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B. Where do we find ourselves today

- Mainstreamed the SAMOA Pathway into national policies, plans and strategies and, it is aligned to intergovernmental commitments, such as the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Sustainable Development Goals, and the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent;

- Have great strengths including our culture and traditions, our resilience, and our island and ocean resources together with our knowledge systems which should be valued in research and foresight planning;

- Developing viable national, regional, and international transportation arrangements, including improved air, land, and sea transport policies that take a life-cycle approach to the development and management of transport infrastructure;

- Address the special needs of the aged, people with disabilities and other vulnerable communities including through the design of appropriate services

- Our region faces great challenges including the existential threat of climate change including cyclones, typhoons, droughts, sea water temperature increase, and sea-level rise, ocean acidification threatens our coral reefs; plastics and pollution in our ocean; high rates of non-communicable diseases; violence against women and girls; problems of illicit drugs; and the COVID-19 pandemic; biodiversity loss; maritime security; Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing, and beach erosion.

- Address water scarcity, drought, and saltwater intrusion, freshwater resources, including pollution, the overexploitation of surface, ground and coastal waters; soil erosion, water and wastewater treatment, and the lack of access to appropriate sanitation and hygiene

- Call for enhanced international cooperation and support, sustainable investments in energy infrastructure and renewable energy technology, and training in green energy transition.

- Continue to experience the loss of professionals and skilled and semi-skilled laborers, through labour mobility; and youth employment.

- Continue to encounter significant limitations in terms of financial resources and access to sustainable finance, including climate finance, posing challenges on our ability to effectively implement our development priorities, including the SAMOA Pathway.
C. Transformative Actions to Enhance Environmental Resilience

- Welcome the revitalization of the Pacific Climate Change Roundtable and further support the Pacific Climate Change Center.

- Appeal to the international community to expedite climate mitigation measures aimed at reducing global greenhouse gas emissions.

- Need to improve access and the mobilization of climate finance and sustainable private finance as a priority.

- Call upon the international community to embrace the adoption of renewable energy technologies, the promotion and allocation of resources towards climate-resilient, 'smart' energy solutions, encompassing localized generation options that complement the national grid.

- Place great value on the conservation and sustainable use of the ocean and its resources through sound, responsible ocean governance.

- Call for support to increase capacity, particularly amongst key national agencies to improve coordination with international and regional humanitarian partners and donor governments in response efforts to disaster events in the Pacific region.
D. Revitalizing Our Economies: Strategies for Dynamic and Inclusive Growth

• Adopt of the Multi-Dimensional Vulnerability Index (MVI) by the UN General Assembly, including the establishment of an interim secretariat as a criterion for access to low-cost and long-term financing for Pacific SIDS based on this Index.

• Acknowledge the need for additional financial resources and investments in productive sectors for generating jobs and creating dynamic economic growth opportunities and call for the UN system and partners to support these opportunities.

• Strengthen national evidence-based policy coherence and strengthened development cooperation and donor coordination in line with national and regional priorities.

• Explore ways to make remittance flows more structured and predictable, incentivize and harness these resources for productive investments.

• Commit to resilient and sustainable tourism: policies that promote resilient and sustainable tourism; infrastructure including technology and air links; investments in marketing, statistics, data and research; design and implement participatory measures

• Call for more affordable and accessible digital technologies to increase minimum levels of proficiency in sustainable digital skills, achieve universal and meaningful connectivity, and facilitate inclusive economic growth.

• Strengthen our ICT regulatory institutions and frameworks, upgrading our infrastructure including alternative, internet connectivity options to enhance resilience, cyber security, and related awareness programmes;

• Commit to accessing environmentally sound, safe, affordable and well-maintained land, sea and air transportation services;
E. Forging a Path to Empowerment, Equity, Inclusion, Peaceful Societies and Safe Communities

- Acknowledge the importance of traditional knowledge and culture in the planning and implementation stages and strengthen stakeholders experience of participating in the formulating and implementation of policies and activities.

