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For the network of

Small Islands Developing States (SIDS) national focal points (NFPs)

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The designated SIDS national focal point is an official who is heavily involved in the localization of the SAMOA Pathway and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as well as their national implementation, monitoring and review. He/She could be either from the ministry of planning or finance or foreign affairs or environment or any other relevant ministry.

The primary function of the SIDS national focal point network is enhancing coherence of SIDS issues across all levels—global, regional and national. This will require the principal work streams for 2019:

- (i) SIDS national focal points meetings and participation in other regional and global SIDS-related events;
 - (ii) National coordination on the SAMOA and SDG-related matters; and
 - (iii) SIDS specific analysis and information.
- i. SIDS national focal points meetings and participation in other regional and global SIDS-related events

The **second annual meeting of the SIDS national focal points could be held on the margins of the High Level Political Forum (HLPF)**, under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council, July 2019, with the purpose of facilitating information and experience sharing in the implementation of the SAMOA Pathway and the 2030 Agenda. This meeting could allow for increased participation of SIDS representatives to the HLPF processes, as well for the possible participation and contribution of focal points in consultations on the outcome document of the High-Level Midterm Review of the SAMOA Pathway.

Besides its 2019 annual meeting, SIDS national focal points could be active, if funding is available, in **regional or global meetings organized by the UN secretariat** on key accelerators of sustainable development, including climate change and resilience building, sustainable energy, oceans, food and nutrition security, structural transformation and graduation, public private partnerships, broadband connectivity, and statistics and data. Regional consultations could also be held on an ad hoc basis on the sidelines of relevant regional meetings. A list of proposed meetings is attached as Annex 1.

OHRLLS proposes to convene an **expert group meeting** on a possible harmonized approach for monitoring and reporting on the SAMOA Pathway could be convened early 2019, with a view to producing a draft toolkit for SIDS.

- ii. National coordination on the SAMOA and SDG-related matters

SIDS national focal points could actively **participate in the set up and/or functioning of national institutional arrangements** designed to lead the integration of the SAMOA Pathway and SDGs into national priorities, policies, **budgets** and development plans as well as their implementation and follow up.

SIDS national focal points could regularly **engage with the United Nations Country Team (UNCT)** on SAMOA Pathway and SDG-related matters, including on global reporting.

SIDS national focal points could facilitate the ***creation or strengthening of mechanisms to validate SIDS partnerships*** at the national level, including national partnership dialogues.

Deliverables could include, *inter alia*:

- Inputs to the annual report of the United Nations Secretary-General on the implementation of the SAMOA Pathway
- Contributions to unifying, coherent national and regional reporting frameworks, highlighting the SAMOA Pathway in these contexts – including coordinating the preparation of VNRs where applicable.
- Inputs to the SIDS Partnership Framework and 2019 Global Multi-Stakeholder SIDS Partnership Dialogue

iii. SIDS specific analysis and information

SIDS national focal points could ***provide and coordinate country specific analysis and information to feed in the products produced by OHRLLS and relevant partners.***

Deliverables could include, *inter alia*:

- Inputs to the OHRLLS 2019 SIDS in Numbers publication, which will focus on sustainable tourism
- Inputs to the ITU/OHRLLS 2019 study on the economic and social impact of broadband applications and services in SIDS.
- Inputs to the toolkit on a harmonized approach for monitoring and reporting on the SAMOA Pathway, which could be welcomed during the MTR in 2019.