



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

16 September 2019

Excellency,

I have the honour to transmit herewith an updated concept note for the high-level mid-term review of the Small Island Developing States Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway. The event will be taking place on Friday 27 September, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. I also transmit a revised List of Speakers for the two interactive dialogues, further to my letter dated 12 September 2019.

The final arrangements for the mid-term review will be made by the office of my successor, H.E. Tijjani Muhammad Bande. The focal point for this event within his team will remain Ms. Nehali Anupriya (nehali.anupriya@un.org; +1 (929) 505-3864).

Please accept, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "MFEspinosa".

María Fernanda Espinosa Garcés

All Permanent Representatives
And Permanent Observers to the United Nations
New York



High-level meeting to review progress made in addressing the priorities of SIDS through the implementation of the Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway

27 September 2019, Trusteeship Council Chamber
United Nations Headquarters

Background

The third International Conference on Small Island Developing States (SIDS) was held from 1-4 September 2014 in Apia, Samoa. The Conference resulted in the adoption of the Small Island Developing States Accelerated Modalities of Action – or [SAMOA Pathway](#) and the announcement of 300 multi-stakeholder partnerships in support of SIDS. The SAMOA Pathway was mandated for the duration of 2014 to 2024. It also established a unique intergovernmental SIDS Partnership Framework, designed to monitor progress of existing partnerships, and stimulate the launch of new, genuine and durable partnerships for the sustainable development of SIDS.

On 27 September 2019, the General Assembly will convene a one-day high level meeting to review progress made in addressing the priorities of SIDS through the implementation of the SAMOA Pathway. The high-level review will also result in a concise action oriented and inter-governmentally agreed political declaration.

The high-level review will assess progress, gaps and challenges in the implementation of the SAMOA Pathway. Bringing development partners and SIDS together, it will also assess the priorities, solutions, and lessons learnt for the way forward. It is key that the final five years of implementation seek out the strongest synergies with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the climate agenda, and other key multilateral processes.

Multi-stakeholder Roundtable 1

The theme of this roundtable is 'Progress, Gaps, and Challenges'. Participants are invited to give insights on the implementation of the SAMOA Pathway thus far, and the hindrances that they have faced. Discussion here will include topics such as climate change, access to finance, and United Nations Development System Reform.

Guiding Questions

How has the SAMOA Pathway been implemented thus far?
How has national policy planning been changed to align with the SAMOA Pathway?
What partnerships and initiatives have proved most successful? How and why?
What challenges have been faced in implementation? What needs to be done to address these challenges?

Multi-stakeholder Roundtable 2

The theme of this roundtable is 'Priorities, solutions and the way forward'. Participants are invited to announce new partnerships and initiatives going forward with the implementation of the SAMOA Pathway. This session should also serve as a platform to set priorities going forward.

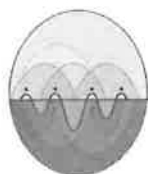
Guiding Questions

What priorities must be set in order to ensure the implementation of the SAMOA Pathway by 2024?
What new initiatives and partnerships will become available to SIDS going forward?
How can development partners and the international community better serve SIDS?
At a national level, how must policy planning change to facilitate implementation?

Tentative Programme

<p>10.00 a.m. – 10.45 a.m.</p> <p>Opening Segment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• H.E. Mr. Tijjani Muhammad-Bande, President of the 74th session of the UN General Assembly• H.E. Mr. António Guterres, United Nations Secretary-General• H.E. Mr. Michael D. Higgins; President of Ireland• H.E. Ms. Mia Mottley, Prime Minister of Barbados, on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States• H.E. Mr. Frank Bainimarama, Prime Minister of Fiji• Mr. Jason Momoa, Actor• Ms. Vinzealhar Ainjo Kwangin Nen, Youth Speaker
<p>10.45a.m. – 1.00p.m.</p> <p>Multi-stakeholder Round table 1</p>	<p>THEME: SAMOA Pathway mid-term review: progress, gaps and challenges</p> <p>Co-Moderators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• H.E. Mr. Tuilaepa Aiono Sailele Malielegaoi, Prime Minister of Samoa• H.E. Ms. Erna Solberg, Prime Minister of Norway <p>Keynote Address: H.E. Mr. Danny Faure, President of the Seychelles</p> <p>Fireside Chat</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Moderator:</i> Hon. Gaston Browne, Prime Minister of Antigua and Barbuda• H.E. Ms. Evelyn Wever-Croes, Prime Minister of Aruba• Hon. Dominic Raab M.P., Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary of the United Kingdom (TBC)• Ms. Mami Mizutori, Special Representative of the Secretary General on Disaster Risk Reduction <p>Interactive Dialogue</p>
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<p>3.00p.m. –5.15p.m.</p> <p>Multi-stakeholder Round table 2</p>	<p>THEME: SAMOA Pathway mid-term review: priorities, solutions and the way forward</p> <p>Co - Moderators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Mr. Eugene Rhuggenaath, Prime Minister of Curaçao • H.E. Mr. Vivian Balakrishnan, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Singapore <p>Keynote Address: Ms. Alicia Barcena, Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean</p> <p>Fireside Chat:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Moderator:</i> Mr. Achim Steiner, UNDP Administrator • H.E. Mr. Uhuru Kenyatta, President of Kenya • H.E Mr. Andrew Holness Prime Minister of Jamaica • Ms. Antha N. Williams, Head of Environment Programmes at Bloomberg Philanthropies <p>Interactive Dialogue</p>
<p>Immediately After Closing Segment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Fekitamoeloa Utoikamanu, Under-Secretary General, High-Representative for Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries, and Small Island Developing States, on behalf of the United Nations Secretary General • Mr. Liu Zhenmin, Under-Secretary General, Department for Economic and Social Affairs • <i>Endorsement of Political Declaration</i> • H.E. Mr. Tijjani Muhammad Bande, President of the 74th session of the UN General Assembly



