

Bahamas Symposium: Implementing 2030 Agenda and SAMOA Pathway

Breakout Group II:

**Regional and Global Policy Coherence: Supporting the sustainable
development of SIDS (Venue: Ballroom C)**

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Speakers, rapporteur

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Mauritius Strategy

- “... *Acknowledge* efforts at the regional level which address the sustainable development of small island developing States and, in this regard, pledge our support to enhance subregional, regional and interregional cooperation;” (para 10)

SAMOA Pathway

- “We recognize the need to implement expeditiously, through genuine and durable partnerships, the global effort in support of the sustainable development of small island developing States through concrete, focused, forward-looking and action-oriented programmes.” (para 9)

SDGs and the 2030 Agenda

- Global
- Universal
- Transformative
- Interlinked

2030 Agenda will foster regional and international cooperation, partnership for sustainable development

Regional plans, strategies

- CARICOM's Strategic Plan, 2015-2019
- Framework for Pacific Regionalism
- AIMS: Africa's Agenda 2063

International policy coherence in support of SDGs

- Trade, aid, technology
- Migration, humanitarian, other

Guiding Questions

- What are the main areas where lack of regional or global policy coherence negatively impacts on the situation of SIDS?
- What has worked at regional level to improve policy coherence and coordination in support of SIDS' sustainable development?
- What needs to be done at the international level to ensure coherent policies and programs supporting the sustainable development of SIDS?
- How can regional institutions facilitate derisking in key areas of risk exposure for SIDS?