



***Caribbean Regional Partnership Dialogue and Regional Preparatory Meeting
for the Midterm Review of the SAMOA Pathway***

San Pedro, Ambergris Caye, Belize

6-9 August 2018

DRAFT AGENDA

The main objectives of the Caribbean Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Midterm Review of the SAMOA Pathway are: to assess progress achieved in the implementation of the S.A.M.O.A. Pathway; identify emerging priorities as well as practical and pragmatic action-oriented strategies or mechanisms for accelerating the implementation of the SAMOA Pathway in the region.

1. Opening
2. Regional Partnership Dialogue
 - a. Assessing progress with partnerships in the Caribbean
 - b. Identifying partnerships to fill the gaps in the implementation of the S.A.M.O.A. Pathway
 - c. Strengthening the review and monitoring process of partnerships for SIDS
3. Regional Preparatory Meeting
 - a. Adoption of the Agenda and Organisational Matters
 - b. Contextualizing the S.A.M.O.A. Pathway in the Caribbean
 - c. Assessing Progress in Implementation: Achievements, Gaps and Challenges
 - d. Toward a Programme for Implementation for the SAMOA Pathway in the Caribbean
 - e. Addressing Caribbean Challenges with Mobilization of Means of Implementation
 - f. Presentation & Adoption of Draft Regional Outcome
4. Closing

DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA & PROGRAMME

Time	Agenda item
Day 1 - Monday, 6 August 2018	
Caribbean Regional Partnership Dialogue	
9:00-9:15	<i>WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS</i>
9:15-10:30	<p align="center"><i>Session 1: Assessing progress with partnerships in the Caribbean – good practices and lessons learned</i></p> <p align="center"><i>Moderated by H.E. Ms. Lois M. Young, Permanent Representative of Belize to the United Nations, co-chair of the Steering Committee on Partnerships for SIDS</i></p> <p>The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development provides an immense opportunity for all stakeholders to work collaboratively across sectors and thematic areas, forging genuine partnerships for supporting implementation of the SDGs and the SAMOA Pathway. It is therefore imperative to examine what it is that makes a partnership genuine, durable, and most impactful for SIDS.</p> <p>This session will look at various partnerships for SIDS in Caribbean, examining how they have been developed, how the partnerships are governed, what are the leadership roles and partnership evaluation methods, and any challenges in implementation.</p> <p><u>Guiding questions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What constitutes a genuine and durable partnership for SIDS? How did a partnership start? Where did the idea come from? Who is taking the lead? What process did they go through to develop and set up the partnership? • What are the main stakeholders involved? What are the target beneficiaries? • How is the partnership structured, managed, governed and funded? What role, if any, does a secretariat play? • What are the biggest challenge to the implementation of the objectives of the partnership? • What are the things that has worked best, what bright spots can be shared, and what are the critical ingredients to an impactful partnership?

	<p><u>Panelists</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. Jacob James, Waitt Institute 2. Ms. Laverne Walker, Caribbean Large Marine Ecosystem 3. Mr. Hayden Redhead, Caribbean Challenge Initiative (CCI) 4. Mr. Travis Sinckler, Barbados 5. Ms. Tisa Grant, UNFPA <p style="text-align: center;">Interactive dialogue with SIDS</p>
10:30-10:45	COFFEE BREAK
10:45-12:30	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Session 2: Identifying partnerships to fill the gaps in implementation of the SAMOA Pathway</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Moderated by Dr. Percival Cho, Belize</i></p> <p>As part of the support to the SAMOA mid-term review preparatory process, UN DESA has conducted an initial in-depth analysis, including assessment of gaps, of partnerships that were announced in the context of the SIDS Conference in 2014, as well SIDS relevant voluntary commitments from the 2017 Ocean Conference.</p> <p>This session will start off with a presentation of the initial analysis on the status of partnerships for SIDS in the Caribbean region and provide an opportunity for SIDS to discuss how to address gaps in the SAMOA Pathway priority areas and the SDGs through new genuine and durable partnerships needed for the region.</p> <p><u>Guiding questions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can partnerships best address the gaps of the SAMOA Pathway priority areas in the Caribbean region? • How can partnerships build on political commitment of SIDS national and regional priorities? • In which priority areas of the SAMOA Pathway do we need more partnerships to be forged, for the sustainable development of SIDS in the Caribbean? • What type of stakeholders, and sectors, do need to be more involved in partnership arrangements for SIDS in the Caribbean region? <p><u>Presentation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In-depth analysis of Partnerships for SIDS in Caribbean (UN DESA)

