



DRAFT CONCEPT NOTE
Workshop on the Preparation of Reports for the 10-Year Review of SAMOA
Pathway
13 – 15 December 2022
Virtual Meeting

Background:

Paragraph 20(a) of UN General Assembly Resolution 76/203 calls for the convening in 2024 of a Fourth International Conference on Small Island Developing States, which will *inter alia* be aimed at assessing the ability of small island developing States to meet the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals. This meeting will take place in Antigua & Barbuda.

In preparation for the fourth conference, regional preparatory meetings, one in each of the three SIDS regions and an interregional preparatory meeting for all small island developing States, are to be convened in 2023. These preparatory meetings will identify and develop input for the Conference, while maximizing coherence and complementarity with respect to other preparatory work. The substantive preparations are to be supported by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, through its Small Island Developing States Unit, the Office of the High Representative, and the relevant organizations of the United Nations system, including the regional commissions, within their respective mandates and available resources.¹ Further, these offices should provide the necessary support to the Conference and its preparatory process. The Conference will result in “*an intergovernmentally agreed, focused, forward-looking and action-oriented political outcome document.*”²

To pave the way for the development of an appropriate Outcome document, it is necessary to assess the progress to date and the remaining gaps and challenges in the implementation of the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway, including the SIDS Partnership Framework. Such an assessment will assist in the identification of new and emerging priorities, challenges, and opportunities for the sustainable development of SIDS and ways and means to address them, including through the strengthening of collaborative partnerships between small island developing States and the international community.

To support this analysis all SIDS will be invited to develop national reports on the 10-year implementation of the SAMOA Pathway. These national reports are expected to inform regional reports, which will be prepared to support the discussions in the preparatory Meetings. To allow for effective comparison across countries and regions it is important that UN agencies responsible for assessing the implementation of the SAMOA Pathway, and for contributing to the regional reports agree on the reporting templates and any methodological approaches to be utilized.

Justification:

¹ Resolution A/C.2/77/L.22. This Resolution is expected to be adopted by the General Assembly in December 2022

² Ibid

In support of the regional and inter regional preparatory processes, the Regional Commissions serving SIDS are expected to lead the preparation of the regional reports. These reports will be guided from data and information obtained from national reports, data and other information received from Member States and Territories, UN-custodian agencies of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), other UN agencies, civil society groups and other partners. As such, it is important that there is general agreement among the UN agencies and Member States and Territories responsible for the preparation of the reports on: the indicators to be assessed; the type of data required; the format and source of data; and the structure/outline of the national and regional reports. This workshop is being convened at the beginning of the preparatory process for the Fourth International Conference on SIDS to discuss and agree on a methodological approach that supports complementarity, where possible, among national and regional reports and resolve any concerns and queries regarding the preparation of the 10-year SAMOA Pathway implementation reports.

Objectives:

The workshop is being convened to discuss and agree on the steps towards the preparation of the national, regional and synthesis reports on the 10-year Review of the Implementation of the SAMOA Pathway. Specifically, the workshop will seek to:

- Identify and discuss the implications of the preparatory process for the Fourth International Conference on SIDS, including the timeline for the preparation of reports and the scheduling of regional and interregional meetings;
- Review the core set of indicators developed by OHRLLS from the SAMOA Pathway Monitoring and Evaluation Framework to be used as the main basis for national reporting;
- Discuss and agree on the methodology to be used in the preparation of the national, and regional reports;
- Review and agree on the outline for the national and regional reports;
- Define elements of the synthesis report; and
- Identify the type and format of data required, the organizations from which it should be sourced and the requirements for coordination.

Outputs:

It is anticipated that the workshop will have the following outputs:

- Core set of indicators to be utilized in preparation of the national reports;
- Methodological approach for the preparation of the national and regional reports; and
- Outline/structure of the overarching 10-year review SAMOA Pathway Implementation national and regional reports.

Venue and Date:

The workshop is scheduled to take place virtually from Tuesday 13 to Thursday 15 December 2022.

Participation:

Representatives from the following agencies are expected to participate in the workshop: DESA, OHRLLS, ESCAP, ECLAC, ECA, and ESCWA.

Language:

The working language of the workshop will be English