



**Symposium on
“Implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
and the SAMOA Pathway in Small Island Developing States -
SIDS: Equipping Public Institutions and Mobilizing Partnerships”**

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PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME



Tuesday, February 21, 2017

<i>OPENING SESSION</i>	
9:00 - 9:30 am	<p>Welcoming remarks H.E. Mr. Perry G Christie Prime Minister, The Bahamas Government (<i>tbc</i>)</p> <p>Opening remarks Mr. WU Hongbo Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs United Nations</p> <p>Key note H.E. Mr. Peter Thomson President of the General Assembly (<i>tbc</i>)</p> <p>H.E. Mr. Frederick Musiiwa Makamure Shava President of the Economic and Social Council (<i>tbc</i>)</p>
<i>SESSION I</i>	
Integrated plans and policies for realizing the 2030 Agenda and the SAMOA Pathway	
9:30 – 10:00 am	<p>Plenary Session</p> <p>Presentation 1: “The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: From vision to implementation” (<i>tbc</i>) [<i>The Bahamas Government</i>]</p> <p>Presentation 2: “Implementing the 2030 Agenda and the SAMOA Pathway in SIDS: Key policy and institutional challenges” (<i>tbc</i>) [<i>Mr. WU Hongbo</i>]</p> <p>Presentation 3: “The nexus of climate change and the 2030 Agenda” (<i>tbc</i>) [<i>Maldives, Chair of the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS)</i>]</p>
10:00 - 10:30 am	<i>Coffee Break</i>
10:30 - 1:00 pm	<p>Breakout Groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group 1: Mainstreaming the 2030 Agenda and the SAMOA Pathway in plans and policies • Group 2: Developing integrated and risk-informed policies • Group 3: Reinforcing implementation through regional and global policy coherence
1:00 – 2:30 pm	<i>Lunch Break</i>
2:30 – 4:00 pm	Breakout Groups (<i>continued</i>)
4:00 – 4:30 pm	<i>Coffee Break (including conversations at partnerships market place)</i>
4:35 – 5:30 pm	Presentations of lessons and recommendations from the Breakout Groups

	Discussion
5:30 – 6:30 pm	Flash Sessions: “Partnerships in the making”
Wednesday, February 22, 2017	
8:00 - 9:00 am	<i>Breakfast conversations: Regional groupings (Caribbean, Pacific and AIMS)</i>
SESSION II Effective, accountable and inclusive institutions to realize our commitments	
9:00 – 9:30 am	Plenary session: “Equipping public institutions for implementation”
9:30 - 11:00 am	“Show and Tell”- learning from each other on: <i>(a) Shaping institutional arrangements</i> <i>(b) Equipping and building capacities and tools</i>
11:00 - 11:30 pm	<i>Coffee Break (including conversations at partnerships market place)</i>
11:30 - 1:00 pm	“Show and Tell”(continued) learning from each other on: <i>(c) Delivering public services</i> <i>(d) Engaging and ensuring participation and accountability</i>
1:00 – 2:30 pm	<i>Lunch dialogue with the private sector</i>
SESSION III Effective Partnerships for implementing the SDGs	
2:30 – 3:30 pm	Multi-stakeholder round table: “Effective Partnerships for the implementation of the SDGs and the SAMOA Pathway: what works, what’s new and what has been done at international level
3:30 – 4:30 pm	Interactive dialogues with the civil society <i>(topic tbc)</i>
4:30 – 5:00 pm	<i>Coffee Break: (including conversations at partnerships market place)</i>
5:00 – 6:00 pm	Flash Sessions: Partnerships in the making

Thursday, February 23, 2017

8:00 - 9:00 am	Breakfast: (including conversations at partnerships market place) [tbc]
SESSION IV Mobilizing ICTs and e-government for delivering on the SDGs and SAMOA Pathway	
9:00 - 10:00 am	Round Table Discussion - “Mobilizing ICTs for delivering the SDGs: what does it take and what are the latest trends?”
10:00 - 12:00 pm	Break-out Groups (with coffee): Journey into innovative ideas to mobilize ICT for delivering on the SDGs and SAMOA Pathway [Sharing of ‘best practices’ in small groups of participants]
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Key insights from the break-out sessions Discussion (Q&As)
1:00 – 2:30 pm	Lunch Dialogue with the youth [H.E. Mr. Fred Mitchell Minister of Foreign Affairs, The Bahamas]
SESSION V Reviewing progress and building statistical capacities	
2:30 – 3:00 pm	Plenary Presentation: Reviewing progress in SDGs and SAMOA Pathway implementation
3:00 – 4:30 pm	Panel discussion (& presentations): Building statistical capacities Discussion (Q&As)
4:30 – 5:00 pm	Coffee Break (including conversations at partnerships market place)
5:00 – 5:45 pm	CLOSING SESSION: From Nassau onwards
5:45 – 6:00 pm	Closing remarks by the Minister for Investment, The Bahamas, H.E. Mr. Khaalis Rolle (tbc) Closing remarks by the USG of DESA, Mr. Wu Hongbo