Background:
The sustainable development of Small Island Developing States (SIDS) builds on the health and wellbeing of their populations. The burden of Noncommunicable Diseases (NCDs), principally heart disease, stroke, diabetes and cancer, is a major threat to sustainable human development, especially for SIDS. Countries have made many commitments to Noncommunicable Disease prevention and control including the Political Declaration from the UN High-Level Meeting on NCDs in 2011, and the WHO Global Noncommunicable Disease Action Plan and Global Monitoring Framework agreed by WHO member states at the 66th World Health Assembly and the Global Coordination Mechanism for Noncommunicable Diseases agreed at the 67th World Health Assembly.

This Side Event will build on the major contributions SIDS are making, especially through partnerships, to global, regional and national efforts to achieve the agreed Noncommunicable Disease premature mortality reduction target of 25% by 2025 and the associated risk factor and health system targets.

The purpose of the Side Event is to:
1. Support the development, implementation and evaluation of comprehensive whole-of-government multi-sector regional and national Noncommunicable Disease policies and strategies thereby strengthening accountability for Noncommunicable Disease commitments;
2. Support the achievement of the globally agreed Non Communicable Disease premature mortality reduction target and associated risk factors and health system targets including the Tobacco Free Pacific 2025 goal and other regional Noncommunicable Disease goals;
3. Building on Noncommunicable Disease best practices in SIDS and support the development and strengthening of regional and country level coordination mechanism and partnerships for Noncommunicable Disease.

Outcome of the SIDS Health Side Event: “APIA CHALLENGE”
The “Apiia Challenge” is a strong action-oriented outcome which will link with Priority Area: “Social Development in SIDS, Health and NCDs, youth and women” and highlighted on the Conference Outcome.

AGENDA

1.00 – 1.05 PM Welcoming & Opening Remarks by Chair of the Side Event
   Hon. Tuitama Leao Dr. Talalelei Tuitama
   Minister of Health

1.05 – 1.15 PM Keynote Address by Prime Minister of Samoa
   Hon. Tuilaepa Fatialofa Lupesolial Naioti Aiono Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi

1.15 – 1.25 PM Speech by UNDP Administrator
   Ms. Helen Clark

1.25 – 1.35 PM Speech by WHO Representative
   Afioga Puleleiite Dr. Shin Young-soo

1.35 – 1.37 PM Introduction of Prof. Robert Beaglehole as Moderator of interactive session by:
   Hon. Tuitama Leao Dr. Talalelei Tuitama
   Minister of Health (Chair of the Side Event)

1.37 – 2.00 PM Interactive Session including interventions from the floor by Moderator Prof. Robert Beaglehole
   - Hon. Minister of Environment and Drainage, Barbados
   - Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat
   - Secretariat of the Pacific Community
   - NCD Alliance
   - Others

2.00 – 2.15 PM Closing of the Side Event & Projecting to Dialogue Session: “APIA CHALLENGE”
   Hon. Tuitama Leao Dr. Talalelei Tuitama
   Minister of Health – SAMOA

Refreshment is provided......