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

Session 5b: Regional Partnership and Initiatives in Pacific SIDS

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Key issues and messages

- SAMOA Pathway provides a powerful tool to advocate for the ‘special case’ Pacific SIDS with their unique and particular vulnerabilities [MVI a welcome development] and plan accordingly;

- Action and implementation by Pacific SIDS is reliant upon strong partnerships at all levels: with international agencies and NGO’s; regional bodies; government to government; and most critically within countries - the engagement of civil society, academia and the private sector

- Moving from Policy to Implementation requires greater engagement from PICT national governments to commit resources and priority to address the current local limitations which hamper progress such as; limited capacity; data voids; duplication of efforts & the importance of community engagement
Pacific Priorities

- Honoring the ‘Blue Pacific’ initiatives
- 2030 Agenda using the Pacific Roadmap for Sustainable Development to implement the commitments to SDG and the Samoa Pathway
- Pacific SIDS strengthening country systems, laws and institutions to allow robust national planning, monitoring and budget reforms to identify where external funding sources can be best utilized
- Risk proofing each country from natural and manmade shocks
- Respecting and including culture and tradition in local planning and implementation
- Building on positive progress and addressing areas of regression and stagnation
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