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1. Samoa

1.1. Development trend and forecast

After a brief expansion in 2016 led by construction and services industries as well as fisheries and tourism, the real GDP growth rate was reduced to 2.1 per cent in 2017. The 2018 and 2019 growth is projected to be 1.6 and 2.1 per cent respectively.

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Annex 1. Report of Samoa on the implementation of the smooth transition strategy

SAMOA'S SMOOTH TRANSITION STRATEGY REPORT

December 2014

Report of Samoa on the implementation of the smooth transition strategy

Samoa graduated out of LDC status on 1st January 2014. The Government decided that the best transition strategy for ensuring graduation would be to ensure that it was able to fully implement its national development strategy namely the Strategy for the Development of Samoa through the sector programming framework with subsequent sectoral resource allocation.

cycle one recovery efforts which are not completed. Given the high level of public debt* the government is able to secure 100% grant financing for the reconstruction phase and did not need to resort to concessional loans and domestic financing. 3. 50621015. 401896(a)215926722(a)458347658

Targeted scholarship programs by sector supported by bilateral partners to address capacity gaps in the key social sectors are in their final year of reporting and will be reviewed in early 2015. With an upsurge in infrastructure projects there is a ready demand for more scholarship awards in engineering fields to meet the demand in technical expertise.

Strengthening capacity of the Samoa Research Institute including recognition as an accredited professional research/testing entity is a priority to encourage and promote investment in research products developed such as

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, achieving further structural progress in the context of graduation implies creating an

