Expert Group Meeting on the 10-year Pacific SAMOA Pathway Review

Introduction: Overview of the EGM on SAMOA Pathway and context setting

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1. The Small Island Developing States Accelerated Modalities of Action Pathway (SAMOA Pathway) is coming to an end in 2024. Paragraph 20(a) of UN General Assembly Resolution (A/RES/76/203) calls for the convening in 2024 of a Fourth International Conference on Small Island Developing States (SIDS).

2. In preparation for the 2024 conference, it is necessary to assess the progress to date and the remaining gaps and challenges in the implementation of the SAMOA Pathway.

3. Identification of new and emerging priorities, challenges, and opportunities for the sustainable development of SIDS and the ways and means to address them, including through the strengthening of collaborative partnerships between SIDS and the international community.
Objectives

• The EGM is expected to highlight and explore Pacific regional cooperation opportunities in these five thematic areas which will chart the way forward to advancing the Pacific SIDS priorities for the 4th International SIDS Conference.

1. Thematic Area: Promote sustained and sustainable, inclusive and equitable economic growth, with decent work for all, sustainable consumption and production and sustainable transportation;
2. Thematic Area: Act to mitigate climate change and adapt to its impacts by implementing sustainable energy and disaster risk reduction programmes;
3. Thematic Area 3: Protect the biodiversity and environmental health of small island developing States by mitigating the impact of invasive species and by properly managing chemicals and water, including hazardous waste, and protecting the oceans and seas;
4. Thematic Area: Improve human health and social development through food security and nutrition and improved water and sanitation and by reducing the incidence of noncommunicable diseases and promoting gender equity and women's empowerment; and
5. Thematic Area: Fostering partnerships among small island developing States, United Nations agencies, development partners and others to achieve the goals.

• The outcome of the EGM is also expected to inform and finalize the Pacific Perspectives 2023.
Expected Outcomes

1. Proceedings of the EGM will provide inputs to the finalisation of the various Pacific review documents, focussing on the progress assessment and identification of priorities;

2. The draft chapters on socio-economic analysis, climate-change and disasters nexus, and partnerships and initiatives that will feed into the analytical aspects of the Pacific 10-year review documents; and

3. Inputs to the draft Pacific Perspectives 2023.
Session 1: Pacific SAMOA Pathway Progress Assessment (Quantitative Analysis)
Session 2: Pacific Regional Review: 10-year SAMOA Pathway Progress Assessment (Policy Analysis)
Session 3: Socio-economic development in Pacific SIDS: Regional and National initiatives
Session 4: Climate Change and Resilience in Pacific SIDS: Regional and National Initiatives
Session 5: Regional Partnership and Initiatives in Pacific SIDS
Session 6: Identifying Pacific Priorities for the New SIDS 10-year Development Agenda
Session 7: Consolidation of Experts Inputs into the 2023 Pacific Regional Review Paper
**Introduction**

Regional review

**Background** (SIDS-SDG)- [Implementation of BPOA and MSI]

**Methodology**

[SDG, Sendai and Paris Agreement Frameworks]

**Findings [identify and observe trends]**

**Thematic area 1.** Promote sustained and sustainable, inclusive and equitable economic growth, with decent work for all, sustainable consumption and production and sustainable transportation

**Thematic area 2.** Act to mitigate climate change and adapt to its impacts by implementing sustainable energy and disaster risk reduction programmes

**Thematic area 3.** Protect the biodiversity and environmental health of SIDS by mitigating the impact of invasive species and by properly managing chemicals and water, including hazardous waste and protecting the oceans and seas

**Thematic area 4.** Improve human health and social development through food security and nutrition and improved water and sanitation and by reducing the incidence of non-communicable disease and promoting gender equity and women’s empowerment

**Thematic area 5.** Fostering partnership among SIDS, United Nations agencies, development partners and others to achieve the goals

**Gaps/Challenges**

[COVID-19, Climate, Conflict, ODA decline, etc]

**Recommendations**

**Priorities for SIDS-IV (2024)**

**Parts of the Pacific Regional Review Report 2023**
Documents

- 2 Policy Briefs
- Background Notes
- Compilation of Expert Onion (Blogs)
- Stories on the Key milestones of Asia-Pacific SIDS since 2014
Preparation for the Tonga Meeting, 16-18 August

- Plenary Sessions
- 7 Roundtables
  - Mutli-layered shocks
  - Economic growth and prosperity
  - Natural capital and nexus
  - Financing development
  - Technology and digital economy
  - Statistical capacity
  - Regionalism for sustainable development
- Discussion and adoption of draft Outcome Document
Draft Outcome Document

• Revitalizing SIDS Economies
• Forging a Path to Empowerment, Equity, and Inclusion
• Strengthening Institutional and Statistical Capacity
• From Vulnerability to a more Resilient Future / Resilient Prosperity
• Implementation Monitoring and Evaluating Outcomes
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