17TH V20 MINISTERIAL DIALOGUE:
DEVELOPMENT AND DELIVERY IN A MULTIPOLAR WORLD

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We meet at a critical juncture under the theme "Development and Delivery in a Multipolar World." In this fragmented multipolar world, we meet against a backdrop of deep climate and fiscal distress, especially for vulnerable members.

To transition these dialogues into a genuine development partnership aligned with the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent, Samoa would like to contribute to the discussion, particularly on questions 2 and 4.

For question 2, with a strong El Niño forming, we should deploy pre-arranged standby facilities and rapid response options. Vulnerable countries require robust pre-arranged standby facilities, such as the World Bank's Cat DDO and the ADB's CDF and parametric insurance so that liquidity arrives in days when the next climate shock hits. These rapid response instruments must expand beyond natural disasters to encompass manmade systemic shocks, including energy crises and power outages caused by major physical infrastructure failures; embed national capacity building into all support through preparatory and preparedness grants.

Partnership means equipping our local workforce with the engineering, technical, and operational skills to manage their own national assets over their entire life cycle.

For question 4 on the multipolar world, Madame Chair has emphasized at UNGA 81 and the Pacific Leaders Forum in Palau that climate finance is the bridge between ambition and action.

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