Environmental Sustainability

***SIDS contributes favorably towards Global Environmental Sustainability***

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For over 20 years, the Environmental Performance Index (EPI) has been the world’s premier scorecard for tracking country-level progress toward international sustainable development targets. It provides granular view and comparative perspective which assist in understanding the determinants of environmental progress and in refining policy choices that best address the environmental challenges. The 2016 EPI report indicates that most of the SIDS are competing favorably with the rest of the world as indicated by the SIDS’ average EPI score of 38.79 which is close to the World’s average EPI score of 38.79.Samoa had a high index of 66.33 (Wolf et al. 2022) and this indicated that it had highly invested into longstanding policies that protect the environmental health, ocean vitality and addresses climate change. However, some of the SIDS such as Aruba scored a low index of 20.35. The SIDS that are performing low in the sustainable management of the environment should therefore benchmark top performing countries like Samoa so as to understand and learn how they invest in longstanding policies that protect the environment.

**Figure 1. Environmental Sustainability in SIDS, EPI 2020**

