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

Session 2: Pacific Regional Review: 10-year SAMOA Pathway Progress Assessment (Policy Analysis)

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Key issues and messages

- Context - 2014-2023 turbulent period for the global economy (COVID pandemic, economic slowdown, war in Ukraine...). Reduction in global oda levels. Impacts of climate change increasingly visible. All contributing to increasing global poverty, inequality, vulnerability etc..

- P-SIDS also affected by above and visible impacts of climate change.

- SAMOA Pathway’s 5 thematic Priorities highly relevant (increased awareness of SIDS, development of national sustainable development plans and assisting in mobilising resources for SIDS)

- Overall mixed progress on part of P-SIDS (see dashboard). Masks variations in terms of P-SIDS performance. But clear that - vital to maintain progress at country level and in-region. Strengthen progress in key areas through partnerships and mobilizing additional resources.

- Revitalize economies; invest in social development, inclusion and empowerment; increase resilience and adaptation; strengthen lesson learning and joint advocacy; grasp opportunities for accelerating progress

- Recognize and action elements that P-SIDS can influence and/or control... and areas beyond
10-Year Perspectives (2014-2023): Trends & Typologies

- Economic growth rates for P-SIDS expected to remain modest but hopefully stable ...dependent on economic performance (importance of tourism sector which saw 60% reduction in tourism numbers in 2020)
- Expect continued, regular but more devastating impacts of climate change (cyclones, floods, storms, droughts, soil erosion...) impacting on food, fisheries and all sectors
- Increase support for social inclusion and empowerment of people (invest in skills development, decent work, education, health, food security and nutrition, water and sanitation, gender equality and women’s empowerment, social protection...)
- Invest more in ‘climate smart’ infrastructure including better internet connectivity
- Boost efforts and resources to strengthen data management, collection, analyses and use
- Expand efforts to protect and preserve biodiversity (on land and oceans) including through use of bonds and other financing methods
- Seek opportunities to share experience, strengthen partnerships in-country, region and beyond
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