



GUIDANCE FOR SPEAKERS

**SIDS National Focal Points (NFPs) Meeting:
“Implementation of the SAMOA Pathway in coherence with the 2030 agenda for
sustainable development and SDGs”**

**25 July 2019,
Praia, Cabo Verde**

**Monitoring the implementation of the SAMOA Pathway and SDGs: Towards a
toolkit for a harmonized approach for monitoring and reporting on the SAMOA
Pathway**

Background

An effective monitoring of the implementation of the SAMOA Pathway, the 2030 agenda and SDGs and other internationally agreed development goals depends on the availability of quality data and statistics. For example, the global indicator framework for the 2030 Agenda itself has 232 indicators, spanning the 17 Sustainable Development Goals.

A majority of SIDS lack the data and statistical capacity required to effectively track progress in implementing the SAMOA Pathway and the 2030 Agenda and Sustainable Development goals and targets, including the means of implementation. Data and statistics are integral to identify achievements, challenges, gaps and critical success factors to support SIDS in making informed policy choices. For this purpose, data should be of high-quality, accessible, timely, reliable and disaggregated by income, sex, age, race, ethnicity, migration status, disability and geographic location and other characteristics relevant in national contexts and remains challenging for SIDS.

The SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway asserts the importance of data and statistics in SIDS. It reflects a global commitment to support SIDS' efforts to strengthen the availability and accessibility of their data and statistical systems; to utilize UN statistical standards and resources in social and environmental statistics; and to improve the collection, analysis, dissemination and use of disaggregated data. Moreover, the UN, among others, is called upon to: a) make greater use of the national statistics and development indicators of SIDS; b) support a sustainable development statistics and information programme for SIDS; and c) elaborate appropriate indices for assessing the progress made in their sustainable development that better reflect their vulnerability and guide them to adopt more informed policies and strategies for building and sustaining long-term resilience.

Despite these commitments, the challenges related to data and statistics remain, as was also evidenced in the preparation of the national and regional reports for the preparatory regional meetings for the Mid Term Review of the SAMOA Pathway. The challenges of data and statistics have been equally cited as a drawback in the preparations of national voluntary reviews of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. A concerted effort to enhance the data and statistical capacity of SIDS is therefore a priority.

The draft outcome of the Mid Term Review of the SAMOA Pathway speaks to the need for improved data collection and statistical analysis to enable SIDS to plan, monitor and evaluate the implementation of the SAMOA Pathway and the SDGs. It calls for the strengthening of national and regional statistical systems to effectively monitor and evaluate the implementation of the SAMOA Pathway and other sustainable development agendas.

Key Objectives

1. Present and discuss the draft monitoring toolkit for a harmonized approach for monitoring and reporting on the SAMOA Pathway.
2. Share experiences on monitoring and reporting of the SAMOA Pathway and the SDGs including exploring challenges and opportunities of monitoring toolkit.
3. Discuss how best to strengthen the accessibility and usability of the toolkit to respective SIDS' national circumstances and processes.
4. Discuss how best to finalise the draft toolkit for optimum utilization by SIDS, and how to bring the draft toolkit into an intergovernmental process for endorsement.

Structure of the Session

The sessions will be subdivided into three segments:

- First Segment: Expert led presentations from the UN system & other organizations
- Second Segment: Reactions from the National Focal Points & Interactive discussions
- Third Segment: Way forward

Guidance for Speakers/Resource Persons

General progression of session:

- The speaker(s) will be introduced by the Moderator at the beginning of the session.
- The main presentation on the draft monitoring toolkit will be 30 minutes
- Other Speaker(s) are asked to make 10-minute presentations.
- The use of PowerPoint is strongly encouraged.

- Following the presentations, there will be an interactive dialogue with questions from the floor as directed by the Moderator. Resource persons will be given the floor for 5-minute interventions to begin the discussion in the first segment.
- Please email a copy of the presentation/speaking notes to the session focal point (below) by the 22nd July 2019 at the latest.

Guiding Questions

The points are offered to stimulate your thinking in relation to the session's key objectives and to help your preparations.

1. To what extent does the monitoring toolkit respond to the need for harmonized approach for monitoring and reporting on the SAMOA Pathway. Does the list of proposed indicators sufficiently capture the SAMOA Pathway and other international agreements?
2. What is your country's experience on using indicators in SIDS to review the Implementation of the SAMOA Pathway, the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development and other internationally agreed development goals? What are the specific challenges, gaps and opportunities?
3. What could be the specific challenges, gaps and opportunities to using this monitoring toolkit for reporting on the SAMOA Pathway, considering your national circumstances and processes?
4. How can the draft toolkit be localized to ensure that it is able to effectively and efficiently adapt to the different national circumstances and processes for SIDS, while maintaining its integrity and overall objective for monitoring and reporting of the SAMOA Pathway across SIDS?
5. Are there specific examples of similar or relevant toolkits whose adaptation has been most successful or least successful, which can serve as best practice and lessons learnt?
6. Are there particular takeaways or emerging priority areas specific to your country or region that has implications for the monitoring toolkit?
7. How best to finalise the draft toolkit for optimum utilization by SIDS? How best to enable Member States to utilize the toolkit over the next phase of implementation of the SAMOA Pathway?

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