



Roundtable Discussion for VNR3

March 15, 2024, 09:30--13:00

Conference Room, Lava Hotel, Apia, Samoa

| Hours | Draft Program |
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| 09:30-9.45 | Arrival and registration |
| 9:45-10:00 | <p>Opening session</p> <p>Welcome remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Peseta Noumea Simi, Chief Executive Officer, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Chair of AOSIS <p>Opening remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Themba Kalua, UN Resident Coordinator for Samoa, Cook Islands, Niue and Tokelau |
| 10.00:10.30 | <p>Session 1: An Overview of Asia-Pacific Progress on the SDGs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitator/Presenter: Mr. Sudip Ranjan Basu, Deputy Head, Subregional Office for the Pacific, UNESCAP <p>Roundtable Discussion</p> |
| 10.30:11:15 | <p>Session 2: Overview of Samoa's SDG Progress from VNR2 and Strategy for the Third VNR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitator/Presenter: Mr Justin Lima, Assistant CEO, MFAT, Samoa • Reflections: UN Representatives <p>Roundtable Discussion</p> |
| 11:15-12.00 | <p>Session 3: Data Collection: SDG Tracker Tool, Data Gaps and Changes.</p> <p>Facilitator: ESCAP</p> <p>-Data and monitoring framework</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Papali'i Benjamin Sila, ACEO Social & Environmental Statistics Division, Samoa Bureau of Statistics, Samoa • Mr. Chris Ryan, Statistician, UNESCAP • Ms. Alison Culpin, Statistics Advisor, SDGs, the Pacific Community (SPC) <p>-Utilizing Leave No One Behind (LNOB) Analysis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Srinivas Tata, Director, Social Development Division, UNESCAP <p>Roundtable Discussion</p> |
| 12:00-12.50 | <p>Session 4: Round Table Discussion</p> <p>- <i>UNRCO – SDGs Acceleration</i></p> |

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| | <p>Mr. Travis Klaus Mitchell, Team Leader, a.i., UNRCO, Samoa</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Samoa National Taskforce – Experiences and lessons learned from Pacific members and experts</i> - Dr. Neelesh Gounder, Chief Policy Advisor, Ministry of Finance, Fiji - Mr. Sylvain Kalsaku, Head, United Nations Division, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation and External Trade, Vanuatu - Mr. Michael Pasikeni, Director, Ministry of National Planning and Development Coordination, Solomon Islands - Mr. Mark Borg, Senior Consultant, Sustainable Development Management Solutions |
| 12:50-13.00 | <p>Closing remarks and next steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Peseta Noumea Simi, Chief Executive Officer, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Chair of AOSIS • Mr. Themba Kalau, UN Resident Coordinator for Samoa, Cook Islands, Niue and Tokelau |
| 13.00-14.00 | Lunch |
| 14:00-15.00 | Break |
| 15:00-17:00 | <p>Special event: Women’s Economic Empowerment and Entrepreneurship in the Pacific (including approaches to VNR reporting)</p> |
| 17:00-19:00 | Cocktail reception |

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