20 September 2019

Excellency,

Further to my earlier correspondence, dated 20 September 2019, regarding the High-level mid-term review of the Small Island Developing States Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway, it is my pleasure to transmit herewith revised concept note and list of speakers.

Delegations are kindly requested to inform the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management of any changes to the level of participation in a timely manner. Any changes should be conveyed to Ms. Emer Herity (herit@un.org) and Ms. Jori Joergensen (joergensenj@un.org).

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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Tijjani Muhammad-Bande

All Permanent Representatives and
Permanent Observers to the United Nations
New York
High-level meeting to review progress made in addressing the priorities of SIDS through the implementation of the Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway

27 September 2019, Trusteeship Council Chamber
United Nations Headquarters

Background

The third International Conference on Small Island Developing States (SIDS) was held from 1-4 September 2014 in Apia, Samoa. The Conference resulted in the adoption of the Small Island Developing States Accelerated Modalities of Action - or SAMOA Pathway and the announcement of 300 multi-stakeholder partnerships in support of SIDS. The SAMOA Pathway was mandated for the duration of 2014 to 2024. It also established a unique intergovernmental SIDS Partnership Framework, designed to monitor progress of existing partnerships, and stimulate the launch of new, genuine and durable partnerships for the sustainable development of SIDS.

On 27 September 2019, the General Assembly will convene a one-day high level meeting to review progress made in addressing the priorities of SIDS through the implementation of the SAMOA Pathway. The high-level review will also result in a concise action oriented and inter-governmentally agreed political declaration.

The high-level review will assess progress, gaps and challenges in the implementation of the SAMOA Pathway. Bringing development partners and SIDS together, it will also assess the priorities, solutions, and lessons learnt for the way forward. It is key that the final five years of implementation seek out the strongest synergies with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the climate agenda, and other key multilateral processes.

Multi-stakeholder Roundtable 1

The theme of this roundtable is ‘Progress, Gaps, and Challenges’. Participants are invited to give insights on the implementation of the SAMOA Pathway thus far, and the hindrances that they have faced. Discussion here will include topics such as climate change, access to finance, and United Nations Development System Reform.

Guiding Questions

How has the SAMOA Pathway been implemented thus far?
How has national policy planning been changed to align with the SAMOA Pathway?
What partnerships and initiatives have proved most successful? How and why?
What challenges have been faced in implementation? What needs to be done to address these challenges?

Multi-stakeholder Roundtable 2

The theme of this roundtable is ‘Priorities, solutions and the way forward’. Participants are invited to announce new partnerships and initiatives going forward with the implementation of the SAMOA Pathway. This session should also serve as a platform to set priorities going forward.

Guiding Questions

What priorities must be set in order to ensure the implementation of the SAMOA Pathway by 2024?
What new initiatives and partnerships will become available to SIDS going forward?
How can development partners and the international community better serve SIDS?
At a national level, how must policy planning change to facilitate implementation?
### Tentative Programme

**Opening Segment**

- H.E. Mr. Tijjani Muhammad-Bande, President of the 74th session of the UN General Assembly
- H.E. Mr. António Guterres, United Nations Secretary-General
- H.E. Mr. Michael D. Higgins, President of Ireland
- H.E. Ms. Mia Mottley, Prime Minister of Barbados, on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States
- H.E. Mr. Frank Bainimarama, Prime Minister of Fiji
- Mr. Jason Momoa, Actor
- Ms. Vinzealhar Ainjo Kwangin Nen, Youth Speaker

**Multi-stakeholder Round table 1**

**THEME:** SAMOA Pathway mid-term review: progress, gaps and challenges

**Co-Moderators:**
- H.E. Mr. Tuilaepa Aiono Sailele Malielegaoi, Prime Minister of Samoa
- H.E. Ms. Erna Solberg, Prime Minister of Norway

**Keynote Address:** H.E. Mr. Danny Faure, President of the Seychelles

**Fireside Chat**

- **Moderator:** Hon. Gaston Browne, Prime Minister of Antigua and Barbuda
- H.E. Ms. Evelyn Wever-Croes, Prime Minister of Aruba
- Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon, Minister for Commonwealth and United Nations of the United Kingdom
- Mr. Axel von Trotsenburg, Acting Chief Executive Officer, World Bank Group
- Ms. Mami Mizutori, Special Representative of the Secretary General on Disaster Risk Reduction

**Interactive Dialogue**

LUNCH
3.00p.m. - 5.15p.m.
Multi-stakeholder Round table 2

THEME: SAMOA Pathway mid-term review: priorities, solutions and the way forward

Co-Moderators:
- H.E. Mr. Eugene Rhuggenaath, Prime Minister of Curacao
- H.E. Mr. Vivian Balakrishnan, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Singapore

Keynote Address: Ms. Alicia Barcena, Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

