



HLPF Side Event: Detailed Programme (working draft as @ 1pm 24 June 2019)

THE BLUE PACIFIC Q&A: HARNESSING REGIONAL COOPERATION FOR SDG AND SAMOA PATHWAY ACCELERATION

An interactive session on ideas, innovation and inclusiveness from the Pacific and Caribbean SIDS

Date: Wednesday, 17 July

Time: 1.15 pm – 2.30 pm

Venue: Conference Room 2 in the UN Conference Building

PROGRAMME

<p>1.15 pm</p>	<p>WELCOME & INTRODUCTION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome and Introduction (4 minutes) by Rt Hon Helen Clarke (moderator) • Video on sustainable development progress and challenges in the Pacific (3 minutes)
<p>1.23 pm</p>	<p>OPENING REMARKS PANEL</p> <p>Facilitated by the moderator, the panellists will be asked to focus their remarks on their national perspectives on the HLPF theme – empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality.</p> <p>Guiding questions for moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>How is empowerment and inclusivity being implemented in your country and what are the impacts on equality? Example of success, example of a challenge?</i> • <i>Where can you most/best use external assistance/development cooperation?</i> <p>PANEL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FIJI: Honourable Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum – Attorney General, and Minister for Economy, Public Enterprises, Civil Service and Communications (4 minutes) • VANUATU: Honourable Ralph Reganvanu – Minister of Foreign Affairs (4 minutes) • CARRIBBEAN: Minister TBC (4 minutes) • UNDP: Administrator • PALAU CSO Rep – Ms Villaney Remengisau (4 Minutes)
<p>1.40 pm</p>	<p>QUESTION AND ANSWER (set questions from moderator, via pre-recorded video, and audience)</p> <p>Facilitated by moderator and focussed on regional cooperation and exchange as a key driver for development acceleration and SDGs, SAMOA Pathway achievement.</p> <p><i>Note: Moderator will choose, and coordinate including the order of questions and ensure equal response time by panellists. Intention to keep to a conversational style.</i></p> <p>Suggested questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [From Frameworks to Action] There are multiple global frameworks and commitments on sustainable development. Given limited administrative capacities in the SIDS, how are you translating these into real action on the ground? And do any of these frameworks help to change the realities for you on the ground?

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [Climate Change] The biggest issue facing small islands states, and the planet more generally, is the climate crisis/emergency. How is this impacting the lives of SIDS populations and SDGs achievement? Are the SDGs realistic in this context? • [Innovation and Regional Cooperation] So many issues are shared, and yet we sometimes reinvent the wheel? How can regions such as the Pacific, the Caribbean and the African and Indian Ocean States work together on SDG implementation? What have been some of the innovations on regional cooperation in the Pacific and Caribbean? • [Graduation] Many SIDS are moving towards or have already graduated from LDC status, on the surface, very positive, but what are the on-the-ground implications of this? • [Engagement] Public engagement in development issues and the 2030 Agenda is low in our regions. Why is this and what can we do to ensure citizens are more engaged and informed?
2.25 pm	<p>SUMMARY AND THANK YOU</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator

The public seminar will be live streamed so people around the region can view, please use the following link:

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RSVPs are required, details to be advised

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