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**Supporting the resilience-building  
efforts of SIDS:  
an UNCTAD agenda**

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## **A powerful early call by member States (2010)**

**In 2010, the General Assembly called for "concrete recommendations" on "what improved and additional measures might be needed to more effectively address the unique and particular vulnerabilities and development needs of small island developing States".**

**(A/RES/65/2 of 25 September 2010, paragraph 33)**

## Member States reiteration a year later (2011)

In 2011, the Economic and Social Council, in turn, called for "independent views..." on "... what improved and additional measures might be needed to **more effectively** address the unique and particular vulnerabilities and development needs of small island developing States...".

(Resolution E/2011/44 of 5 December 2011, para. 1)

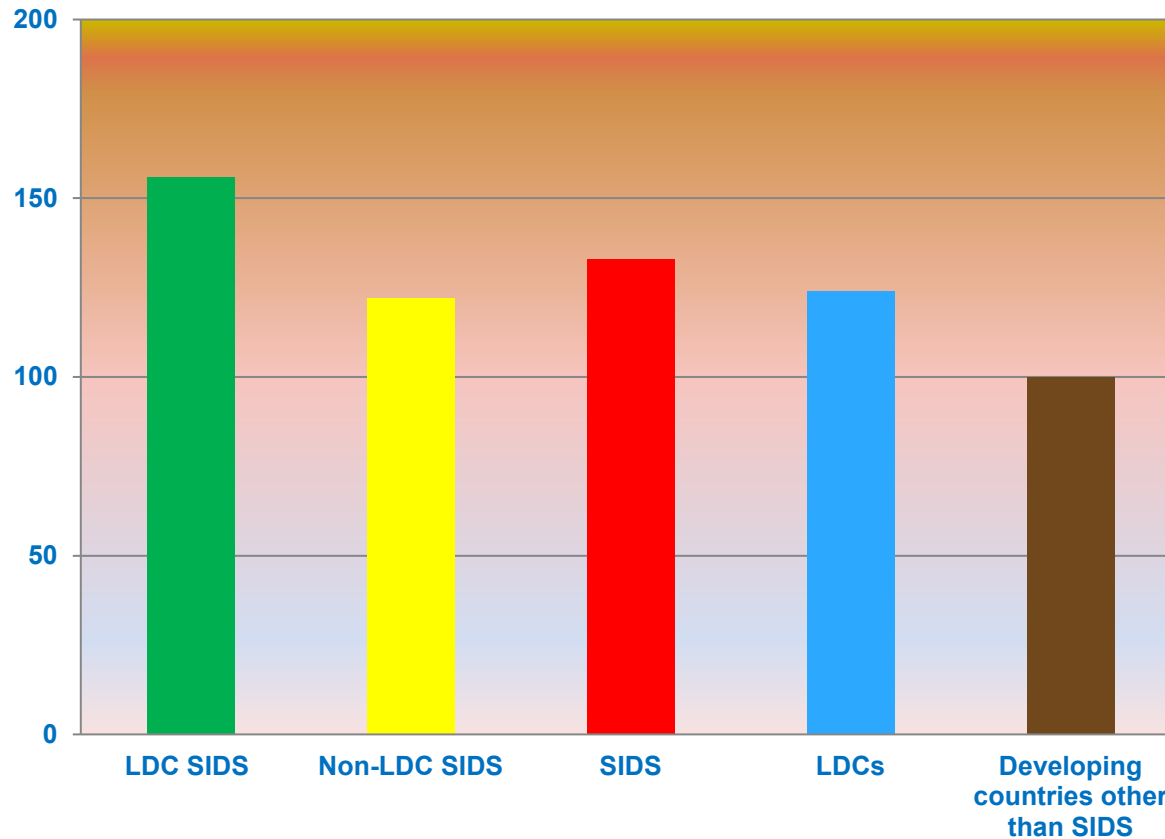
## The 2014 SAMOA Pathway

In September 2014, UN member States in Samoa reaffirmed their commitment **“to take urgent and concrete action to address the vulnerability of small island developing States... ”**. At the same time, they underscored **“the urgency of finding additional solutions to the major challenges facing small island developing States in a concerted manner...”**.

**(SAMOA Pathway, Preamble, paragraph 22)**

# SIDS are more vulnerable than other developing countries

(data based on the CDP's Economic Vulnerability Index, 2018)



## UNCTAD's supportive action at country level

1. **PCB = RB: Building productive capacities is building resilience**
2. **Country-specific vulnerability profiles: diagnosis of exposure to shocks; magnitude of shocks: Cabo Verde, Kiribati, Maldives, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Solomon Islands, Timor-Leste, Vanuatu; non-LDC SIDS**
3. **Support to enterprise creation (fostering SME creation; encouraging FDI in SIDS): Investment policy reviews; Investment guides; Empretec**
4. **Promoting innovation and trade efficiency; encouraging e-commerce; supporting trade logistics and maritime transport**
5. **Helping SIDS find trading opportunities: ocean economy; green economy; alternative specialization strategies (UNCTAD-ComSec); trade and gender**
6. **Special attention to least developed SIDS: 5 remaining LDC-SIDS**

**Thank you for your  
attention**

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