	<p><u>Panelists</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ms. Fekitamoeloa Katoa ‘Utoikamanu – High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States 2. Mr. Lyndon Forbes Robertson, Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA) 3. Mr. Al Binger, Caribbean Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (CCREEE) 4. Mr. Simeon Collins, Caribbean Agricultural Health and Food Safety Agency (CAHFSA) 5. Mr. Dillon Alleyne, ECLAC 6. Ms. Fiona Grant, Marine Institute of Ireland <p>Interactive dialogue with SIDS</p>
12:30-1:30	Lunch Break
1:30-2:30	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Session 3: Strengthening the review and monitoring process of partnerships for SIDS</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Moderated by Mr. Mícheál Tierney, Counselor, representing H.E. Mrs. Geraldine Patricia Byrne Nason, Permanent Representative of Ireland to the United Nations, co-chair of the Steering Committee on Partnerships for SIDS</i></p> <p>On December 2015, the General Assembly decided¹, in accordance with paragraph 101 of the Samoa Pathway and in line with the priorities of SIDS, to establish the <i>SIDS Partnership Framework</i>, to monitor and ensure the full implementation of pledges and commitments through partnerships for SIDS in order to promote the effective and efficient follow-up to the existing partnerships, in particular new partnerships launched at the Third International Conference on Small Island Developing States, and to encourage new, genuine and durable partnerships for the sustainable development of SIDS.</p> <p>The Framework consist of 1) a member States driven Steering Committee on SIDS Partnerships (currently chaired by Belize and Ireland), 2) the organization of an annual action-oriented and results-focused Global Multi stakeholder SIDS Partnership Dialogue, 3) a standardized partnership reporting process of all stakeholders, and 3) the organization of regional and 4) national SIDS partnership dialogues with support from the United Nations system and the international community.</p> <p>The session will provide an opportunity to discuss how the processes of the SIDS Partnership Framework related to monitoring progress of</p>

¹ A/70/472/Add.2

	<p>existing, and stimulate the launch of new, genuine and durable partnerships for the sustainable development of SIDS, could be strengthened.</p> <p><u>Guiding questions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can we ensure an action-oriented and results-focused annual Global Multi stakeholder SIDS Partnership Dialogue, in line with the priorities of SIDS; • How can the current process related to monitoring progress of existing partnerships be improved? • How do we ensure the full participation of relevant stakeholders in the monitoring of existing partnerships, while ensuring no one is left behind? • How do we encourage the forging and launching of new, genuine and durable partnerships for the sustainable development of SIDS? <p><u>Panelists</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ms. Nicola BARKER-MURPHY, Jamaica 2. Mr. Douglas Slater, Caribbean Community (CARICOM) 3. Ms. Shantal Munro-Knight, Caribbean Policy Development Centre (CPDC) 4. Mr. Mark Griffith, CaribInvest WI Ltd 5. DIGICEL (TBC)
OFFICAL OPENING OF MEETING	
3:00-4:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Prayer and National Anthem • Introductory remarks by Host Country (Honourable Omar Figueroa, Minister of State, Ministry of Environment, Forestry, Fisheries and Sustainable Development) • Remarks (Ms. Fekitamoeloa 'Utoikamanu, United Nations Under Secretary General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries, and Small Island Developing States • Remarks on behalf of Mr. Zhenmin Liu, United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs • Remarks by H.E. Mr. Irwin LaRoque, Secretary General of the Caribbean Community • Official Address (<i>Rt. Hon. Dean O. Barrow, Prime Minister of Belize</i>) • Concluding Remarks (H.E. Ms. Lois M. Young, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Belize to the United Nations)

