

SUMMARY

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Bahamas Symposium on Implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Samoa Pathway in Small Island Developing States (SIDS)

- A shared commitment to achieving poverty eradication and sustainable development by 2030 through an integrated, balanced and rights-based approach binds the EU and SIDS together.
- The longstanding tradition of partnership with the SIDS to address the specific vulnerabilities and challenges they face is one of which the EU and its Member States are extremely proud. The EU is and remains a leading donor and key trading partner for SIDS.
- A particular focus of our cooperation in general and in particular with the SIDS will be Climate Change.
- The EU has provided and will keep providing substantial funding to support climate action in partner countries.
- The EU is an effective partner for action on climate change. We are thankful to the countries that took the lead - to ratify the Paris Agreement. By rapidly ratifying the Paris Agreement on 5 October 2016 we enabled its entry into force.
- The Paris Agreement provides the framework for our Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs). Now is time to implement policies and projects in order to achieve the objectives set out in our NDCs.

- The complete package implementing our 2030 framework is on the table and being negotiated. By the end of the year the European Commission will present further proposals for energy efficiency, new electricity market design and a renewable energy policy framework for 2030.
- The EU Adaptation Strategy, adopted in 2013, contributes to a more climate-resilient Europe, by promoting better informed decision making and action especially in key vulnerable sectors.
- The EU is advancing fast in defining its response to the 2030 Agenda. On 22 November, the Commission presented a package of **three related Communications** to implement the 2030 Agenda within Europe and in the world. They include:
 - European Consensus on Development
 - Next Steps for a Sustainable European Future,
 - Renewed partnership with African, Caribbean and Pacific countries
- The European Consensus on Development will shape our development cooperation within the framework of the 2030 Agenda for the years to come.
- In addition to climate change, risk management and vulnerability, protecting healthy and productive oceans and seas and preserving biodiversity and agricultural productivity are also crucial to sustainable development.