

**Annotated Agenda**  
**for Consultative Meeting on**  
**A Framework of Core Indicators for Reporting on the SAMOA Pathway**  
**in Preparation for**  
**The Fourth International Conference**  
**scheduled for 2024.**

UN/OHRLLS is supporting SIDS Member States in the preparatory process for the Fourth International Conference, scheduled for 2024 and specifically for reporting on the SAMOA Pathway. To support the reporting process, UN/OHRLLS is drawing on the work done in the process of carrying out the mandate of the UN General Assembly to seek alignment between the SAMOA Pathway's Priorities with other global post-2015 development frameworks (particularly the SDGs, SENDAI Framework and the Paris Agreement). Emerging from this process has been the 'Framework of Monitoring Indicators for the SAMOA Pathway.'

The work by UN/OHRLLS has been to further align the Framework with the priorities identified in the Strategic Plans of key subregional institutions of SIDS, i.e. the Secretariats for the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) and the Pacific Community. From this fully aligned Framework, UN/OHRLLS has identified a core set of quantitative indicators that it believes will reflect SIDS key development challenges. When combined with an assessment of progress on their policy priorities it is expected an ensuing report will capture the essence of the SAMOA Pathway and the progress thereon.

UN/OHRLLS is proposing that SIDS Member States utilize the core set of quantitative indicators together with the framework of policy priorities for reporting to the Fourth International Conference. It is expected that by using a smaller key set of indicators, the reporting burden on SIDS Member States will be significantly reduced. It is also expected that if those key indicators are carefully chosen, reporting bias will be significantly reduced. Further, national reports will be comprehensive enough to form the basis for subregional reporting and later for an Inter-regional report. It is also expected that the results reported by Member States will also be useful input into the successor document to the SAMOA Pathway.

This consultation is being convened by UN/OHRLLS with all SIDS Member States in attendance, represented by SIDS focal points, senior statistical personnel/senior personnel from Ministries of Planning/ Planning and Finance. It is expected that having internally reviewed the proposed core set of quantitative indicators for reporting, during the consultation Member States will give feedback on their validity to accurately capture progress on the SAMOA Pathway and the availability of national data for developing the relevant indicators.

Member States will be asked during the consultation to also give an indication of (a) their capacities for preparing reports based on the indicators (b) whether any additional assistance will be required and (c) types of assistance they perceive will be required.

The agenda for the meeting will be as follows:

**AGENDA ITEM 1:** Opening Statement by UN/OHRLLS giving the mandate for the work and its objective, including how reports are to be utilized. UN/OHRLLS will also introduce the Consultant as Facilitator of the Meeting and proposed next steps after the consultative meeting.

It is expected that SIDS Member States would have been given the opportunity to hold internal consultations on the Interim Report with instructions to review Attachment C with the core set of indicators for reporting and be prepared to indicate where data may be available/unavailable, periodicity and sources for each indicator (means of verification).

**AGENDA ITEM 2:** Presentation by the Facilitator giving an overview of the document. Its genesis; the alignment processes with global development frameworks and with sub-regional strategic plans and the rationale for selecting the core indicators.

**AGENDA ITEM 3:** Responses from SIDS Member States structured to report on general and more specific data availability and periodicity; then on proposals for other indicators based on the criteria of data availability, periodicity and means of verification.

This session will be interactive whereby after Member States' presentations, clarifications will be sought by the Facilitator. Member States will also be given the opportunity to indicate where assistance is needed for the reporting process, including for data compilation/aggregation and analysis.

**AGENDA ITEM 4:** Closing remarks by UN/OHRLLS on the way forward, including expectations of Member States, including plans for a validation meeting; availability of final report and reporting formats; time frame for submission of reports and assistance available for preparation of reports.