SIDS NATIONAL FOCAL POINTS (NFP)

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Synergies in the management of implementation of national and regional sustainable development agreements

• The Caribbean Development Cooperation Committee (CDCC) at its Twenty seventh session (April 2018) reaffirmed its commitment to fully operationalise the Regional Coordinating Mechanisms (RCM) in the Caribbean.

• One of the purpose of the RCM is to monitor and support integration in the implementation of the SAMOA Pathway and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

• The CDCC called upon member States to designate a national entity as the focal point for the RCM.

• Further, the CDCC noted the importance of integrated reporting responsibilities as the Caribbean strives to maintain its international commitments.

• Towards this end, members requested the secretariat of ECLAC, in collaboration with the relevant agencies of the UN system and CARICOM, to provide the institutional support to facilitate synergy in the implementation of the SIDS and 2030 agendas.

• ECLAC stand ready to work with the OHRLLS and DESA on forging agenda in the strengthening of the NFP. This “partnership” will also lend for the fulfilment of the CDCC mandates on the RCM.
CARIBBEAN SIDS Regional Coordination Mechanism Organisational Structure (bottom up; top down; lateral)

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COUNCIL (IGC (Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the CDCC))
Provides oversight of the work programme of the RCM (Secretariat)

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)
Comprises 15 members: (Countries, Intergov. Institutions, development partners, CDB, Civil Society (regional), University, others.....)

NATIONAL FOCAL POINT MECHANISM
This is the institution that forms the point of contact between the IGC (CDCC) and the TAC
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<th>NFP Services selected</th>
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<td>Coordination</td>
<td>ALL SIDS, SDG, other related sustainable development activities</td>
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<td>Network, thematic, high level meetings, capacity building</td>
<td>Identification, preparation, follow-up, new and emerging subjects, adjust to changes in national priorities, working with Private sectors, CSO etc.</td>
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<td>SIDS and SDG monitoring</td>
<td>Implementation</td>
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<td>Political and other Policy support</td>
<td>Linkages with national, regional and international agreements</td>
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<td>Monitoring and reporting</td>
<td>programmatic: content, timely, quality, usability of reports,</td>
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<td>Communication, Awareness and Information</td>
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<td>Extra budgetary- how -</td>
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<td>Coordination with UN and other partners</td>
<td>Integrations with national plans, reporting etc.</td>
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<td>South-South cooperation , north/south, ppp etc.</td>
<td>Facilitate South-South cooperation country driven</td>
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Points for Discussions for Stable, consistent, persistent, energized, owned, result driven NFP

• Commitment from member countries- e.g letter of agreement?
• Terms of reference, Capacity – persons, institution, .....etc.
• What are the human resources skills requirements of the NFP
• Which agency will take this task? Where best suited?
• Financial- who pays and how (Government, project, other?
  – If Government core budget, who will this be management?
  – Creation of new Post or Change of TOR
• National focal point Person versus institutional?
  – Sufficiently high level: technical, policy, legal???
  – Transition management and change in focal person
  – Need for championing, communication and awareness
• Institutional Streamlining (SDG 2030, SIDS, SENDAI, ADDIS ABBA  etc)
• Use of exiting national and regional mechanisms- e.g National SDG Agencies, RCM and VNR?
• Are there similar best practices – e.g NFP for the GCF, Montreal Protocol etc.
• Role of regional and international institutions including the UN ??
• Other .....
Thank you, Fa'afetai