



Samoa Partnership Dialogue

29 October 2018, Apia, Samoa

Organized in support of the inter-regional Preparatory Meeting for the SAMOA Pathway mid-term review

Guidance note

Thank you for taking part in the Samoa Partnership Dialogue for Small Island Developing States (SIDS), held in support of the inter-regional Preparatory Meeting for the SAMOA Pathway mid-term review

More information at: <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/sids/samoareview/inter>

Structure of Dialogue

The Samoa Partnership Dialogue will include both a main plenary segment, and a set of Partnership Networking Exchange sessions.

Plenary segment

The plenary will be structured as following:

- Opening segment, including highlighting commonalities and key messages from regional partnership dialogues
- Implementation of partnerships for SIDS launched during SIDS Conference (2014) and The Ocean Conference (2017)
- Examining best practices and challenges of SIDS Partnerships
- Engaging all stakeholders in partnerships for SIDS, including the private sector
- Capturing outcomes of the Samoa Partnership Dialogue
- Closing remarks

SIDS Partnership Networking Exchange

The Samoa Partnership Dialogue will include some space for networking among partnership focal points and government officials, for showcasing and discussing partnerships and innovative

solutions, and further explore the potential of scaling-up existing, and launch new, partnerships in line with the priorities of SIDS.

A schedule of all networking sessions is now available.

Please indicate your interest in attending **any of the sessions** by clicking on the Sign up-button for each session, which will assist the organizers with scheduling.

Schedule and sign up is available at:

<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/sids/samoareview/inter>

Please refer to the concept note for the full programme and list of speakers. Speakers and participants are encouraged to attend all sessions.

Format - plenary

- The partnership dialogue sessions will be presided over by the co-chairs (Belize and Ireland) of the Steering Committee on Partnerships for SIDS.
- The co-chair will start off the sessions by asking each panelists to introduce themselves and their initiative/partnership (3-4 minutes), and then facilitate an **interactive dialogue** with panelists, representatives from **Small Island Developing States**, and other members of the audience, using the **guiding questions as a basis for dialogue**.
- To ensure maximum dialogue and exchange, **no PowerPoint material** for panelists will be used.

Format - Partnership Networking Exchange

- Each partnership networking exchange session will be freely facilitated by the partnership focal point.
- Focal points should be reminded to clearly present a) what the objective of the partnership is for b) what Samoa Pathway priority areas it addresses, c) and how it can be scaled up, or replicated. **About 10 minutes**.
- The facilitator should leave room to questions and dialogue with those attending the networking sessions.
