



Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific**Seventy-first session**

Agenda item 2 (a)

**Resolution adopted by the Economic and Social Commission
for Asia and the Pacific****71/4. Implementation of the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action
(SAMOA) Pathway**

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 66/288 of 27 July 2012 on the future we want,¹ in which the Assembly called for the convening in 2014 of a third international conference on small island developing States, while recognizing the importance of coordinated, balanced and integrated actions to address the sustainable development challenges facing small island developing States,²

Taking into account that member States emphasized that regional and subregional organizations, including the regional commissions and their subregional offices, have a significant role to play in promoting a balanced integration of the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development in their respective regions,³

Recalling General Assembly resolution 69/15 of 14 November 2014 on the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway,⁴ which urged all parties to take concrete measures to expeditiously advance the sustainable development of small island developing States, including through the internationally agreed development goals, in order for them to eradicate poverty, build resilience and improve the quality of life, and which recognized the need to implement expeditiously, through genuine and durable partnerships, the global effort in support of the sustainable development of small island developing States through concrete, focused, forward-looking and action-oriented programmes,⁵

¹ The annex of the resolution contains the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, which was held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 20 to 22 June 2012.

² General Assembly resolution 66/288, para. 180.

³ *Ibid.*, para. 100.

⁴ The annex of the resolution contains the outcome document of the third International Conference on Small Island Developing States, which was held in Apia from 1 to 4 September 2014.

⁵ General Assembly resolution 69/15, annex, para. 9.

Recalling also that member States recognized that there is an urgent need to strengthen cooperation and enable strong, genuine and durable partnerships at the subnational, national, subregional, regional and international levels to enhance international cooperation and action to address the unique and particular vulnerabilities of small island developing States so as to ensure their sustainable development,⁶

Recalling further that member States called upon the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and their subsidiary bodies to monitor the full implementation of the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway (Samoa Pathway), including through the monitoring frameworks of the regional commissions,⁷

Recalling the decision of member States to establish a universal, intergovernmental, high-level political forum to follow up on the implementation of sustainable development and the development agenda that is expected to be adopted at the United Nations Summit to Adopt the Post-2015 Development Agenda in September 2015,⁸

Recalling also that member States have invited the regional commissions to contribute to the work of the high-level political forum, including through annual regional meetings with the involvement of other relevant regional entities, major groups and other relevant stakeholders, as appropriate,⁹

Having considered the report on the support of ESCAP for implementation of the Samoa Pathway for the sustainable development of small island developing States,¹⁰

1. *Expresses* its gratitude to the Government and the people of Samoa for hosting the third International Conference on Small Island Developing States in Apia from 1 to 4 September 2014, and for providing all the necessary support;

2. *Encourages* all members and associate members of the Commission to support, both actively and effectively, the implementation of the Samoa Pathway, particularly by strengthening the means by which it is to be done, including through partnerships, financing, trade, technology, capacity-building and institutional support;

3. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with the relevant United Nations bodies and specialized agencies, regional and subregional organizations as well as non-governmental organizations, while recognizing the need for action in order to generate a tangible impact on the lives of Pacific people and communities:

(a) To assist Pacific island members and associate members, upon request, to enhance national capacities and institutions;

(b) To enhance the Pacific voice and representation in regional and global processes;

⁶ Ibid., para. 21.

⁷ Ibid., para. 122.

⁸ General Assembly resolution 66/288, para. 84.

⁹ General Assembly resolution 67/290, para. 13.

¹⁰ See E/ESCAP/71/1/Rev.1.

(c) To ensure the realization of a transformational strategy for the sustainable development of small island developing States by strengthening the role of the Commission in monitoring the follow-up to the Samoa Pathway and the evolving post-2015 development agenda;

4. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary to continue to enhance the voice and participation of small islands developing States in the decision-making and norm-setting processes of the Commission, including through the conference structure, while recognizing the distinct geographic and other challenges that such States face in participating in intergovernmental processes;

5. *Further requests* the Executive Secretary to report to the Commission at its seventy-third session on the progress in the implementation of the present resolution.

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