

Draft AOSIS Statement  
ECOSOC Operational Activities for Development Segment  
UNSDG Chair's Report on DCO  
Tuesday, 23 May 2023, ECOSOC Chamber

Madam Deputy Secretary-General  
Mr. Vice-President

1. I have the honour to deliver this statement on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS). We align with the statement of the Group of 77 and China delivered by the distinguished Representative of Cuba.
2. From the onset, AOSIS wishes to thank the Deputy Secretary-General, in her capacity as Chair of the UN sustainable development group for her report, and its annexes on the work of Development Coordination Office (DCO) and for her presentation this afternoon. We also like greatly appreciate the comprehensive and detailed reports this year and their timeliness, and for this we congratulate you and your Team.
3. Madam DSG, AOSIS joins your deep concern about the current global situation and the real lack of urgency to address development issues, which are the core drivers of the instabilities and crises we are experiencing today.
4. It is becoming more and more obvious that resources can be readily made available for priority areas of the few who have, and less so for issues that affect the vast majority of the people of the world, which is creating a deeper divide and goes contrary to our commitments made in 2014 when we committed to leave no one behind and to eradicate poverty.
5. We appreciate the information provided both in the report and the results framework. However, we note the difficulty in trying to articulate the coordination aspect that covers the majority of the RC system's work, as it is mainly based on perception. We believe that the framework can be further improved as it would really be a critical aspect when considering the overall performance of the system and can influence funding.
6. We take this opportunity to register our satisfaction with the changes made to the MCOs, which have greatly improved how the UN system operates in our countries, most notably is the establishment of the northern pacific MCO and of course the coordination officers now in all non-MCO host countries and territories. We also noted the speedy and effective response of the system to the cyclones that hit Vanuatu and the volcanic eruption in St Vincent and the Grenadines. The latter was recently showcased here in New York by DCO in its case study briefing series.

7. We would also like to register our deep appreciation to the Resident Coordinators of SIDS for their contribution to the Multidimensional Vulnerability Index process, and for their ongoing efforts in the closing off the SAMOA Pathway and the preparations towards the 4<sup>th</sup> SIDS Conference, which is scheduled to be held in 2024.
8. While we note and acknowledge the very positive impacts the RC system is having in our countries, we remain very concern that too much emphasis is being placed on responding to emergencies and crises. The system must continue to keep its focus on development. In this regard, we wish to know more about the collaboration between the entities of the UN development system at the country level on the priorities and needs contained within the Cooperation Frameworks. Further as we prepare for the forthcoming 2024 QCPR we need more information on what works and what needs improvement, along with the challenges and gaps.
9. Madam DSG, in your capacity as Chair of the UN sustainable development group we urge you to continue reenforcing to the entities of the UN development system the need to have their activities and strategic plans reflect their contributions, resources and activities towards their respective commitments within the context of the Cooperation Framework. We believe having this coherence will enhance the functioning of the system.
10. Finally, we thank you Madam DSG for your dedication and commitment to the development agenda and the UN development system. Please be assured that we will continue to work with you in the best interest of building a successful and effective system that we all can be proud of.
11. I thank you.