Preparation for the Mid-Term Review of the SAMOA : Challenges & Opportunities

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- SIDS Day 10 July HLPF
- Global Partnership Dialogue
- High Level Review 27 September 2019 High Level Political Declaration
- Negotiations on Political Declaration
- AOSIS Chairmanship Caribbean

Challenges

- 2030 Agenda has been prioritized by International Community and UN System for Attention
- Declining financial flows to SIDS relative to other groups of countries
- Uneven progress further compounded lack of data to measure
- Lack of Systematic Assessment, Documentation, reporting on implementation of the SAMOA Pathway
- Synergies with other Developmental Agenda for eg 2030 Agenda, Sendai, Addis Abba, Paris Agreement etc..
- Weak Human and Institutional Structures
- Limited or No Fiscal space for investment in sustainable development (IMF programmes etc)
- JIU report on UN system support to SIDS still not fully implemented

San Pedro Declaration & Apia Outcome

- Towards A Programme for Implementation: Addressing Caribbean Challenges with Means of Implementation
- In defining a programme of implementation for the next five years, the Meeting emphasized the importance of building resilience in all its dimensions and identified 25 priority areas for action (ref. San Pedro Declaration)
- AOSIS priorities and the main basis for AOSIS engagement in the multilateral processes

The MTR Zero Draft

- Released by Co-Chairs (Ireland & Fiji)
- Currently contains A preamble, An assessment of progress, Priority Areas for the next 5 years and some clear calls for action
- Preliminary comments (too long, needs more focus, many priorities expressed should focus on a few that can be delivered)

Opportunities for the Caribbean

- Demonstrate Leadership AOSIS Chairmanship
- Coherence across High Level week events. Issues of importance should feature in all discussions and not left to be taken by the MTR
- Link to UNDS support to SIDS (MCO Review and UNDS support)
- Participation in High Level week is important

