

**Focal Points Meeting at Antigua-and-Barbuda,
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Remarks by Minister Counselor Willy LOUIS
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**Good morning Excellencies, dear colleagues,
I'm very glad to be here !**

First of all, I would like to thank both the Office of the High Representative for SIDS and the Government of Antigua and Barbuda for organizing this relevant annual meeting of the National Focal Points of the SIDS, as well as for their great generosity in supporting the participation of Member States representatives. It's very appreciated!

I appreciate as well the presence of the Representative of UNDESA at this very important meeting of NFP

Excellencies and colleagues,

Allow me to welcome the crucial role played by the United Nations High Representative for SIDS, in order, inter alia, to raise awareness among the international community of the particular characteristics of small island developing States at the national, regional and international level, given their extreme vulnerability and fragility.

In this regard, it seems appropriate **to emphasize here** that in the "**SAMOA PATHWAY**" which followed the Barbados Program of Action of 1994 and the Mauritius Strategy of 2004, the Heads of State and Government solemnly, reaffirmed that small island developing States remain a special case in terms of sustainable development, given their unique and particular vulnerabilities, and continue to face constraints in ensuring their sustainable development in its three **dimensions** – social, economic and **environmental**.

According to the **UNCTAD** World Investment Report 2022, the outlook for this year is very **bleak**. Considering **uncertainties** and risk **aversion**, the international community should provide significant assistance to developing countries.

«It is important that we act now », insists Mrs Rebeca **GRYNSPAN**, Secretary-General of **UNCTAD**. According to her, « Even though| these countries are facing very alarming problems today in relation to the rising cost of living,| it is important| that we are able to invest for the long term as well. »

In this regard, the "**Samoa Pathway**" represents an essential contribution to the process of developing any program of action in favor of SIDS. From this point of view, For SIDS to be able to deal effectively with their difficulties and create favorable conditions for the achievement of the SDGs, the international community has a heavy responsibility to demonstrate its solidarity to facilitate their access to financial markets (the Capital), the use of statistical systems, the **equitable** transfer of technologies and the Foreign Direct Investment.

At the national level, as part of the implementation of the Sustainable Development Program, and in particular, with a view to post-Covid-19 recovery, the Haitian authorities have officially launched, in collaboration with the UNDP and the UNCTAD, on May 6, 2021, the process of the National Integrated Framework for Financing Sustainable Development for Haiti.

This new institutional mechanism **emphasizes** the commitment of government stakeholders as part of an inclusive approach that integrates the private sector, the banking sector, the civil society organizations, with the technical and financial support of international partners. It takes into account existing policies and mechanisms, in particular the Strategic Development Plan of Haiti (PSDH), and the Post-Covid-19 Economic Recovery Plan (PREPOC), and proposes additional political and regulatory frameworks in connection with the Agenda 2030.

At a time when Haiti is facing a multidimensional **crisis** and is seeking its way, the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) is more than an **imperative** to improve the socio-economic conditions of the population and get the country out of its slump.

Thank you!