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Despite these commitments, the challenges related to data and statistics remain, as was also evidenced in the preparation of the national and regional reports for the preparatory regional meetings for the Mid-term Review of the SAMOA Pathway. The challenges of data and statistics have been repeatedly cited as a drawback in the preparations of national voluntary reviews of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. A concerted effort to enhance the data and statistical capacity of SIDS is therefore a priority.

The draft outcome of the Mid-term Review of the SAMOA Pathway speaks to the need for improved data collection and statistical analysis to enable SIDS to plan, monitor and evaluate the implementation of the SAMOA Pathway and the SDGs. It calls for the strengthening of national and regional statistical systems to effectively monitor and evaluate the implementation of the SAMOA Pathway and other sustainable development agendas.

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- 1# Present and discuss the draft monitoring tool for a harmonized approach for monitoring and reporting on the SAMOA Pathway.
- 2# Share experiences on monitoring and reporting of the SAMOA Pathway and the SDGs including exploring challenges and opportunities of monitoring tool. (e)6(a)-4(95(o)-468)

- + Following the presentations, there will be an interactive dialogue with questions from the floor as directed by the Moderator. Five or more persons will be given the floor for 3-5 minute interventions to begin the discussion in the first segment.
- + Please email a copy of the presentation; speaking notes to the session focal point - below. by the 22<sup>nd</sup> of July 2015 at the latest.



The points are offered to stimulate your thinking in relation to the session/s key objectives and to help your preparations.

How far does the monitoring tool respond to the need for a harmonized approach for monitoring and reporting on the SAMOA Pathway? Does the list of proposed indicators sufficiently capture the SAMOA Pathway and other international

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