

Samoa Intervention UNEA by Moafanua Tolusina Pouli

Madam Chair,

Congratulations for so efficiently guiding us through the meeting especially keeping everyone to time with our interventions. I assure your good self that I will be very brief.

I start by joining all those who have thanked our wonderful hosts, Kenya and UNEP for organizing this historic first UNEA. It is a wonderful new platform for us to consider global environmental governance and sustainable development not just as the pieces but as an integrated whole.

Samoa has aligned itself to statements have presented by previous speakers especially those by representatives of SIDS, expressing the importance of integrated partnership approach to deal with three main pillars of SDGs and post 2015 agenda.

This is the International Year of SIDS and Samoa as hosts of the 3rd Global SIDS Conference is right in the spotlight. We put forward the theme "Sustainable development of SIDS through genuine and durable partnerships" and are glad that it has gained resonance. We are also glad that the six priority areas of partnerships:

- Sustainable economic development
- Climate change and disaster risk management
- Social development in SIDS, health and NCDs, youth and women
- Sustainable energy
- Oceans, seas and biodiversity
- Waste and sanitation

that we had originally proposed have been agreed for the conference.

All global conference host countries want to put their stamp on their Outcomes Document and ours will be called "SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action" following the UN habit for acronyms – it will be known as SAMOA.

We see UNEA as a global forum not only to keep raising our issues but to ensure that the global community is working in partnership with us to address this – the implementation of the SAMOA document. To ensure this happens SIDS need to be fully and effectively involved in the whole UNEA process and thank UNEP for exploring with us ways that this can be facilitated.

Finally I thank UNEP for your initiative in opening up the Pacific sub-regional office in Samoa. We and the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme

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(SPREP) are looking forward to hosting this office and launching it during the SIDS Conference in September.

I assure you all that the SIDS Conference preparation is well underway and We look forward to welcoming and hosting all of you in Samoa in September.

Soifua and thank you very much