



## **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”**

**26 July 2019,  
Praia, Cabo Verde**

### **Localization of the SAMOA Pathway and the 2030 agenda for sustainable development and SDGs: Lessons from the VNRs**

#### **Background**

As part of its follow-up and review mechanisms, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development encourages member states to "conduct regular and inclusive reviews of progress at the national and sub-national levels, which are country-led and country-driven". The aim of the voluntary national reviews (VNRs) is to facilitate the sharing of experiences, including successes, challenges and lessons learnt, with a view to accelerating the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

With an increase in the number of SIDS presenting their VNRs to the high-level political forum on sustainable development (HLPF), there is also the opportunity to learn valuable lessons in the implementation of the SAMOA Pathway in alignment with the 2030 Agenda. In particular, the VNRs provide the opportunity for a discussion on the localization of the SAMOA Pathway and the 2030 Agenda in SIDS, including lessons learnt and best practices. These discussions could shed light on the implementation progress, including what could be the emerging priorities for the implementation of the SAMOA Pathway.

#### **Key objectives:**

- 1) Share experiences on the localization/implementation of the SAMOA Pathway in coherence with the 2030 Agenda, including lessons learnt and best practices drawn from the VNRs.
- 2) Explore challenges and opportunities in the localization of the SAMOA Pathway in coherence with the 2030 Agenda and SDGs.
- 3) Discuss how best to implement the SAMOA Pathway in coherence with the 2030 Agenda, including identification of key priorities.

## Structure of the session

The session will be subdivided into two segments:

- First Segment: Member states led presentations
- Second Segment: Interactive Dialogue (Resource persons may be requested in advance to prepare inputs into this session)

## Guidance for Speakers/Resource Persons

General progression of session:

- The speaker(s) will be introduced by the Moderator at the beginning of the session.
- Speaker(s) are asked to make 10-minute presentations.
- The use of PowerPoint is encouraged.
- Following the presentations, there will be an interactive dialogue with questions from the floor as directed by the Moderator. Resource persons from will be given the floor for 5-minute interventions to begin the discussion.
- Please email copy of the presentation/speaking notes to the session focal point (below) by 22 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. What are the country experiences on the Implementation of the SAMOA Pathway in coherence with the 2030 Agenda, including lessons learnt and best practices? Are there specific examples of what has worked or not worked in the implementation of the SAMOA Pathway as well as the 2030 Agenda and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) from the VNRs?
2. What have been the challenges and opportunities in integrating the implementation of the SAMOA Pathway with the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and SDGs?
3. What means of implementation and partnerships were effective in the implementation of the SAMOA Pathway and the 2030 Agenda and SDGS and why?
4. Are there particular takeaways, including critical success factors, for the implementation of the SAMOA Pathway going forward? What are the emerging priority areas specific to your country or region going forward?
5. What has been the role of partnerships in the implementation of the SAMOA pathway? Are there particular areas that are lacking partnerships to drive implementation?

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