

QUESTIONNAIRE

Implementation of the SAMOA Pathway for the Sustainable Development of SIDS

Please note that **strict word limits** have been established for each question. In this regard, you are requested to report only on new or updated information. Previous surveys can be accessed at <https://sidsnetwork.org/> under reports.

1. Legal/Policy/Institutional Arrangements for SIDS and/or the implementation of the SAMOA Pathway¹

Does your entity/organization/government have a SIDS Strategy? If not, are there any plans to establish one, including with the appropriate resources for implementation. **(500 words)**

Kindly refer to the Questionnaire submitted last year (2020), as there haven't been any strategic adjustments since.

2. Financial Arrangements

Please give an indication of the budget allocated to the SAMOA Pathway programme areas in your government/organization/entity, if applicable, for the period Jan. - Dec. 2021 or the fiscal cycle that best fits this period. If the priority areas cannot squarely fit this chart, please report as closely as you can.

| Priorities | Investment (USD) | Budget Allocation | FY/ Cycle/ Period |
|--|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Sustainable, inclusive and equitable economic growth | \$240.700,00 | | 2021 |
| Climate Change | € 350.000 | | 2021 |
| Sustainable Energy | \$1.550.200,00 | | 2021 |
| Disaster Risk Reduction | | | |
| Oceans and Seas | | | |

¹ This question seeks to examine the extent to which each respondent mainstreamed SIDS and the Samoa Pathway into co-operation frameworks, programmes and activities, national development plans etc, to ensure effective follow-up and implementation at regional and national levels in SIDS.

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| Food Security and Nutrition | | | |
| Water and Sanitation | | | |
| Sustainable Transportation | \$ 84.300,00 ² | | 2021 |
| Sustainable Consumption and Production | | | |
| Chemical and Waste management | | | |
| Health and NCDs | | | |
| Gender Equality | \$ 13.600,00 | | 2021 |
| Social Development | | | |
| Biodiversity | | | |
| Means of Implementation | | | |
| Other | | | |
| Total | \$ 1.888.800,00+ € 350.000 | | 2021 |

Some sustainable energy related data in the table above refer to global or regional investments that include investments in SIDS, but are not specifically dedicated to SIDS. Data to compute the budget allocation share are not available.

Austria contributes to the Green Climate Fund, which supports projects for SIDS.

3. Enhanced Support for a resilient Post COVID 19 Recovery in SIDS

Overcoming the economic fallout of the pandemic and regaining growth momentum in SIDS will require **robust, practical, tailored** and **impactful** solutions not only to keep SIDS afloat but also for the successful implementation of the SAMOA Pathway, the Paris Agreement and the 2030 Agenda. Please elaborate on any proposed resilience building interventions/programmes for implementation in SIDS that are to be pursued over the remaining period of the SAMOA Pathway. **(500 words)**

The Austrian Development Cooperation provides support to SIDS primarily in the framework of its support to the Global Network of Regional Sustainable Energy Centres (GN-SEC) Platform, notably the regional centres in the ECOWAS (ECREEE), CARICOM (CCREEE), SICA (SICREEE) and Pacific (PCREEE) regions. Currently two new contribution agreements are being concluded with the PCREEE (2021 – 2025) and the CCREEE (2021 –

² Allocated to the “Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency for Sustainable Mobility Programme” of the Pacific Centre for Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency (PCREEE).

2023). Resilience building interventions are inherent to the Centres' programmes to promote renewable energy deployment and enhance energy efficiency. To mention a few examples: The CCREEE is working with CARICOM Member States to build resilience in the electricity sector through the development of Integrated Resource and Resilience Plans (IRRP), being a key component of CCREEE's Climate Resilience Programme.

Mainstreaming climate resilience is anchored in PCREEE's capacity building framework, in order to increase the capacity of stakeholders to include climate resilience into renewable energy & energy efficiency policies and projects, and to strengthen climate resilience of energy infrastructure.

Both CCREEE and PCREEE are working on establishing project preparation support facilities that aim to support private and public sector project developers in achieving bankability stage. Other activities are designed to improve the energy performance and thereby strengthen the resilience and competitiveness of the private sector.

4. Financing for Sustainable Development in SIDS

The road to recovery post-COVID-19 will be challenging for SIDS. They will need new strategies and financial instruments to mobilize adequate resources for recovery and reconstruction. Please elaborate on any proposed/planned programmes that will be delivered to reduce risks and build resilience in SIDS, and/or that alleviate the liquidity and debt vulnerability challenges facing SIDS (**500 words**)

The European Union - beyond its role as a leading development and humanitarian partner – has helped to shape the G20-Paris Club **Debt Service Suspension Initiative (DSSI)**. In 2020, 43 countries benefitted from US\$5.7 billion (0.5% of GDP) in debt service suspension from this initiative. Austria attaches great importance to strengthening partner countries capacities in debt management.

With regard to the fight against the Covid-19 pandemic Austria as a member of "Team Europe" actively supports the efforts of strengthening a coordinated health response and distributing Covid-19 vaccines in an equitable manner.

The "Team Europe" commitments for external response to COVID-19 amount to more than 40 billion EUR so far.

Austria has made contributions to two major global funds to support countries in the COVID-19 pandemic, notably the **UN COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund** with **2.7 million EUR** and the **Gavi COVAX AMC Facility** with **2.4 million EUR**. SIDS are among the beneficiary countries of both funds.