4:30-5:30	<p style="text-align: center;">Session 3: Strengthening the review and monitoring process of partnerships for SIDS (Continued) Moderated by Mr. Mícheál Tierney, Counselor, representing H.E. Mrs. Geraldine Patricia Byrne Nason, Permanent Representative of Ireland to the United Nations, co-chair of the Steering Committee on Partnerships for SIDS</p> <p>Interactive dialogue with SIDS</p> <p>Wrap Up and Closing</p>
6:00-8:00	<p style="text-align: center;">Official Reception hosted by Government of Belize <i>Speeches to be delivered by Hon. Jose Manuel Heredia Jr., Minister of Tourism, and Mr. Daniel Guerrero, Mayor, San Pedro Town Council</i></p>
Day Two	Tuesday, 7 August 2018
8:30 – 9:00	Registration
9:00 – 10:00	<p>Adoption of the Agenda and Organizational Matters <i>(Chair – Host Country Representative)</i> Agenda Items 3(a)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointment of Bureau (Chair, Saint Lucia, Barbados, Dominican Republic + Rapporteur) • Adoption of the Agenda • Security Briefing, UNDSS • Overview of mid-term review process, UNDESA • Introduction of the draft outcome: structure and process for adoption, Belize
10:00 – 10:30	<i>Group Photo and Coffee Break</i>
10:30 – 12:30	<p>Session 4: Contextualizing the S.A.M.O.A. Pathway in the Caribbean <i>(Chair – Dr. Percival Cho)</i> Agenda 3(b) <i>Facilitator: Ms. Decima Corea, St. Vincent & The Grenadines</i></p> <p><i>Agenda Item 3(b).</i> This session will provide an overview of the global, and regional context of the S.A.M.O.A. Pathway. The regional report will be presented. Three countries will present on how the S.A.M.O.A. Pathway is being integrated into and reported on, as part of national, regional and/or global agendas and to identify specific challenges related thereto. One regional financial institution will present on how the SIDS Agenda can assist the Caribbean SIDS in addressing sustainable development challenges.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of the SIDS Agenda within a global and regional context: The value of the SAMOA Pathway – Mr. Sai Navoti, DESA & Ms. Heidi Schroderus-Fox, OHRLLS) • Caribbean Regional Report – Ms. Artie Dubrie, ECLAC • Country Examples: Edon Daniels, Guyana, Ms. Gillian Gutherie, Jamaica, H.E Ms. Maria Balaguer Labrada, Cuba, Ms. Charmaine Williams, Bahamas • Presentation by Mr. Justin Ram, Caribbean Development Bank (via Skype) • <i>Facilitated Discussion:</i> <p>The Chair/facilitator could ask participants to (1) share their experiences with the integration of the S.A.M.O.A. Pathway into national and other agendas; (2) identify measures or mechanisms to support full and effective integration of the S.A.M.O.A. Pathway; and (3) to comment on the presentations.</p> <p><i>(This session should draw out how the SAMOA Pathway is integral to address SIDS specific sustainable development challenges while at the same time acknowledging the shortcomings in integrating the SAMOA Pathway. With this as a backdrop, the next session will then take up how the region is doing in the implementation of objectives specific to or aligned to the SAMOA Pathway.)</i></p>
12:30 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
13:30 – 14:45	<p>Session 5: Assessing Progress Implementation – Achievements, Gaps and Challenges</p> <p><i>(Chair – Dr. Percival Cho)</i></p> <p>Agenda Item 3(c)</p> <p><i>Facilitator: Dr. Douglas Slater, Assistant Secretary General CARICOM Secretariat</i></p> <p>This session will assess progress with implementation of the SAMOA Pathway. It will examine achievements, gaps and challenges including with respect to systematic monitoring and reporting. The session will feature presentations from countries and regional and international entities on thematic issues based on themes of the SAMOA Pathway. The presentations will be followed by a facilitated discussion.</p> <p><i>Thematic Focus²</i></p>

² Presenters will address where they are, where they need to go and how they will get there in the next five years. In particular, presentations should address the following in no more than 5 slides allowing for 2 minutes per slide or maximum 10 minutes for the presentation:

(1) Lay out priority objectives that are specific to SAMOA Pathway or aligned with the SAMOA Pathway;

(2) What are the major factors that have contributed to the achievement of progress towards those objectives and what are the challenges standing in the way?

	<p>(1) Transforming economies and societies for sustained inclusive and equitable growth (Ms. Kennethia Douglas, Trinidad and Tobago, Ms. Karen Bernard, UNDP, Ms. Norma Cherry-Fevrier, OECS Commission)</p> <p><i>Relevant SAMOA Pathway priority areas include: economic growth, trade, sustainable energy, sustainable transportation, water and sanitation, food security and nutrition, NCDs, social development, gender</i></p> <p>(2) Building a sustainable and resilient Caribbean: confronting climate change and other environmental related stressors (Mr. Victor Alegria, Belize, Alexandra Kerekaho & Maximilien Pardo, UN Environment, Dr. Kenrick Leslie CARICOM, Climate Change Centre (Via Skype))</p> <p><i>Relevant SAMOA Pathway priority areas include: climate change, oceans and seas, waste management, biodiversity, sustainable consumption and production, disaster risk reduction</i></p> <p><i>Facilitated Discussion</i></p> <p>The facilitator could ask the participants to comment on (1) national objectives in line with the SAMOA Pathway (2) achievements and factors that contributed to these achievements (3) factors that inhibited progress (4) any integrated challenges where progress in one area depend on progress in another (4) immediate priorities in need of support beyond national capacity.</p>
14:45 – 15:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
15:00 – 17:00	<p>Session 5: Cont'd</p> <p><i>Thematic Focus</i></p> <p><i>Facilitator: Mr. Ruel Edwards, Grenada</i></p> <p>(3) Achieving financial and economic sustainability in the face of graduation, adverse debt dynamics, de-risking, and adverse impacts of</p>

(3) Identify any objective that will not be realized unless other issues are also progressing and identify which issues can be treated as stand- alone issues?

