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**Co-hosted by the Permanent Mission of Singapore to the United Nations
&
The SIDS Unit, SIDS, Climate & Ocean Branch, Division for Sustainable
Development, UNDESA.**

Introduction

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) represent 17 global aspirations, covering the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development, adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in September 2015. Member States have now begun to focus their attention on the structures and strategies to facilitate and assist their implementation of the 2030 Agenda. Many, if not most, Small Island Developing States (SIDS) are still at the early stages of conceptualizing their implementation strategies for the SDGs. Therefore, the importance of national mainstreaming of the SDGs cannot be over emphasized as it is critical to have national ownership of the 2030 Agenda from the outset. In the planning, implementation, and follow up and review stages, the crucial role of national institutional infrastructure to drive the SDGs as well as the importance of quality, timely and disaggregated data must be recognized and the necessary capacity to must be put in place.

The HLPF & VNR

The 2030 Agenda has also established the critical importance of keeping implementation under review. Reviews at national, regional and international levels are seen as an important tool to accelerate the realization of the SDGs. In this regard, the High Level Political Forum (HLPF) conducts Voluntary National Reviews (VNR) of implementation of the 2030 Agenda. These VNRs are intended as an opportunity to facilitate the sharing of experiences and for accelerating implementation. Additionally, the 2030 Agenda also has regional and sub regional dimensions, which act as a bridge between the national and global processes.

SIDS & VNR

Within the SIDS regions, the Regional Commissions (e.g. ECLAC, ESCAP, ECA) are supporting review and follow up of the 2030 Agenda. For Caribbean SIDS – the Forum of Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development; for Pacific SIDS (& a few Indian Ocean's SIDS) - the Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development; and for the African SIDS (&

a few other Indian & Atlantic Oceans SIDS) – the African Regional Forum on Sustainable Development. These follow up and review mechanisms discuss regional priorities, challenges and aspirations and promote shared learning and South-South Cooperation. They tap into existing sub regional architecture (e.g. CARICOM, CELAC, PIFS, SPC etc.) to support peer learning and review.

Rationale for the Special Event

Having clearly expressed their resolve to buttress the implementation of the SDGs with a robust, voluntary, effective, participatory, transparent, and integrated follow-up and review of progress, many SIDS are either currently or will soon embark upon conceptualizing the national frameworks for implementation of the 2030 Agenda. Irrespective of the phase of implementation, national ownership of the SDGs is critical for successful implementation. Effective institutional frameworks and strategies must be put forth to enhance policy coherence in planning and implementation.

The follow-up and review process for the 2030 Agenda integrally includes national, regional and global reporting mechanisms which are critical for supporting peer review as well as to provide other capacity-building opportunities to Member States, leveraging existing expertise from within the region. It is critical that Member States are aware of these frameworks and participate in them fully in order to derive maximum support and benefits from the processes.

Objectives and Expected Outcomes

1. To highlight and provide for the benefit of SIDS with Permanent Missions at UNHQ, New York, with an overview of the regional and sub regional processes in support of review and follow up of the 2030 Agenda.
2. To discuss ways to best synergize the SDGs and the SIDS agenda (SAMOA Pathway) with national development plans to ensure that countries pursue a comprehensive development strategy that takes into account relevant global development platforms. Special emphasis will be placed on how SIDS can best review progress towards the SDGs at national, regional and global levels.
3. To provide a platform around which the UN System and other international development partners can engage to better support SIDS efforts to pursue meaningful implementation of the SDGs

Participation

The meeting will bring together 45-50 senior government officials, Officials of the United Nations system and representatives of regional organizations, international development partners, and academia will also be invited to participate and contribute to the discussions.

Language

The working language of the meeting will be English.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Srl	Time	Particular	Comments
1.	1:00pm -1:15pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrival of participants – 27th Floor, Secretariat Building, Room 23 • Refreshments & Light Lunch served. • Take seats • Moderator – Mr. Sainivalati S. Navoti, Chief of SIDS Unit (Calling Event to Order) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take 2nd set of Elevators • Elevators (17-27) to 27th floor • Conference Room 2723
2.	1:15pm – 1:20pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome Remarks: Ms. Irena Zubcevic, Chief, SIDS, Climate & Ocean Branch(DSD/UNDESA) 	
3.	1:20pm – 1:25pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening Remarks: H.E Mr. Burhan Gafoor, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Singapore to the UN. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Experience
4.	1:25pm – 1:35pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Shamshad Akhtar, Executive Secretary, ESCAP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asia & Pacific SIDS
5.	1:35pm – 1:45pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Alicia Bárcena, Executive Secretary, ECLAC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caribbean SIDS
6.	1:45pm – 1:55pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Fatima Denton, Director, Natural Resources Management Division, ECA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indian/Atlantic Oceans SIDS
7.	1:55pm - 2:10pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Craig Hawke, Principal Advisor - Small Island Developing States, Bureau for Policy and Programme Support, UNDP 	
8.	2:10pm – 2:25pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General/Interactive Discussions 	
9.	2:25pm – 2:30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closing & Thank you remarks, Mr. Sainivalati S. Navoti, Chief of SIDS Unit 	