



## **2022 Annual Global Multi-Stakeholder Small Island Developing States (SIDS) Partnerships Dialogue**

**Monday, 11 July 2022 10am – 1pm**

**Trusteeship Council Chamber- UN Headquarters, New York**

***“Building back better from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) while advancing the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”.***

### **BACKGROUND**

The Annual Global Multi-Stakeholder Small Island Developing States (SIDS) Partnership Dialogue (the “Global Dialogue”) is a UN General Assembly (UNGA) mandated Event, organized under the auspices of the UNGA’s SIDS Partnerships Framework<sup>1</sup>. In recent years, the Global Dialogue has been held predominantly in the margin of the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) in New York. However, it has also been organized and held in other locations outside the United Nations Headquarters<sup>2</sup>, as well.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference on SIDS held in Apia, Samoa, in 2014, resulted in the adoption of the [SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action \(SAMOA\) Pathway](#). The Conference also saw the announcement of 300 multi-stakeholder partnerships devoted to the sustainable development of SIDS. One of the requests of the SAMOA Pathway was the establishment of the SIDS Partnership Framework, to monitor and ensure the full implementation of pledges and commitments through partnerships for SIDS, in order to promote the effective and efficient follow-up to the existing partnerships, in particular new partnerships launched at the 3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference, and to encourage new, genuine and durable partnerships for the sustainable development of SIDS.

The Framework is supported by the UN Steering Committee for SIDS Partnership, currently co-chaired by the Permanent Representatives of Samoa and Portugal to the UN,

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<sup>1</sup> See: [A/70/472/ADD.2](#) para 11(a) & (b)

<sup>2</sup> In 2018, the Global Dialogue was held in Apia, Samoa during the High-level Review of the SAMOA Pathway’s SIDS Inter-regional Meeting.



who, in early 2022, took over from the Permanent Representatives of Antigua and Barbuda and Malta, the co-chairs for the period 2020 and 2021. In consultation with the Steering Committee, the UN Secretariat, (i.e. the SIDS Unit of UN-DESA and the SIDS Sub-Programme of OHRLLS) have, since 2015, organized the Global Dialogue, providing SIDS, their development partners, and all SIDS stakeholders, including; entities of the United Nations system, international and regional organizations, major groups and other stakeholders, a global platform, to review progress of existing partnerships for SIDS; to launch new partnerships in line with SIDS priorities, to exchange lessons learned, and identify good partnering practices.

## **2022 GLOBAL DIALOGUE THEME AND FOCUS**

The theme of the 2022 Global Dialogue on Partnerships for SIDS is the same as the main theme of the 2022 High-level Political Forum (HLPF) which is: *“Building back better from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) while advancing the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”*. Attempt has also been made to align the focus of the Global Dialogue discussion with those that will be taking place under the 2022 HLPF dedicated SIDS Substantive Session on the theme: *“Building back better in vulnerable situations”, exploring how to “build international consensus on the uptake and use of the Multi-Dimensional Vulnerability Index (MVI) to give SIDS access to the support they need to build forward better in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic”*.

Moreover, the 2022 Dialogue also aims to build on the momentum from the 7<sup>th</sup> Our Ocean Conference held in Koror, Palau in April 2022 and from the 2<sup>nd</sup> UN Ocean Conference held in Lisbon, Portugal in June/July 2022. This focus will link the discussions from these two Ocean related Events together with the HLPF, which, for the 2022 session, is reviewing the implementation of SDG 14 *“Life below Water”*. In this connection, the Global Dialogue will also hear discussions on public-private partnerships in the ocean sector, on sustainable tourism, COVID-19 recovery, the blue economy, and ocean energy.

## **THE SIDS PARTNERSHIPS AWARD**

The UN General Assembly, in 2021 ([Res 76/203](#)) established the “SIDS Partnerships Award”, to recognize and reward the efforts of the best and most noteworthy, genuine and durable partnerships in the implementation of the sustainable development priorities of SIDS, consistent with the [SAMOA Pathway](#) and in line with the [SIDS Partnerships Criteria and Norms](#), in accordance with the [regulations](#)<sup>3</sup> it adopted to govern the Awards.

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<sup>3</sup> See: the Annex in [A/RES/76/203](#)

The Global Dialogue of 2022 will witness the announcement and the inaugural investiture of the SIDS Partnership Award to three partnerships in recognition of their outstanding contributions to the implementation of the sustainable development priorities SIDS, in each of the three pillars of sustainable development: the environmental, economic and social categories.

## PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Time	Agenda
10.00am-10.30am	<p><b>Opening Session</b>  <i>(This Session will hear opening remarks from the Co-Chairs of the UN Steering Committee on Partnerships for SIDS and from the UN Secretariat)</i></p> <p>Statement by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>H.E. Mr. Fatumanava-O-Upolu III Pa'olelei Luteru</b>, Permanent Representative of Samoa to the United Nations.</li> <li>• <b>H.E. Ms. Ana Paula Zacarias</b>, Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations.</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Maria Francesca Spatolisano</b>, Assistant Secretary-General, UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN-DESA)</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Heidi Schoderus-Fox</b>, Acting High Representative of Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (OHRLLS)</li> </ul>
10:30am-11:30am	<p><b>Moderated Panel Discussion</b>  <i>(This Session is a moderated panel discussion to review existing SIDS Partnerships and to encourage new ones)</i></p> <p><b>Moderated by Co-Chairs H.E. Mr. Fatumanava-O-Upolu III Pa'olelei Luteru</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms Rebecca Fabrizi</b>, Global SIDS Envoy, Government of the United Kingdom - <i>Update on the UK's new Development Strategy.</i></li> <li>• <b>Mr Achim Steiner</b> (TBC), Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme - <i>Update on UNDP's Integrated SIDS Offer "Rising Up for SIDS".</i></li> <li>• <b>Ms Emily Hosek</b>, Director, Knowledge Impact, Partnership on Sustainable Low Carbon Transport (SLoCaT) - <i>Update and Partnership Offer to SIDS.</i></li> </ul>



<p>11:30am-12:15pm</p>	<p><b>SIDS Partnerships Award</b>  <i>(This session will hear a briefing on the nomination and selection process and the formal announcement of the inaugural recipients of the 2022 SIDS Partnership Award)</i></p> <p><b>Facilitated by H.E. Ms. Ana Paula Zacarias</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation of the SIDS Partnerships Awards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Environmental Category <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Statements/Remarks by the Award Recipients</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Economic Category <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Statements/Remarks by the Award Recipients</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Social Category <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Statements/Remarks by the Award Recipients</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p>12:15pm-12:50pm</p>	<p><b>Open Interactive Discussions/Remarks/Statements</b>  <i>(This session will hear remarks from UN member States, entities of the United Nations system, international and regional organizations, major groups and other stakeholders – speakers are to press on their microphones to indicate desire to speak)</i></p> <p><b>Moderated by H.E. Mr. Fatumanava-O-Upolu III Pa'olelei Luteru</b></p>
<p>12:50pm-12:55pm</p>	<p><b>Closing Remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>H.E. Ms. Ana Paula Zacarias</b>, Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations.</li> </ul>