

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)**

Within the International Maritime Organization (IMO) there is an ongoing informal dialogue between ambitious member states where many Pacific countries also take part.

After working together in an informal coalition focused on GHG reductions from shipping, a partnership for mutual cooperation and technical assistance was signed in 2017. The informal coalition was created to ensure that shipping contributes towards the temperature goals of the Paris Agreement, namely to keep global temperatures well below 2° C above pre-industrial levels and pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5°C. This coalition was built from a cooperation between a number of, amongst others, European and Pacific states to make sure that ambitious submissions are made to the IMO on the subject of GHG emission reductions, based on scientific evidence and progressive and inclusive debates with all members of the coalition. This partnership is especially aimed at working together towards a strategic and collaborative relationship, in particular regarding work on GHG emission reductions from shipping within the IMO and explore further ways of collaboration between both administrations.

At the end of 2017 and as a result of this partnership agreement, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the Solomon Islands, Belgium and IMO. The aim of this Memorandum of Understanding is to provide training to civil servants of the Solomon Islands Maritime Authority (SIMA) in order to enhance their capacity and knowledge to deal with the transition of the maritime sector into .

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.

The programmes between the Belgian Region of Flanders and SIDS (cfr report 2020) are still ongoing. For example, in 2020, a number of online Pacific SIDS regional meetings, in the framework of the IOC Ocean Infohub, were held. The PacMAN project connects with the SIDS through the University of South Pacific in Suva, Fiji.

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			
Climate Change			
Sustainable Energy			
Disaster Risk Reduction			
Oceans and Seas			
Food Security and Nutrition			
Water and Sanitation			
Sustainable Transportation		\$406.504	2018-
Sustainable Consumption and Production			
Chemical and Waste management			
Health and NCDs			
Gender Equality			
Social Development			
Biodiversity			
Means of Implementation			
Other			
Total			

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 a **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)**

This is included in the training provided via IMO. With the vision of empowerment the Solomon Islands have a strong say in the priorities that are set in providing training via IMO.

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)**