(4) Of those priority objectives, which ones can be addressed by way of national capacity, and which are impacted by our unique and particular vulnerabilities as a SID and dependent on international cooperation?

(5) Give an outline of the international landscape that you are aware of that could possibly contribute to progress in implementation of priority objectives?

	<p>climate change (Mr. Tumasie Blair Antigua and Barbuda, Mr. Dillon Alleyne ECLAC, Mr. Justin Ram, CDB (Via Skype))</p> <p>(4) Strengthening institutions and enabling environments for a people centred development (Professor Rhoda Reddock UN-CDAW, Ms Zakiya Uzoma-Wadada, CANARI)</p> <p><i>Relevant SAMOA Pathway priority areas include: gender equality and women's empowerment, social development, engaging with civil society and the private sector</i></p> <p><i>Facilitated Discussion:</i></p> <p>The facilitator could ask the participants to comment on (1) national objectives in line with the SAMOA Pathway (2) achievements and factors that contributed to these achievements (3) factors that inhibited progress (4) any integrated challenges where progress in one area depend on progress in another (5) immediate priorities in need of support beyond national capacity.</p> <p>Facilitator could summarize the core messages from the presentations and the facilitated discussion and seek feedback from the participants on the core messages highlighted.</p>
<p>Wednesday 8 August 2018</p>	
<p>9:00 – 10:45</p>	<p>Session 6: Towards a Programme for Implementation <i>(Chair – Dr. Percival Cho)</i></p> <p>Agenda Item 3(d).</p> <p>This session will identify regional priorities and a list of actions to advance the implementation of those priorities. The Chair will invite ECLAC to address the synergies across agendas and strategies for leveraging those synergies. Break out groups will then be formed which will address two thematic focus areas from Session 2 in the first instance and two thematic focus areas in the second instance. Consideration should be given to ensure participation of Associate Members.</p> <p>The break out groups will be asked to reflect on the following guiding questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Identify regional priorities under the relevant thematic area over the next five years (2) Identify the human, institutional, and financial resources required and capacity needed to support those priorities (3) Identify what is needed to ensure timely systematic monitoring and reporting on implementation

	<p>Each group will provide a report back on the responses to the three guiding questions and any other issues that arose.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leveraging the synergies of agendas related to the sustainable development of Caribbean SIDS [Artie Dubrie, ECLAC] • Breakout groups on thematic focus (1) and (4) • Report Back
10:45 – 11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:00 – 12:30	<p>Session 6: Break out groups report back and discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakout groups on thematic focus (2) and (3) • Report Back
12:30 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
13:30 – 15:45	<p>Session 7: Addressing Caribbean Challenges with Means of Implementation</p> <p><i>(Chair – Dr. Percival Cho)</i> <i>Facilitator: Travis Mitchell Commonwealth Secretariat</i></p> <p>Agenda Item 3(e).</p> <p>This session will examine the potential challenges with resource mobilization and engagement with the private sector and civil society. It will suggest ways to address those challenges in order to support the achievement of the region’s priorities and needs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance (Belize) • Partnerships³ (Co-chair of the Steering Committee on Partnerships) • Trade and Capacity Development – Nicole Barker-Murphy, Jamaica • SIDS SIDS Cooperation – David Smith, UWI; Dr. Douglas Slater, CARICOM Secretariat • Engagement with private sector and civil society - Dr. Mark Griffith, CaribInvest Foundation Inc <p><i>Facilitated Discussion and Wrap up</i></p>

³ Key messages from the Caribbean Regional Partnership Dialogue, 6 August 2018

15:45 – 16:00	<i>Coffee break/End of day</i>
16:00 – 18:00	Session 8: Reserved for Bureau <i>(Chair – Host Country Representative)</i>
Day Three	Thursday 9 August 2018
9:00 – 11:15	Session 9: Presentation of Draft Regional Outcome <i>(Chair – Host Country Representative)</i> Agenda Item 3(f) Presentation and adoption of Draft Regional Outcome. In the first part of this session, the Rapporteurs will introduce the Outcome.
11:15 – 11:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:30 – 12:30	Session 9: Cont'd The draft Outcome will be reviewed section by section for accuracy and comprehensiveness.
12:30 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
13:30 – 14:45	Session 9: Cont'd Reserved for further consideration of draft Outcome if necessary.
14:45 – 15:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
15:00 – 15:30	Adoption of the Draft Regional Outcome Document and Draft Declaration
15:30	Closing Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remarks by Ms. Fekitamoela 'Utoikamanu, Under Secretary General, UN-OHRLLS • Remarks by <i>Host Country, Honourable Wilfred P. Elrington, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Government of Belize</i>