Overview of Samoa’s SDG progress from VNR2 & Strategy for the Third VNR
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All UN Member States, including Samoa adopted the **2030 Agenda** on Sustainable Development in 2015

- Shared global plan to ensure sustainable economic growth, peace and prosperity for people and planet

**Voluntary National Reviews**

- Countries assess and present their national progress on implementation of the 2030 Agenda, including its 17 SDGs (every 4 years)

- Each Member State, led by Head of State or Minister presents their VNR at the High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development at the UN in NY.

- Samoa was one of the first countries to present their first VNR in 2016
Sustainable Development Goals
Overview of VNR2

VNR 2 (2020)
- Built on progress from VNR1, which reported on the implementation of MDGs
- Focused on localization of SDGs to national context
- Theme for report based on long term vision of SDS: “Improved Quality of Life For All”
- Sector wide approach used for consultations
- Report responded to all 17 SDGs with a focus on the “People Goals”
Summary of VNR2 report

1) Progress
➢ Near universal access of population to basic services
➢ Near universal access to clean water and sanitation, and electricity
➢ Universal access to healthcare

1) Challenges
➢ lack of social protection systems
➢ unemployment and number of people below the basic needs poverty line
➢ Lack of consistent data sets
➢ Capacity to measure complicated indicators
➢ Increased vulnerability to external shocks, disasters and emerging threats, eg:
The Measles and Covid-19 pandemic
Samoa’s Approach for VNR3

- Samoa will take a community led sustainable development approach
- Tell the “Samoa Story” - SDG progress from Samoa’s context
- Feature Samoa’s development strategy (PDS), reporting on the progress of key priority areas (kpa) and their linkages to relevant SDGs
- Highlight the strengths of Samoa traditions and customs in providing safety nets for Samoan people, together with the inclusion of case studies
- Progress and key milestones achieved since second report (incl challenges addressed)
Samoa’s Approach for VNR3 cont’d

- The theme for this year’s HLPF is “Reinforcing the 2030 Agenda and eradicating poverty in times of multiple crises: The effective delivery of sustainable, resilient and innovative solutions”. The focus of the HLPF will be on the following SDGs;

  ➢ SDG 1: No Poverty
  ➢ SDG 2: Zero Hunger
  ➢ SDG 13: Climate Action
  ➢ SDG 16: Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions
  ➢ SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals

- In keeping up with the HLPF theme, Samoa will place more focus on the above SDGs when reporting on progress for each PDS key priority area.
VNR3 Timeline

First Outline of VNR report last week of March
Submit Key messages to the UN Secretariat 24 Apr
Circulate Final Report to all stakeholders 22 May
Report tabled in Parliament 18 Jun
Submit Audio Visuals to UN Secretariat 27 Jun
Data validation workshop April (1 week tentatively)
Circulate First Draft Report to all stakeholders 13 May
Circulate Final Report and Seek Cabinet Approval 27 May
Submit Report to UN Secretariat due in 14 Jun - seek extension
VNR Presentation in UNHQ 15-17 Jul
Fa’afetai lava!!