



**S.A.M.O.A Pathway side event  
30<sup>th</sup> of Oct., Tuesday 13:00~14:00pm, Venue 1**

## **IATI Data, Partnership and Financing for Development Analysis**

### **1. Background**

In response to a global push to modernise development financing and tracking frameworks and mechanisms, the *International Aid Transparency Initiative* (IATI) has come into fruition. IATI is a transparent global reporting apparatus, employed to track the flows of development finance and aid for all of its partner countries. Frameworks on Financing for Development through a number of agencies and stakeholders are providing platforms for invigorated financing mechanisms, especially through the SIDS. Discussion of these frameworks create important insights on the way such changes for development financing may heed progressive change across the global Small Island Developing States (SIDS).

IATI was established in 2008 at the third High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness in Accra, Ghana. The initiative works with multiple, voluntary stakeholders to improve the tracking and monitoring of international development aid. This initiative aims to make it much easier for countries to plan and track their aid in order to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of development spending. IATI is centred around the “IATI standard”, which is a framework for publishing data that can be used by all stakeholders. IATI is implemented by stakeholders producing the data in an agreed standard before linking it to the IATI registry. The registry is open-access to the public to ensure transparency. This framework offers comparative insights across nation-states to form a greater understanding of development spending for countries, partners, and donors. Several countries and organizations, including the United Nations Development System, subscribe to IATI as a measurement of the level of transparency of their online reporting systems.

In 2015, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and United Nations Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS) produced a financing for development document which directly discussed development for the SIDS and aiding them in meeting the goals of the 2030 agenda. The aim of the paper was to invigorate and inform policy and financing discussions for the development challenges facing SIDS. This was done in the lead up to the Third International Conference on Financing for Development in Addis Ababa. An invigorated discussion at the beginning of 2018 lead by the *Inter-Agency Taskforce on Financing for Development* who produced a report titled “Financing for Development: Progress and Prospects 2018” continued this dialogue.

These two documents underscore the need to “leave no one behind” as per the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals agenda and specifically enlists the importance of support and financing for SIDS.



The reports encourage new mechanisms and priorities for development financing to be included in all avenues in order to secure new funding sources and create new partnerships. During the important S.A.M.O.A Pathway Mid-Term Review, this discussion should be invigorated again, in order to continue the progress that has been made over the last 3 years and ensure that no one is left behind, especially in the SIDS.

## **2. Aims of the discussion**

- Offer a dialogue about the lessons learnt from previous development financing initiatives to inform best practice.
- Provide an introduction of the IATI standard and discussions on the benefits of aid transparency. Member states would share their experiences with IATI and aid tracking.
- Use discussions and IATI to form new partners in order to streamline aid tracking and diminish the time, effort and monetary costs of other aid reporting mechanisms.
- Discuss possibilities and opportunities moving forward for development financing and tracking.

## **3. Intended outcomes**

The intended outcome would be the sharing of knowledge of new processes and practices for development financing, as well as, the two tracking mechanisms for partnerships through the IATI standard. This would hopefully encourage partner members to adopt these mechanisms and integrate the processes in to their development financing and aid tracking moving forward.

## **4. Contribution to S.A.M.O.A Pathway**

The contribution to the S.A.M.O.A Pathway would be in the future, with transparent aid reporting to assist in the documentation and progress towards the agreed outcomes of the Pathway. In Paragraph 101 of the S.A.M.O.A Pathway, member states requested from the Secretary General “for a partnership framework to monitor and ensure the full implementation of pledges and commitments through partnerships for small island developing States.”<sup>1</sup> The IATI standard and the UN DESA framework align with this request and provide member states with accessible and meaningful data tracking mechanisms. Sharing and discussing these partnerships and frameworks contributes to the rich dialogue of the pathway and encourages the move towards producing transparent development data for the future.

Paragraph 3 of the S.A.M.O.A Pathway states the recollection of “our commitments in the outcomes of all the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and environmental fields”<sup>2</sup> including the Monterrey Consensus of the International Conference on Financing for Development and the Doha Declaration on Financing for Development. The commitment of

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<sup>1</sup> Outcome of the Third International Conference on Small Island Developing States (SIDS Conference), 1-4 September 2014, Samoa, paragraph 101, pg. 28.

<sup>2</sup> Outcome of the Third International Conference on Small Island Developing States (SIDS Conference), 1-4 September 2014, Samoa, paragraph 3, pg. 5.



members to these frameworks affirm the necessity of development financing discussion for the S.A.M.O.A. pathway review.

**5. Partners**

UNDP Samoa MCO  
 UNRCO Samoa  
 UNDESA  
 IATI  
 Government of Samoa

**6. Proposed event agenda**

IATI Data and the Analysis of Partnerships		
10mins	Introduction of IATI data, standard and framework and new financing mechanisms	Simona Marinescu UNRC/RR
10mins	Experience with aid reporting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Tracking aid to streamline the development approach</li> <li>- Reporting on all international aid</li> </ul>	Government of Samoa Minister of Finance, Hon. Sili Epa Tuioti; and Peseta Noumea Simi, CEO MFAT
10mins	Experience with Financing for Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Experience with new financing mechanisms</li> <li>- Lessons learnt</li> </ul>	TBC
20mins	Partnership Dialogue <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Working with UNDESA and IATI Standard to streamline frameworks and processes</li> <li>- Possible partnerships for financing</li> </ul>	TBC
10mins	Discussion of ways forward <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- contribution to the SAMOA Pathway</li> <li>- adoption of the IATI standard</li> </ul>	Chaired by Simona Marinescu