SIDS Partnership Framework for Action

Supporting the new decade of action for Small Island Developing States (SIDS)

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Preliminary strategies to strengthen the SIDS Partnership Framework in the next decade of action for SIDS

With insights from

1. **SIDS4 prep process,** stakeholder consultations
2. **SIDS Partnership Symposium** held in February 2024, including a survey on SIDS partnerships (open to all)
3. **Analysis the Framework** since its inception in 2015, alongside an examination of other partnership-related processes at the UN.

Upcoming

1. **Steering Committee meetings**
2. **SIDS4 Side event:** "Partnerships in the new Decade of Action for SIDS" (May 2024)

SIDS Partnership Framework

Monitor and ensure the full implementation of pledges and commitments through partnerships for SIDS and to encourage new, genuine, and durable partnerships for SIDS

Request from SAMOA Pathway, paragraph 101

SIDS Partnership Framework

- Steering Committee

- Annual Global Multi-stakeholder SIDS Partnership Dialogue

- Standardized Reporting Template

- Regional and National Dialogues

- SIDS Partnership Database

- SIDS Partnership Criteria and Norms

- SIDS Partnerships Awards

The SIDS Partnership Framework Story

Steering Committee

Leadership		
	SIDS	**Non-SIDS**
2016 - 2017	Maldives	Italy
2018 – 2019	Belize	Ireland
2020 - 2021	Antigua and Barbuda	Malta
2022 – 2023	Samoa	Portugal
2024	Palau	Ireland

Partnership Dialogues

Partnerships featured/monitored/launched

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Global	26	13	18	10	9	5	6	6	3	96
Inter-regional				19					2	21
Regional				30				20	8	58

Total 175

Other initiatives in support of SIDS partnerships

Guidance, tools, research

Capacity development

Supporting partnership building in **Samoa, Jamaica, Bahamas, Maldives, and Mauritius**

Private sector engagement

What do we need?

- Awareness & Advocacy
- Inclusivity & Strong Stakeholder Engagement
- Policy & Enabling Environment
- Capacity Development, Knowledge Sharing, & Best Practices
- Mechanisms for Catalyzing Collaborations
- UN Effectiveness & Support Structures

SIDS Partnership Framework for Action

- Underpinned by a theory of change that encompasses **six key areas**

- Rename as the **SIDS Partnership Framework for Action** to underscore its renewed commitment on actionable outcomes and impactful partnerships for SIDS

How do we get there?

1) Awareness and Advocacy

- Rename as the **SIDS Partnership Framework for Action** to underscore its renewed commitment on actionable partnerships for SIDS.

- Enhance clarity on stakeholder contributions and benefits within the Framework.

- Develop and explain various participation pathways for governments, civil society, private sector, academia, and local communities.

- Articulate a compelling value proposition of the Framework, highlighting tangible benefits like resource access, knowledge sharing, and capacity building.

2) Inclusivity and Strong Stakeholder Engagement

- Ensure civil society perspectives and recommendations are integrated into broader development efforts.

- Offer technical assistance and capacity-building support to various stakeholders.

- Provide training on partnerships, advocacy, and strategic planning.

- Advocate for allocation of resources to support civil society-led initiatives.

3) Policy and Enabling Environment

- Advocate for supportive policies, laws, standards, and incentives for partnership formation.

- Facilitate partnership identification and brokering.

- Advocate for increased financial resources dedicated to supporting sustainable development initiatives in SIDS.

- Explore innovative financing mechanisms tailored to the needs of SIDS.

How do we get there?

4) Capacity Development, Knowledge Sharing, and Best Practices

- **Global Dialogue:**

  - Expanding scope: Transform the dialogue into a comprehensive platform where stakeholders can exchange insights, share lessons learned on SIDS4 commitments,

  - Prioritizing focus areas: Shift from **individual** partnerships to **broader SIDS4 implementation**.

  - Preparatory work: assessing partnership ecosystem for select priority areas, exploring initiatives, and identifying best practices and collaboration barriers.

  - Structure it as a standalone event: Plenary dialogue with member States and stakeholders on SIDS4 implementation, side events, exhibitions, matchmaking sessions, and training workshops by various stakeholders in the margins

  - A condensed dialogue session could still be arranged within the margins of HLFP.

  - Action-oriented output: Focus on tangible outputs to drive SIDS4 implementation, including documenting solutions, partnerships, and actionable steps for scaling up efforts and collaborations.

- Organize **regional dialogues** for peer learning and exchange.

- Provide **training on effective partnerships at the national level**, including development of partnership landscape assessments.

- **Transform the SIDS Partnership Awards:** Align SIDS4 priorities, Connect with partners and potential donors, Extract learnings from Award winners to benefit broader stakeholders and enhance partnership efforts, Introduce incentives like modest seed funding to encourage greater participation and support sustainability.