- Increasing agricultural productivity, improving overall food security and nutrition, and reducing food import dependency

- Improve water and sanitation infrastructure to provide clean and safe drinking water, proper sanitation facilities, and hygiene

- Call for implementation of preventive measures to reduce the incidence of non-communicable diseases; strategies are in place to achieve better and equal access to: quality education system, health, food, water and sanitation and other public and social services and access to productive resources, including credit, land, training, knowledge, information, and know-how.

- Priorities to improve gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls in the Pacific SIDS through up- and re-skilling programs and active labor market policies

- determined to build synergies between climate change and social protection agendas and to strengthen social protection policy and legal frameworks with a view to building a comprehensive social security system, reaffirming the Action Plan to Strengthen Regional Cooperation on Social Protection, adopted by ESCAP member States in October 2020
F. Strengthening Institutional and Statistical Capacities

• Stressed the importance of evidence-based and data-driven approaches that acknowledges our local knowledge systems to resource mobilization and monitoring and planning.

• Need to foster better data understanding, use and generation through, inter alia, the exchange of best practices and expertise, technology transfer, educational and training programmes for climate change and disaster risk reduction, inclusive economic growth, sustainable use of ocean resources and blue economy, and digital transformation.

• We support the 10-year Pacific Statistics Strategy and the Pacific Statistics Methods Board to ensure best practice methods and standards are documented for the collection, compilation, analysis and dissemination of all official statistics and other statistical indicators and issues as appropriate and ensure statistics are ‘fit for purpose’ for use by Pacific SIDS.

• We recognize the importance of supporting the National Statistics Bureau and ensure best practice methods and standards are documented for the collection and use of data and urgently need to establish a Pacific SIDS Data hub for better data management and research.
G. From Vulnerability to a More Resilient Future/Resilient Prosperity

- Governments should strengthen national policymaking to foster north-south, south-south, triangular, and SIDS-SIDS partnerships at global, regional, subregional, and national level STI including with the private sector and all other stakeholders.

- Support the digitalization in areas related to delivering public services and distance learning, among others, to improve the efficiency, quality, and accessibility of these services, by investing in infrastructure and skills.

- Call on fostering collaboration through public-private partnerships, where government entities, multilateral development banks, and private sector organizations work together to achieve common goals, including fostering innovation and digitalization.

- Focus on improving complementarities between the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent to shape aspirations in the Pacific and identify ways to connect with the other internationally agreed development agendas and other initiatives.
H. Means of Implementation Commitments

• Streamline and simplify application requirements from donor countries, MDBs/IFIs, and other financial institutions that support the sustainable development for SIDS. For example, agreeing on one set of sector-specific criteria across various financing institutions, so that SIDS may use one application to access various sources of funding;

• Pilot SIDS windows and/or SIDS-specific special financing vehicles that allow for reduced requirements, given small financing project sizes, and high current barriers to access such as SIDS window for Global Environmental Facility, other MDB SIDS exclusions;

• Support the Multidimensional Vulnerability Index (MVI), as a tool to evaluate the vulnerabilities of SIDS and enhance their ability to access development and climate finance, including Official Development Assistance;

• Explore and implement creative arrangements and risk reduction mechanisms that allow SIDS to access low and concessional financing rates, including government guarantees, and insurance schemes;

• Explore and facilitate innovative solutions to address high levels of debt in SIDS, including debt forgiveness, term extensions, debt-to-nature swaps, and so forth;

• Secure preferential access to markets, and finance, and address all forms of debt by the establishment of a dedicated debt relief mechanism for SIDS, including for the Pacific region; and

• Measure, publish, and optimize the speed of application processes, so as to make transparent to SIDS how long the process may expect to take, and shorten the time to project implementation.
I. Implementation Monitoring and Evaluation

- Recognize the need to share best practices data in order to facilitate SIDS peer-to-peer learning and better monitoring and evaluation of implementation.

- Call for a monitoring and evaluation framework for the Programme of Action of the 4th International SIDS Conference.
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