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Agenda Item 7: Draft Declaration

Samoa has widely circulated the Draft Declaration on “Navigating Policy with Data to Leave no one behind” to its 14 Sector Planners, Heads of Ministries, Representatives from the Communities(SUNGO) and the private sector (Chamber of Commerce) and indication of support was highly recognised.

Samoa is one of the SIDs countries and first in the Pacific Islands to submit its Voluntary Report on the progress of the 2030 Agenda in 2016, and the constraints in data compilation and limited statistical capacity to achieve the demands of statistics in the 2030 Agenda was strongly highlighted in that report.

This Declaration will give us the opportunity to get political support in all our efforts to improve our national statistical systems and capacity in the country.

We therefore fully support the draft declaration.