- Establish an **online platform with partnership resources, best practices, guidance tools, and case studies**,

- advocate for the development of an **annual publication on SIDS partnership**
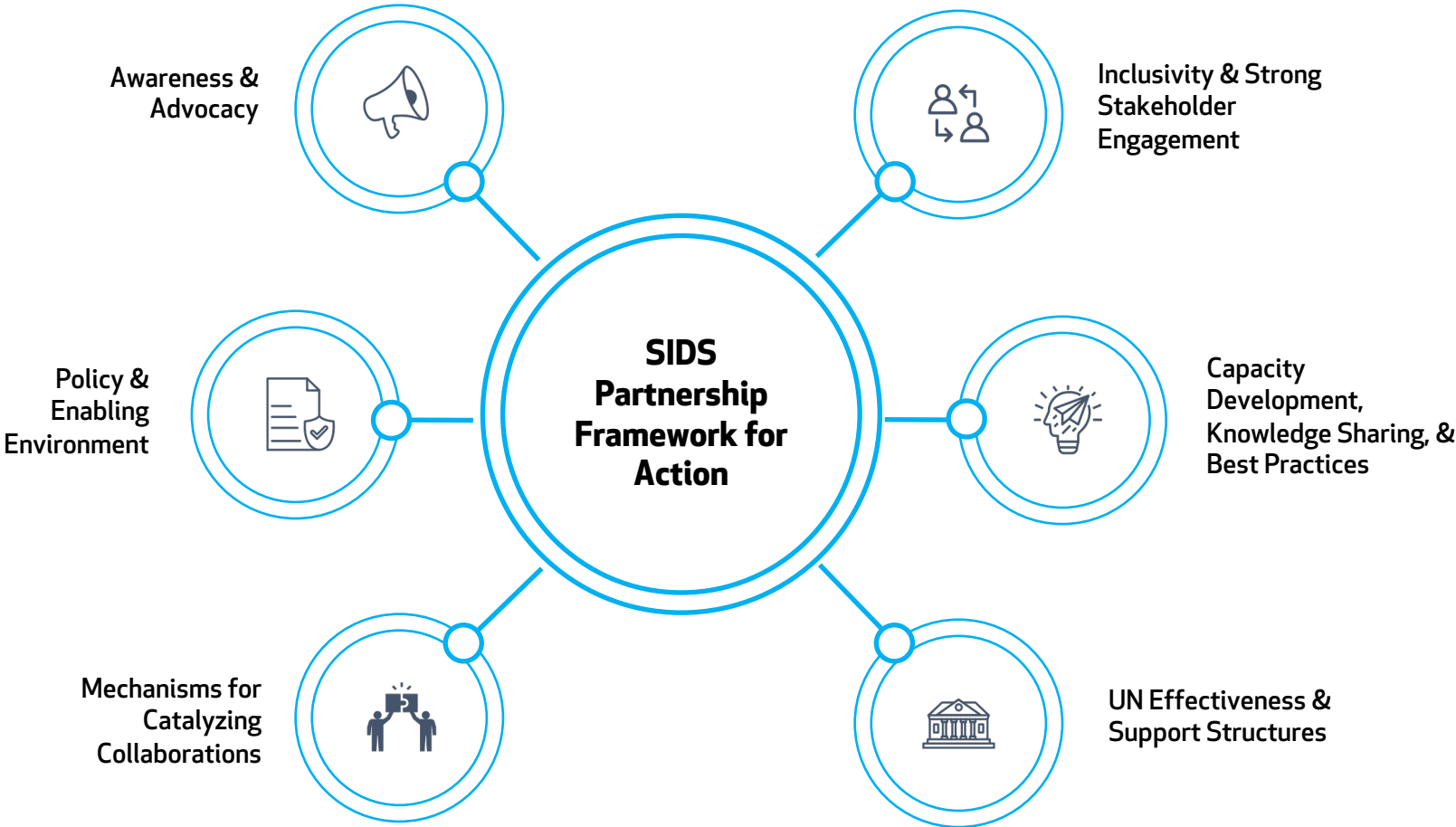
How do we get there?

5) Mechanisms for Catalyzing Collaborations

- Support the creation of centralized hubs for partnership identification and facilitation, enabling stakeholders to connect and explore collaboration opportunities.

- Ensure partnership platforms align strategically with priorities outlined in SIDS4.

- Provide tools for effective resource mobilization, including identifying funding sources and crafting compelling proposals for SIDS-specific partnerships.

6) UN Effectiveness and Support Structures

- Ensure clarity in defining and communicating the objectives, frequency, outcomes, and expected outputs of Steering Committee meetings.

- Clarify and delineate Secretariat support for SIDS partnerships to enhance coordination and effectiveness.

- Consider expanding the team within the UN Secretariat for increased capacity and efficiency.

SIDS Partnership Framework **for Action**

Awareness & Advocacy

Inclusivity & Strong Stakeholder Engagement

Policy & Enabling Environment

SIDS Partnership Framework for Action

Capacity Development, Knowledge Sharing, & Best Practices

Mechanisms for Catalyzing Collaborations

UN Effectiveness & Support Structures

Any decision regarding adjustments to the SIDS Partnership Framework **rests solely with UN Member State.**

The strategies presented are intended **solely to inform discussions on the subject**.

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