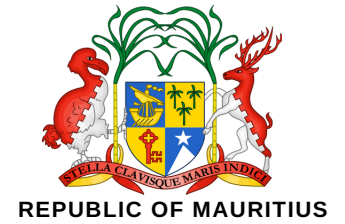




SAMOA
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Midterm
Review



AIMS REGIONAL PREPARATORY MEETING FOR THE MIDTERM REVIEW OF THE SAMOA PATHWAY

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

MAURITIUS

23-25 May 2018

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WEDNESDAY

23 MAY

2018

14:00 - 14:45 - OPENING SESSION

- Welcome Remarks: H.E. Ms. U.D. Canabady, Secretary for Foreign Affairs
- Remarks: Ms. Fekitamoeloa Katoa 'Utoikamanu, Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS)
- Remarks: H.E. Lois Young, Permanent Representative of Belize to the United Nations, Co-Chair Partnership Steering Committee
- Remarks: Ms. Christine N. Umutoni, United Nations (UN) Resident Coordinator and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Resident Representative to Mauritius
- Keynote Address: Hon. Seetannah Lutchmeenaraidoo, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade of the Republic of Mauritius

14:45 - 15:15 - PRESS CONFERENCE
15:15 - 15:30 - ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND ORGANISATION OF WORK

Chairperson: H.E. Mr. Jagdish D. Koonjul, Permanent Representative of Mauritius to the United Nations.

Defining the objectives of the meeting (objectives, outputs, structure of the report and related aspects).

The Chairperson will outline the objectives of the meeting in the context of the regional preparatory processes for the mid-term review of the Samoa Pathway. The specific outputs expected of the meeting will also be identified. The structure of the report to be adopted by the meeting will also be outlined.

15:30 - 16:00 - COFFEE BREAK
16:00 - 18:30 SESSION 1 - COUNTRY PRESENTATIONS ON PROGRESS OF IMPLEMENTING THE SAMOA PATHWAY

Chairperson: H.E. Mr. Jagdish D. Koonjul, Permanent Representative of Mauritius to the United Nations.

In this session, Member States will present country reports, which will be thematic in nature and should address the progress with the implementation of the Samoa Pathway: Best practices or examples of successful policies or programmes; most serious constraints; obstacles; lessons learnt; identification of emerging trends; and commitment to further action.

Interactive Discussions

Presentation of Country Reports:
Cabo Verde, Comoros, Guinea-Bissau, Maldives, Sao Tome and Principe, Seychelles, Singapore and Mauritius.

END OF DAY 1

THURSDAY

24 MAY

2018

9:00 - 10:30 SESSION 2 - POSSIBLE REGIONAL APPROACHES TO IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SAMOA PATHWAY IN THE AIMS GROUP

Moderator: Ms. Azeema Adam - Envoy on Financing for Development, Maldives

- Presentation by Riad Meddeb, UNDP/OHRLLS
- Presentation by Gina Bonne, Indian Ocean Commission

Informal Discussions

During the discussions, Member States will identify regional priorities and possible future actions for the further implementation of the Samoa Pathway.

10:30 - 10:45 COFFEE BREAK
10:45 - 13:00 SESSION 2 (Informal Discussions cont.) - POSSIBLE REGIONAL APPROACHES TO IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SAMOA PATHWAY IN THE AIMS GROUP
13:00 - 14:00 LUNCH
14:00 - 16:00 SESSION 3 - MEANS OF IMPLEMENTATION

Moderator: Ms. Fatouma Amdallah Epse Ali - Ministry of Agriculture & Environment, Comoros.

Panel Discussion: [Jean-Claude Mporamazina- UNCTAD; Rafik Mahjoubi-Paris 21; Leighton Waterman- Irena, Ms. Heidi Schroderus-Fox, Director, UNOHRLLS, Ms. Christine N. Umutoni, United Nations Resident Coordinator and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Resident Representative to Mauritius, H.E. Ms. Marjaana Sall, Ambassador of the European Union to the Republic of Mauritius, Mr. Sainivalati Navoti, Chief of SIDS Unit, UNDESA, Ms. Khalissa Ikhlef - UNESCO].

Means of implementation includes commitments to address systemic issues, including policy and institutional coherence, multi-stakeholder partnerships, data, monitoring and accountability. This session will focus on overcoming the challenges faced by SIDS and strengthening the delivery of all means of implementation to the countries.

Interactive Discussions

16:00 - 16:15 - COFFEE BREAK

16:15 - 18:00 SESSION 3 (cont.) - MEANS OF IMPLEMENTATION - FINANCING FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN SIDS

Moderator: H.E. Mr. Jagdish D. Koonjul, Permanent Representative of Mauritius to the United Nations

Panel Discussion [Ms. Piera Tortora-OECD, Mr. Sandagdorj Erdenebileg- UNOHRLLS, Chantal Naidoo-GCF, UNDP, Cyrille Barnerias - GEF]

SIDS share a number of key challenges when it comes to financing for sustainable development. These include limited capacities to mobilize domestic resources, high per capita costs when it comes to essential service provision and vulnerability to environmental and economic shocks. The data shows that SIDS receive very little Official Development Assistance (ODA) as a share of total ODA, at just 5.7%. However, when aid receipts are measured as a proportion of national income and on a per capita basis, they are larger recipients. A robust and inclusive outcome to the Mid Term Review must recognize the special development challenges faced by SIDS, and include measures designed to strengthen their capacity to leverage and effectively use resources to meet the SDGs. This session aims to inform and reinvigorate international policy debates around how SIDS can finance their sustainable development agendas.

Interactive Discussions

END OF DAY 2

FRIDAY

25 MAY

2018

9:00 - 10:30 SESSION 4 - TOWARD A REGIONAL COORDINATING MECHANISM TO SUPPORT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SAMOA PATHWAY AND 2030 AGENDA IN AIMS

Moderator: Ms. Maria Antonieta Pinto Lopes D'Alva, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Guinea-Bissau to the United Nations

Panel Discussion [Mr. Raj Mohabeer - IOC, Mr. Frank Rutawinga - UNECA (through Skype, TBC) / UNECLAC (through Skype)]

This session will focus on discussing the utility and feasibility of the creation of a regional coordinating mechanism (RCM) to co-ordinate activities in support of implementation and monitoring and review of the SAMOA Pathway (and the 2030 Agenda).

Interactive discussions

10:30 - 10:45 - COFFEE BREAK

10:45 - 13:00 SESSION 5 - CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF THE REGIONAL REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SAMOA PATHWAY

Moderator: H.E. Mr. Jagdish D. Koonjul, Permanent Representative of Mauritius to the United Nations

Presentation of draft regional report, Mauritius

Interactive Discussions

13:00 - 14:00 - LUNCH

14:00 - 15:30 SESSION 5 (cont.) - CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF THE REGIONAL REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SAMOA PATHWAY

15:30 - 15:45 - COFFEE BREAK

15:45 - 16:15 - NEXT STEPS AND WAY FORWARD

16:15 - CLOSING SESSION

- Remarks by Ms. Fekitamoeloa Katoa 'Utoikamanu, Under-Secretary-General and High Representative, UN-OHRLLS
- Remarks by H.E. Mr. Jagdish D. Koonjul, Permanent Representative of Mauritius to the United Nations

END OF MEETING