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1. Opening of the Meeting
2. Organisational Matters
 - a. Adoption of Agenda and Organisation of Work
3. Session 1: Overview of the Implementation of the SAMOA Pathway in the Pacific
4. Session 2: Assessing Progress – Achievement, Gaps and Challenges in the implementation of the SAMOA Pathway
 - a. Social Inclusion
 - b. Environmental Integrity
 - c. Equitable Economic Growth
 - d. Means of Implementation
5. Addressing Development Challenges through Partnerships
 - a. Developing genuine and durable partnerships – good practices and lessons learned
 - b. Identifying and addressing the gaps through partnerships for SIDS
 - c. Strengthening the review and monitoring process of partnerships for SIDS
6. Priority Actions and Strategies for Implementation
7. Presentation & Adoption of Draft Regional Outcome
8. Closing Session



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Time	Particulars
Day One	Tuesday 19th June 2018
8:00 – 9:30	Registration
9:00 – 9:45	<p>Opening Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prayer (<i>Host Country</i>) • Welcome and Opening Remarks (<i>Host Country</i>) • Opening Remarks: UN (USG OHRLLS, Ms Fekitamoeola 'Utoikamanu) • Opening Remarks: AOSIS (<i>Chair/Vice-Chair tbc</i>) • Keynote Address: Honourable Samuela 'Akilisi Pohiva, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Tonga • Special Item: Tonga Institute of Technology • Benediction: TBC <p>This session addresses Agenda 1 – Opening of the Meeting. The Pacific Regional Preparatory Meeting will be opened by a Prayer, a welcome remark by the Host Country, the UN, the Chair of AOSIS, and a Keynote Address by the Kingdom of Tonga.</p>
9:45 – 10:00	<i>Photo opportunity</i>
10:00 – 10:15	<i>Coffee break</i>
10:15 – 10:30	<p>Adoption of the agenda and Organization of Work (<i>Chair – Secretary for Foreign Affairs</i>)</p> <p>This session deals with Agenda Item 2 – Organizational Matters. The Chair will define the objectives of the meeting (objectives, outputs, structure of the report and related aspects) in the context of the regional preparatory processes for the mid-term review of the SAMOA Pathway. The specific outputs expected of the meeting will also be identified. The structure of the report to be adopted by the meeting and a possible regional declaration will also be outlined. Discussions on the Agenda and Organization of Work including adoption will be addressed in this session.</p>

10:30 – 12:30	<p>Session 1: Overview of the Implementation of the SAMOA Pathway in the Pacific</p> <p><i>(Chair – Secretary for Foreign Affairs)</i> <i>(Facilitator – Ms. Osnat Lubrani, UN Resident Coordinator Pacific Multi-Country Office, Fiji)</i></p> <p>This session deals with Agenda Item 3 – SIDS Sustainable Development Agenda in the Pacific Region and seeks a common understanding amongst the participants of: (1) the global, regional and country context of the SAMOA Pathway Mid Term Review; and, (2) how the SAMOA Pathway is being integrated into and reported as part of the Pacific Sustainable Development Agenda.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of the implementation of the SAMOA Pathway within a global and regional context – OHRLLS and DESA • Pacific Regional Sustainable Development Agenda: SAMOA Pathway MTR Process and the Pacific Regional Report– Head of ESCAP Pacific Office, Mr Iosefa Maiava • Pacific Regional Report – Pacific Islands Forum Chair Representative, Ms Peseta Noumea Simi • Implementation of the SAMOA Pathway in a PSIDS: The Case of Tonga – Achievements, Gaps and Challenges
12:30 – 13:30	<i>Lunch¹</i>
13:30 – 15:15	<p>Session 2(a): Social Inclusion</p> <p>Assessing Progress – Achievements, Gaps and Challenges in the implementation of the SAMOA Pathway</p> <p><i>(Chair – Secretary for Foreign Affairs)</i> <i>(Facilitator – Kuiniselani Toelupe Tago- Elisara, Director Social Development Program, SPC)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next four sessions deal with Agenda Item 4 – Assessing Progress Achievement, Gaps and Challenges. The sessions will be made up of interactive plenary and group discussions on the regional priorities of SIDS. Countries will share national best practice and achievements as well as challenges and gaps in areas related to regional priorities and systems. • Social themes include: Poverty, Social Protection and Inequality; Gender and Disability; Health and NCDs; Water and Sanitation; Quality Education; and Culture. • Resource representatives to aid the discussion: Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, UNESCO, UNICEF, PIFS
15:15 – 15:45	<i>Coffee break</i>
15:45 – 17:15	<p>Session 2(b): Environmental Integrity</p> <p>Assessing Progress – Achievements, Gaps and Challenges</p> <p><i>(Chair – Secretary for Foreign Affairs)</i> <i>(Facilitator – Mr. Espen Ronneberg, Climate Change Adviser, SPREP)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environment themes include: Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction; Oceans and Integrated Ocean Management; Food Security; and Sustainable Production and Consumption. • Resource representatives to aid the discussion: Palau, Marshall Islands, UNEP, FAO, UNDP, SPC, PIFS

¹ A press conference will be held during this period.

