

SIDS ACTION PLAN FOR STATISTICS

Building Responsive SIDS Statistical Systems for SDGS and SAMOA Pathway

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Main issues from Day 1 break-out group discussions

User engagement

- Who do we as NSS serve?
- Dissemination, dissemination, dissemination!!! Dissemination is key to user engagement
- Technology needs to be harnessed for better reach and feedback
- How do you treat private sector stakeholders? They generate a lot of data but their needs and demands are different from official users

Capacity Building

- Limited capacity and high staff turnover
- Is there a case for capacity supplementation? Does it matter who gets the job done?

Financing/Resource Requirement

- Finance will always be an issue.
- SAMOA Pathway & the SDGs will place greater demands and emphasized national ownership and responsibility but a coordinated case needs to be made for support for SIDS

Emerging data areas

- Innovative and encouraging use of technology to address challenges

Recommended actions for consideration

- Wider use of web technology needs to be promoted and NSO empowered to disseminate data in a more timely fashion
- Capacity supplementation programs in collaboration with universities would be very effective and should be considered
- Bold and innovative proposals for financing: ECLAC has proposed a Debt for Climate Adaptation Swap for indebted Caribbean countries