 pm	<p>CLOSING</p> <p>Closing Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Tishka Francis, Head- SIDS Sub-programme, (UN-OHRLLS)

¹SIDS VNRs 2016 -2021

¹ 2016: [Samoa](#)

2017: [Belize](#) & [Maldives](#)

2018: [Bahamas](#), [Bahrain](#), [Cabo Verde](#), [Dominican Republic](#), [Kiribati](#) & [Singapore](#)

2019: [Fiji](#), [Mauritius](#), [Nauru](#), [Palau](#), [Saint Lucia](#), [Timor-Leste](#), [Tonga](#) & [Vanuatu](#)

2020: [Barbados](#), [Comoros](#), [Micronesia](#), [Papua New Guinea](#), [Saint Vincent and the Grenadines](#), [Samoa](#), [Seychelles](#) & [Trinidad and Tobago](#)

2021: [Antigua and Barbuda](#), [Bahamas](#), [Cabo Verde](#), [Cuba](#), [Dominican Republic](#) & [Marshall Islands](#)

2022: Comoros, Guinea-Bissau, Sao Tome and Principe, Suriname and Tuvalu