Regional and Transboundary issues in advancing SDGs: Focus areas of VNR report

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1. New policy and enabling environment: COVID-19, Climate change and Community

2. Global development partnership: SAMOA Pathway and LDCs Programme of Action

3. Means of implementation: Finance, Technology, Trade, Capacity building and Systemic issues

4. Way forward
1. New policy and enabling environment: COVID-19, Climate change and Community
COVID-19: a defining moment of our time
The Pacific status

Source: SPC (link)
Climate change: an existential threat to humanity
Common Pacific regional challenges

Oceans

- Observed *warming* attributed to human influence
- *Ocean acidification* has increased
- Frequency of *marine heatwaves* increased
- Decreased in *salinity*

*Sea levels rise* will be coupled with storm surges and waves, impacts:

- exacerbate *coastal inundation*
- shorelines to *retreat along sandy coasts*
- frequency of *tropical cyclones* will increase.

Source: UN IPCC (link)
Community
A new global deal to deliver global public goods and address major risks

Source: UN SG Report 2021 (link)

Source: IMF 2021 (link)
2. Global development partnership: SAMOA Pathway and LDCs Programme of Action
SAMOA Pathway [2014-2024]

Key issues

Climate change

44 (a). implementation of climate change adaptation measures appropriate to their respective vulnerabilities and economic, environmental and social situation

Disaster risk reduction

52 (e). To mainstream policies and programmes related to disaster risk reduction, climate change adaptation and development, as appropriate.

Oceans and seas

58. To promote and support national, subregional and regional efforts to assess, conserve, protect, manage and sustainably use the oceans, seas

Biodiversity

90 ©: To access financial and technical resources for the conservation and sustainable management of biodiversity
Draft Doha Programme of Action for Least Developed Countries [2022-2031]

Key issues

II: Leveraging the power of science, technology, and innovation to fight against multidimensional vulnerabilities and to achieve the SDGs

102. strengthening the science-policy interface and expanding LDCs knowledge and understanding of and access to new technology trends

146/147: Connecting to global and regional value chains, strengthening their services economy and trade

IV: Enhancing international trade of LDCs and regional integration

161. Significantly increase the exports, in particular with a view to doubling the least developed countries’ share of global exports by 2031.

V. Addressing climate change, recovering from COVID-19 pandemic, and building resilience against future shocks

219. Support policy and decision-making by all stakeholders
3. Means of implementation: Finance, Technology, Trade, Capacity building and systemic issues
Finance
Addis Ababa Action Agenda [2015]

Key issues

Ilc: International development cooperation

56. South-South cooperation should be seen as an expression of solidarity among peoples and countries of the South

E: Debt and debt sustainability

94. We will support the maintenance of debt sustainability in those countries that have received debt relief and achieved sustainable debt levels.

F. Addressing systemic issues

105. Pursuing sound macroeconomic policies that contribute to global stability, equitable and sustainable growth and sustainable development...economic institutions

G. Science, technology, innovation and capacity-building

114. the transfer of technology on mutually agreed terms
115. establishment of multistakeholder partnerships ... small island developing States
Technology
UN SG’s Roadmap for Digital Cooperation [2020]

Key issues

1. Global **connectivity**: safe and affordable access to the Internet
2. Digital **public goods**: help attain the SDGs
3. Digital **inclusion**: close these gaps through better metrics, data collection, and coordination of initiatives
4. Digital **capacity building**: must be more needs-driven and tailored to individual and national circumstances, and better coordinated globally
5. Digital **human rights**: Data protection, digital ID, the use of surveillance technologies
6. **Artificial intelligence**: build global capacity for the development and use of AI
7. Digital **trust and security**: help to shape a shared vision for digital cooperation based on global values
8. Global digital **cooperation**: more responsive and relevant to current digital issues
Key issues

17.10 Promote a universal, rules-based, open, non-discriminatory and equitable **multilateral trading system**

17.11 Significantly **increase the exports** of developing countries

17.12 Realize timely implementation of **duty-free and quota-free market access** on a lasting basis for all least developed countries
Capacity building and systemic issues

Key issues

Capacity building

17.9: Enhance international support for implementing effective and targeted capacity-building in developing countries to support national plans to implement all the sustainable development goals, including through North-South, South-South and triangular cooperation.

Systemic issues

- Policy and institutional coherence
- Multi-stakeholder partnerships
- Data, monitoring and accountability

17.19. By 2030, build on existing initiatives to develop measurements of progress on sustainable development that complement gross domestic product, and support statistical capacity-building in developing countries.
4. Way forward
Key messages

Go beyond standard framework of analysis in this new abnormal.

Identify the implications of COVID-19, Climate change and Community, and explore new ways of formulating and articulating national policies to advance SDGs.

Strengthen linkages across global development frameworks, including SAMOA Pathway and LDCs Programme of action around SDGs.

Integrate Finance, Technology, Trade, Capacity building and Systemic issues across SDGs.
Selected regional publications and knowledge products

- Beyond the Pandemic: Building Back Better from Crises in Asia and the Pacific
- Asia-Pacific Trade and Investment Report 2021
- Measuring Participation in Global Value Chains, and Developing Supportive Policies: A User Guide
- Asia and the Pacific SDG Progress Report 2021
- Asia-Pacific Countries with Special Needs Development Report 2021: Strengthening the resilience of least developed countries in the wake of the coronavirus disease pandemic
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