





Second Meeting of the SIDS National Focal Points

Implementation of the Samoa Pathway in Coherence with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

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OVERVIEW

- M & E Systems and Statistics;
- Development of the Indicator Framework- some considerations;
- Key Considerations in the Resulting Toolkit

- M & E system depends on the availability of Official Statistics from the National Statistical Systems (NSS)- National Statistical Office and Statistical Producing Agencies of countries
- There needs be a strong focus in developing the toolkit on the status of the NSS and to provide support to the building statistical of capacity in SIDS –based on work already in progress.;

Elements of this support can focus on:

- **Technical:** The technical work required with the data and metadata production;
- **Implementation of Strategies:** Building on and supporting the implementation of Strategic Approaches regionally such as the CARICOM Regional Strategy for the Development Statistics (RSDS) as well as National Strategies for the Development of Statistics in countries;
- **Resources:** Provision of resources to support data collection including administrative data collection;

- The M & E toolkit development should not **short-circuit** the need to develop in as inclusive a manner as possible a relevant indicator framework to monitor the Samoa Pathway:

The following are some important considerations:

- Engagement/consultations/feedback from statisticians and policy-makers across SIDS to determine the indicator framework that is required to monitor the Samoa Pathway in terms of the dimension/results to be achieved.
- Build on the global SDG Indicator framework- mapping has been done by one country SIDGs- Samoa Pathway at the broad level of the Goals/targets – Paragraphs;
- Take into consideration core SDG indicators developed by the different regions in SIDS such as the CARICOM core SDG indicators that have been identified and approved at the political level. This is to ensure an integrated system across all SIDS
- Take into consideration work undertaken by UN DESA-SD Division on the Vulnerability Resilience Country Profile;
- In general there is need for an integrated, consultative SIDS-wide approach in developing the indicator framework for reporting on the Samoa Pathway.

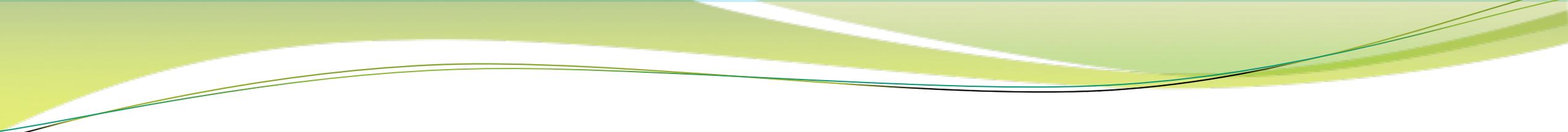
Key Considerations for the Toolkit

Some key considerations are:

- The toolkit must not be burdensome to update in that it should be feasible relative to the number of indicators for reporting on the Samoa Pathway since this would impact timeliness;
- It must be user-friendly and should take into consideration those that are IT-challenged that would need to use the toolkit or to update the same;
- User-friendly explanations/metadata about the data should be included;
- It should be based on a system /IT infrastructure that is compatible across all SIDS, browser applications etc. i.e. should be integrated and interoperable;
- It should have built-in Geographic Information Systems (GIS) capabilities- to generate maps and various levels

While I agree in principles with the Design subject to the issues raised have the following specific comments:

- Indicators can be both Quantitative and Qualitative as well as can be Output, Outcome and Impact Indicators;
- Relative to the point made on “might be data gaps” – there will be data gaps in SIDS;
- User-friendly explanations/metadata about the data should be included;
- There is need to include Samoa Pathway-specific issues that are not reflected in the existing global or regional frameworks and analyse and find the right balance re Existing versus SIDS-specific indicators;
- Partnerships – this is the way we do our work in CARICOM;
- Additionally, for SIDS in the margin of the United Nations Statistical Commission there is a SIDS related meeting that is organised by UNDESA- Sustainable Division.



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