Fireside Chat:
- Moderator: Mr. Achim Steiner, UNDP Administrator
- H.E. Mr. Uhuru Kenyatta, President of Kenya
- H.E Mr. Andrew Holness Prime Minister of Jamaica
- Ms. Antha N. Williams, Head of Environment Programmes at Bloomberg Philanthropies

Interactive Dialogue
- Ms. Fekitamoeloa Utoikamanu, Under-Secretary General, High-Representative for Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries, and Small Island Developing States, on behalf of the United Nations Secretary General
- Mr. Liu Zhenmin, Under-Secretary General, Department for Economic and Social Affairs
- Approval of Political Declaration
- H.E. Mr. Tijjani Muhammad Bande, President of the 74th session of the UN General Assembly
## Interactive Dialogue 1

The time limit for statements during the interactive dialogue is three minutes, which will be strictly implemented.

### Provisional List of Speakers

#### Statements on Behalf of a Group of States

1. **Tuvalu (On Behalf of the Pacific Islands Forum)**
   - **Head of Government**

2. **St Lucia (On Behalf of the Caribbean Community)**
   - **Head of Government**

3. **Paraguay (On Behalf of Landlocked Developing Countries)**
   - **Minister**

#### Statements by Participating States

4. **The Republic of Maldives**
   - **Head of State**

5. **The Union of the Comoros**
   - **Head of State**

6. **The Republic of Rwanda**
   - **Head of State**

7. **The Federated States of Micronesia**
   - **Head of State**

8. **The Republic of Indonesia**
   - **Vice President**

9. **St Vincent and the Grenadines**
   - **Head of Government**

10. **The Republic of Cabo Verde**
    - **Head of Government**

11. **The Republic of Mauritius**
    - **Head of Government**

12. **St Kitts and Nevis**
    - **Head of Government**

13. **Angola**
    - **Minister**

14. **Mexico**
    - **Minister**

15. **Cuba**
    - **Minister**

16. **Vanuatu**
    - **Minister**

17. **Solomon Islands**
    - **Minister**

18. **Madagascar**
    - **Minister**

19. **Dominica**
    - **Minister**

20. **Turkey**
    - **Minister**

21. **United Nations Conference on Trade and Development**
    - **Secretariat General**

22. **Medical Impact**
    - **Civil Society Representative**

### Waitlist

23. **The Gambia**
    - **Minister**

24. **Cote d'Ivoire**
    - **Minister**

25. **Sweden**
    - **Minister**

26. **Bangladesh**
    - **Minister**

27. **The Republic of Guinea**
    - **Minister**

28. **Republic of the Marshall Islands**
    - **Minister**

29. **Italy**
    - **Vice Minister**

30. **British Virgin Islands**
    - **High Level**

31. **International Seabed Authority**
    - **Secretary General**

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As of 20 September 2019, 6:00p.m.
**Interactive Dialogue 2**

The time limit for statements during the interactive dialogue is three minutes, which will be strictly implemented.

### Provisional List of Speakers

**Statements on Behalf of a Group of States**

   Head of Government

2. **The State of Palestine (On Behalf of Group of 77 and China)**  
   Head of Government

3. **European Union**  
   Minister

**Statements by Participating States**

4. **The Republic of Nauru**  
   Head of State

5. **Nigeria**  
   Head of State

6. **The Republic of Trinidad and Tobago**  
   Head of Government

7. **The Independent State of Papua New Guinea**  
   Head of Government

8. **The Holy See**  
   Head of Government

9. **Cook Islands**  
   Deputy Prime Minister

10. **Hungary**  
    Minister

11. **The United Arab Emirates**  
    Minister

12. **New Zealand**  
    Minister

13. **Finland**  
    Minister

14. **Chile**  
    Minister

15. **India**  
    Minister

16. **Morocco**  
    Minister

17. **Palau**  
    Minister

18. **Haiti**  
    Minister

19. **Qatar**  
    Minister

20. **Belgium**  
    Minister

21. **Food and Agricultural Organisation**  
    Director General

22. **International Council of Scientific Unions**  
    Civil Society Representative

**Waitlist**

23. **Latvia**  
    Minister

24. **Bahrain**  
    Minister

25. **Guatemala**  
    Minister

26. **The Dominican Republic**  
    Minister

27. **Timor-Leste**  
    Minister

28. **South Africa**  
    Minister

29. **Guinea-Bissau**  
    Minister

30. **Portugal**  
    Vice Minister

31. **People’s Republic of China**  
    Vice Minister

32. **United States of America**  
    Vice Minister

33. **Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela**  
    Vice Minister

34. **Australia**  
    High Level

35. **Tonga**  
    High Level

36. **Belize**  
    Permanent Representative

37. **Kazakhstan**  
    Permanent Representative

38. **Canada**  
    Representative

39. **Commonwealth Secretariat**  
    Secretary General

40. **International Chamber of Commerce**  
    Secretary General

*As of 20 September 2019, 6:00 p.m.*