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SIDS are more vulnerable than other developing countries
(all data are based on the UN’s Economic Vulnerability Index, 2012)
WHY AN UNCTAD AGENDA FOR SIDS?

Description and measurement of vulnerabilities → Special treatment: a question carefully skipped → UN action: good intentions, missed opportunities

Vulnerability is a problem → Special treatment could make resilience-building action more effective → UNCTAD’s post-Samoa agenda

SIDS more vulnerable → The "island paradox" → Resilience-building is key
Develop, financing → Market access → Support for SIDS status → Support reform of graduation rule

Establish an integr. framework for SIDS

Thank you

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