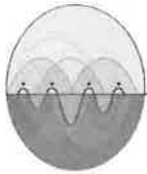
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Interactive Dialogue 1

The time limit for statements during the interactive dialogue is three minutes, which will be strictly implemented.

PROVISIONAL LIST OF SPEAKERS		
STATEMENTS ON BEHALF OF A GROUP OF STATES		
1.	TUVALU (ON BEHALF OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS FORUM)	HEAD OF GOVERNMENT
2.	ST LUCIA (ON BEHALF OF THE CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY)	HEAD OF GOVERNMENT
3.	PARAGUAY (ON BEHALF OF LANDLOCKED, DEVELOPING COUNTRIES)	MINISTER
STATEMENTS BY PARTICIPATING STATES		
4.	THE REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES	HEAD OF STATE
5.	THE UNION OF THE COMOROS	HEAD OF STATE
6.	THE REPUBLIC OF RWANDA	HEAD OF STATE
7.	THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA	HEAD OF STATE
8.	THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA	VICE PRESIDENT
9.	ST VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES	HEAD OF GOVERNMENT
10.	THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF PAKISTAN	HEAD OF GOVERNMENT
11.	THE REPUBLIC OF CABO VERDE	HEAD OF GOVERNMENT
12.	THE REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS	HEAD OF GOVERNMENT
13.	ANGOLA	MINISTER
14.	MEXICO	MINISTER
15.	CUBA	MINISTER
16.	VANUATU	MINISTER
17.	SOLOMON ISLANDS	MINISTER
18.	ITALY	MINISTER
19.	MADAGASCAR	MINISTER
20.	DOMINICA	MINISTER
21.	WORLD BANK	CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
22.	UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT	SECRETARY GENERAL
23.	MEDICAL IMPACT	CIVIL SOCIETY REPRESENTATIVE
WAITLIST		
24.	THE GAMBIA	MINISTER
25.	COTE D'IVOIRE	MINISTER
26.	SWEDEN	MINISTER
27.	BANGLADESH	MINISTER
28.	THE REPUBLIC OF GUINEA	MINISTER
29.	BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS	HIGH LEVEL



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1.	THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA (ON BEHALF OF THE AFRICAN STATES)	HEAD OF GOVERNMENT
2.	EUROPEAN UNION	MINISTER
3.	THE STATE OF PALESTINE (ON BEHALF OF GROUP OF 77 AND CHINA)	MINISTER/PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
STATEMENTS BY PARTICIPATING STATES		
4.	THE REPUBLIC OF NAURU	HEAD OF STATE
5.	TIMOR-LESTE	HEAD OF STATE
6.	THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	HEAD OF GOVERNMENT
7.	THE INDEPENDENT STATE OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA	HEAD OF GOVERNMENT
8.	THE HOLY SEE	HEAD OF GOVERNMENT
9.	TONGA	DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER
10.	TURKEY	MINISTER
11.	HUNGARY	MINISTER
12.	THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	MINISTER
13.	NEW ZEALAND	MINISTER
14.	FINLAND	MINISTER
15.	CHILE	MINISTER
16.	INDIA	MINISTER
17.	MOROCCO	MINISTER
18.	PALAU	MINISTER
19.	HAITI	MINISTER
20.	QATAR	MINISTER
21.	FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL ORGANISATION	DIRECTOR GENERAL
22.	INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF SCIENTIFIC UNIONS	CIVIL SOCIETY REPRESENTATIVE
WAITLIST		
23.	BELGIUM	MINISTER
24.	LATVIA	MINISTER
25.	BAHRAIN	MINISTER
26.	ISRAEL	MINISTER
27.	GUATEMALA	MINISTER
28.	THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	MINISTER
29.	PORTUGAL	VICE MINISTER
30.	PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA	VICE MINISTER
31.	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	VICE MINISTER
32.	AUSTRALIA	HIGH LEVEL
33.	BELIZE	PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
34.	KAZAKHSTAN	PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
35.	COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT	SECRETARY GENERAL
36.	INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	SECRETARY GENERAL