



Outreach Luncheon on the follow-up and implementation of the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (S.A.M.O.A) Pathway

31 October 2019 (1:15pm – 2:45pm)
West Terrace, Delegates Dining Hall

Measuring Progress in the Implementation of the SAMOA Pathway (Ambassador Kabua)

Introduction

1. The High-Level Mid-term Review of the SAMOA Pathway was a critical process. Its purpose was to review progress made in the implementation of the SIDS blueprint for sustainable development, the SAMOA Pathway, including the SIDS Partnership Framework, adopted five years before in Samoa on 4th September 2014.
2. The review entailed a comprehensive preparatory process during 2018, viz.: an analytical preparatory meeting for each AOSIS region, culminating in an interregional meeting.. These meetings identified our common issues and priorities and the challenges we face in measuring progress of implementation.
3. From the preparatory process, there were 3 observations:
 - a. Significant progress has been measured across some targets, but are varied across regions.
 - b. There is a lack of progress measured in some of the targets, due to constraints in resources and capacity.
 - c. Progress has not been measured in some of the targets due to the lack of data.
4. It is important to note that the lack of data to measure progress does not necessarily mean that progress hasn't been made in those areas, and therefore does not give an accurate depiction of the progress in implementation.
5. It emerged from the review that this lack of data is due to gaps or insufficient alignment with existing frameworks, or due to capacity constraints in data collection and analysis.

Addressing the gaps in the targets and indicators for the SAMOA Pathway

6. In moving forward we believe it is important to align a monitoring framework for the SAMOA Pathway with that of other development frameworks, in particular, the 2030 Agenda
7. Therefore we have made a request to the Secretary-General to initiate along with the Statistical Commission and in consultation with Member States the identification the SAMOA Pathway priority areas not covered by the SDG or Sendai Framework, and, if any are identified, to develop forthwith targets and indicators for those priority areas while ensuring complementarities and synergies, and avoiding duplication, in order to strengthen monitoring and evaluation.
8. The recommendations of this exercise are to be included as part of the report on the implementation of the Second Committee resolution on the SAMOA Pathway.