



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

Human Development Statistical Update 2018 Launch

1. Background

On the 14th of September 2018, The Human Development Report Office released [*Human Development Indices and Indicators: 2018 Statistical Update*](#), a compilation of five composite indices: the Human Development Index (HDI), the Inequality-Adjusted Human Development Index (IHDI), the Gender Development Index (GDI), The Gender Inequality Index (GII) and the Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPO). Data used in these indices and other human development indicators are provided by a variety of public international sources and represent the best statistics available for those indicators at the time of the preparation of the annual statistical update.

The overall trend globally is toward continued human development improvement. For example, out of the 189 countries for which the Human Development Index is calculated, 59 countries are today in the very high human development group and only 38 countries fall in the low HDI group. Just eight years ago in 2010, the figures were 46 and 49 countries respectively. Today on average people are living longer, are more educated and have greater income than ever before.

A comprehensive analysis of these statistical findings yields immense insight into how the nation-states of the Pacific region are tracking their commitments to the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (S.A.M.O.A.) Pathway, an outcome of the Third International Conference on Small Island Developing States (SIDS) of September 2014. This allows SIDS to review progress looking at how countries' parameters have changed from the adoption of the agenda.

2. Aims of the discussion

In this session, we aim to provide a brief analysis of all of the indices of the Human Development Statistical Update 2018, in regards to, the S.A.M.O.A. Pathway progress report and in the Outcome Document should member states agree with that in advance. Analysis of the extracted data of all [SIDS from the list of countries](#) with a focus on the 2015-2018 time bracket will reveal how those indices have changed since the adoption of the S.A.M.O.A. Pathway. While we note that a few countries will not have some of these indices available (and are not included in the HDI), we reaffirm that a launch of these measurements by SIDS is a means to appropriately monitor the progress of S.A.M.O.A. Pathway from the present to the future, from a local, regional and international standpoint.

3. Intended outcomes



The intended outcome would be to table tracking mechanisms of the five United Nations Human Development indices and for partner members to adopt them and integrate the processes in to their aid tracking moving forward.

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

The contribution to the S.A.M.O.A Pathway would be in the future, with transparent Human Development tracking mechanisms reporting to assist in the documentation and progress towards the agreed outcomes of the pathway. In paragraph 101 of the Pathway member states requested from the Secretary General, frameworks and mechanisms for monitoring and evaluating the progress towards the agreed outcomes. The data gleaned from the Human Development Statistical Update 2018 substantiates this request and offers accessible and meaningful data tracking mechanisms. Sharing and discussing these indices contributes to the rich dialogue of the S.A.M.O.A. pathway and aids in producing transparent data for future development and reporting.

5. Partners

- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) of United Nations Multi-Country Office of Cook Islands, Niue, Samoa and Tokelau
- United Nations Resident Co-ordinator Office (UNRCO) of United Nations Multi-Country Office of Cook Islands, Niue, Samoa and Tokelau
- United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA)
- United Nations Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS)
- Government of Samoa
- Government of the Cook Islands
- Government of Niue

6. Proposed event agenda

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Time	Subject	Speaker
10 mins	Introduction of 5 Indices of the Human Development Statistical Update 2018	Simona Marinescu UNRC/RR
10mins	Experience with Human Development Indices using S.A.M.O.A. Pathway: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tracking indices to streamline the development approach - Reporting on all Human Development indices 	TBC
20mins	Discussion of limitations, challenges and opportunities for supplying aggregated data	Moderated by Chief Statistician,



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Working with UNDESA, UN-OHRLS and respective governments to assist mechanisms to supply data	Samoa Bureau of Statistics
<i>20mins</i>	Discussion of ways forward <ul style="list-style-type: none">- contribution to the SAMOA Pathway- adoption of the Human Development Indices	Chaired by Simona Marinescu