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Session 7: Partnerships to advance food security

Sustainable development cannot be achieved without global, regional and national partnerships involving private sector, civil society and academia, as well as government and multilateral organizations. The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development states that “we are determined to mobilize the means required to implement this Agenda through a revitalized Global Partnership for Sustainable Development, based on a spirit of strengthened global solidarity, focused in particular on the needs of the poorest and most vulnerable and with the participation of all countries, all stakeholders and all people.” The Agenda has a stand-alone SDG 17: “Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development.”

The theme of the Third International Conference on Small Island Developing States was “The sustainable development of Small Island Developing States through genuine and durable partnerships”. 300 partnerships were announced, of which 68 partnerships are related to food security. The SAMOA Pathway reaffirmed that there is an urgent need to strengthen international cooperation and advance partnerships at the national, regional and international levels to address issues related to SIDS’ sustainable development. More specifically, the outcome document called for enhanced international cooperation, including North-South, South-South, and triangular cooperation, and SIDS-SIDS cooperation.

In preparing for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Secretariat (DESA) launched in September 2015 an online platform Partnerships for SDGs, with the objective to encourage global engagement around multi-stakeholder partnerships and voluntary commitments in support of the implementation of the sustainable development goals and their targets. The platform, available at sustainabledevelopment.un.org/partnerships, welcomes registrations of partnership initiatives in support of all sustainable development goals, including on goal 2 - End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture – as well those initiatives related to SIDS.

All participants are encouraged to register their relevant initiatives at: <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/partnership/register/?source=9>

Questions for discussion:

1. What are the key elements that need to be considered for the successful implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the SAMOA Pathway related to food security through genuine and durable partnerships?
2. What is your vision to strengthen partnerships in food security, taking into account the recommendations for a SIDS Partnership Framework?