



**S.A.M.O.A Pathway side event
30th October – 1st November**

Post SIDS Major Groups Outcome Statement: Good Practices, Success Stories and Lessons Learnt

1. Background

In 2014 during the preparations of the SAMOA pathway declaration and development programme, SGP¹ Samoa and CPMT² worked closely with SUNGO³, who actually received a grant and rallied all CSO's in Samoa to provide inputs to the SAMOA pathway.

An outcome statement was generated from the SIDS 2014 in Samoa, which directly discussed development for the CSOs⁴ and aiding them in meeting the goals of the 2030 agenda. The aim of the paper was to invigorate and reiterate the vital role of civil society and other stakeholders as development partners with SIDs and all UN Member States in supporting, advancing and implementing global, regional and national policies; development obligations, and call for their commitment to respond positively to our aspirations. During the important S.A.M.O.A Pathway dialogue, this discussion should be invigorated again, in order to continue the progress that has been made over the last 5 years and ensure that no one is left behind, especially in the SIDS.

2. Aims of the discussion

The aim of the discussion is a retrospective dialogue on the lessons learnt from the past five years. Fostering enabling environments for stakeholder participation and partnerships (an interactive dialogue with civil society and stakeholder participants) that people must be at the center of the S.A.M.O.A Pathway Declaration and Implementation Plan, based on accountable, genuine and durable partnerships where human rights, gender equality,

¹ Small Grants Programme

² Central Planning Management Team

³ Samoa Umbrella of NGOs – received a US\$50,000 grant from SGP in 2014 to support the project called “SUNGO Coordination of pre, during and post Conference Major Groups SIDS conference.

⁴ Civil Society Organizations



environmental sustainability and economic justice are the core of sustainable development pursuits in SIDS

3. Intended outcomes

The intended outcome is the knowledge sharing of traditional knowledge and best practices from lessons learnt amongst key national stakeholders and donor community. The discussion will inform new processes and better practices for NGOs to garner financing support from potential donor partners. Using both facilitators and speakers, the outcome of discussions held at the forum will be captured and the results and recommendations made available to all participants. Other resources provided through the forum process will also be made available to participants. As a result, participants and regional organizations will be able to access knowledge and resources that can be used both for advocacy on issues within their own country or for regional initiatives or projects.

4. Contribution to S.A.M.O.A Pathway

Paragraph 40 of the S.A.M.O.A Pathway reaffirms the importance of engaging a broad range of stakeholders at the global, regional, sub-regional, national and local levels, including national, subnational and local governments and the scientific community, private businesses and civil society, and also including youth and persons with disabilities, and also reaffirm that gender equality and the effective participation of women and indigenous peoples are important for effective action on all aspects of climate change.

Paragraph 44 of the S.A.M.O.A Pathway calls for support for the efforts of SIDS:

- a) To build resilience to the impacts of climate change and to improve their adaptive capacity through the design and implementation of climate change adaptation measures appropriate to their respective vulnerabilities and economic, environmental and social situations;
- (b) To improve the baseline monitoring of island systems and the downscaling of climate model projections to enable better projections of the future impacts on small islands;
- (c) To raise awareness and communicate climate change risks, including through public dialogue with local communities, to increase human and environmental resilience to the longer-term impacts of climate change;
- (d) To address remaining gaps in capacity for gaining access to and managing climate finance.

The commitment of members to these frameworks affirm the necessity of this post SIDS outcome statement progress review discussion for the S.A.M.O.A pathway review.



5. Partners

- ❖ Samoa Umbrella of Non-Government Organisations (SUNGO)
- ❖ Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MNRE)
- ❖ Samoa Conservation Society (SCS)
- ❖ Savaia Village Community Lefaga (SGP Community Champion & Grantee)
- ❖ UNDP Samoa Multi Country Office
- ❖ UN Resident Coordinator Office
- ❖ Government of Samoa
- ❖ UN-OHRLS

6. Proposed event agenda

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<i>Time</i>	Subject	Speaker/Facilitator
<i>5 mins</i>	Introduction to Post SIDS Outcome Statement	Simona Marinescu UNRC/RR
<i>5 mins</i>	Government Perspective: Sharing of good practices, success stories, lessons learnt.	Ulu Bismarck Crawley (CEO, MNRE)
<i>30 mins</i>	CSOs and NGOs Perspective: Sharing of Lessons Learnt from	Lemalama Taaloga, Roina Vavatau, Fuimaono Falefa Lima, James Atherton
<i>20 mins</i>	Discussion & Closing Remarks	Chaired by Simona Marinescu