Day Two	Wednesday 20th June 2018
8:30 – 10:15	<p>Session 2(c): Equitable Economic Growth</p> <p>Assessing Progress – Achievements, Gaps and Challenges <i>(Chair – – Secretary for Foreign Affairs)</i> <i>(Facilitator – Mr. Iosefa Maiava, Head, ESCAP Pacific Office)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic themes include: Sustainable Transport; Sustainable Energy; Sustainable Tourism; Migration/Remittances; Connectivity and ICT • Resource representatives to aid the discussion: Cook Islands, Nauru, UNDP, PIFS, SPTO, SPC
10:15 – 10:45	<i>Coffee break</i>
10:45 – 12:30	<p>Session 2(d): Means of Implementation</p> <p>Assessing Progress – Achievements, Gaps and Challenges <i>(Chair – – Secretary for Foreign Affairs)</i> <i>(Facilitator – Ms. Simona Marinescu, UN Resident Coordinator Pacific Multi-Country Office, Samoa)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Means of Implementation themes include: Finance; Trade; Technology/ICT; Data and Statistics, and an assessment of Development Effectiveness • Resource representatives to aid the discussion: Samoa, Vanuatu, ESCAP, PIFS, SPC, UNDP
12:30 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
13:30 – 15:15	<p>Session 3: Addressing Development Challenges through Partnerships <i>Opening</i> <i>(Co-Chairs:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>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> - <i>Mr. Mícheál Tierney, 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> - Opening remarks – Co-Chairs - Keynote address – Mr. Sione Tekiteki, Director, Pacific Island Forum Secretariat (PIFS) - Presentation – Mr. Ola Goransson, Partnerships Coordinator, SIDS Partnership Framework (UN DESA) <p><i>Session 3(a)</i> <i>(Facilitator – Ms. Peseta Noumea Simi, Pacific Islands Forum Chair Representative)</i> Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Elisi Tupou, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) - Ms. Kuiniselani Tago-Elisara, Pacific Youth Development Framework Partnership (PYDF Partnership) - Mr. Alifereti Tawake, Locally Managed Marine Areas (LMMA) Network, Fiji) - Mr. Pau Likiliki, Assistant FAO Representative in Tonga
15:15 – 15:45	<i>Coffee break</i>

15:45 – 17:30	<p>Session 3: Cont. <i>(Co-Chairs:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>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> - <i>Mr. Mícheál Tierney, 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><i>Session 3(b)</i> <i>(Facilitator – Ms. Peseta Noumea Simi, Pacific Islands Forum Chair Representative)</i> Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Marjo Vierros, In-depth analysis of Partnerships for SIDS in Pacific (UN DESA) - Ms. Charmina Sail, Regional Planning Adviser, Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS) <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Ofa Ketu'u, Pacific Community (SPC) (tbc) - Ms. Rachael Nash, Micronesia Challenge - Ms. Alisi Tuqa, Pacific Islands Private Sector Organization (PIPSO) - SPREP representative (tbc) - Mr. Espen Ronneberg, Pacific Adaptation for Climate Change (PACC) Project
Day Three	Thursday 21st June 2018
8:30 – 10:15	<p>Session 3: Cont. <i>Co-Chairs –</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>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> - <i>Mr. Mícheál Tierney, 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><i>Session 3(c)</i> <i>(Facilitator – Mr. Mícheál Tierney, Ireland)</i> Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Alvin Pahlevi, Coral Triangle Initiative - Mr. Jito Vanualailai, Pacific Islands Universities Research Network - Ms. Lilian Sauni, Pacific Mangroves Initiative - Ms. LorMona Meredith, Conversation International / Promise to Pae'aina" Collective Impact Effort
10:15 – 11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:00 – 13:00	<p>Session 4(a) – Priority Actions and Strategies for Implementation</p> <p>(CLOSED SESSION)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This and the session that follows deal with Agenda Item 6 – Priority Actions and Strategies for Implementation. • This session will consider priority actions for further implementations and the strategies or systems for their advancement. The selection of priority actions will be guided by

	<p>key SIDS principles (i.e. ‘special and differential treatment’; and ‘common but differentiated responsibilities’) in the SAMOA Pathway and the call for “adequate and timely analysis based on SIDS-relevant targets and indicators ... to ensure accountability at all levels” (paragraph 124). The first presentation will explain the rationale behind the priority action and seek the agreement of the meeting. The second part of the session will consider ways of enhancing through national, regional and global systems the accountability and implementation of the SIDS agenda.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by the Drafting Committee of the List of Priority Actions from sessions 1, 2, and 3; followed by interactive discussion/breakout sessions. • Integrated Approaches – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - National Approaches/Systems - Pacific Roadmap for Sustainable Development - A global and regional ‘monitoring and accountability’ framework for the SAMOA Pathway with targets and indicators, including for Partnerships - Agenda 2030 and Follow Up and Review
13:00 – 14:30	<i>Lunch</i>
14:30 – 16:00	<p>Session 4(b) – Priority Actions and Strategies for Implementation Break-out session & report</p> <p>(CLOSED SESSION)</p>
16:00 – 16:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
16:30 – 17:30	<p>Session 5 – Presentation and Adoption of the Draft Regional Outcome Document (Chair – Host Country Representative)</p>
17:30	<p>Closing Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High-Level Statement: (Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Norway) • Remarks by USG OHRLLS, Ms. Fekitamoeloa ‘Utoikamanu • Remarks by <i>Deputy Prime Minister, Semisi Sika</i>

NOTE 1:

- *Session Chairs* will introduce agenda items, manage interventions and provide a summary at the end of each session.
- *Secretariat* for the meeting will consist of OHRLLS; DESA; and ESCAP.
- *Session Facilitators* are the primary resource person for the agenda item, and will provide an overview of issues to kick-start plenary discussion, as well as support the Chair in managing the plenary discussion.
- *Resource representatives* will be invited as expert practitioners for the agenda item to briefly share and lessons on the topic.

NOTE 2: Access to the various sessions are as follows:

- Sessions 1,2,3 and 5 – all participants may attend
- Session 4 (Closed) – delegations with participatory status and the agencies serving Secretariat for the meeting may attend