

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)

UNIDO has received direct requests from several SIDS Member States for technical assistance to address their respective development challenges, including but not limited to: waste management; development and utilization of renewable energy; export promotion through diversification and compliance with international standards and quality infrastructure; building resilience to environmental shocks; mobilizing development finance; agribusiness and fisheries; institution building and industrial policy development. Against this background and in line with UNIDO's previous cooperation with SIDS, UNIDO formulated "UNIDO's Small Island Developing States Strategy 2019-2025", which was endorsed by Member States during UNIDO's General Conference in November 2019.

The SIDS strategy serves as UNIDO's guiding framework to steer results-based interventions and cooperation with SIDS for the achievement of Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development (ISID), in line with UNIDO's mandate as SDG 9 custodian agency. The strategy will also support the prioritization of efforts, and the coordination of these efforts with development partners, in particular within the United Nations Development System.

To effectively address SIDS' vulnerabilities and achieve its objectives, UNIDO's approach to SIDS builds upon a number of defining principles. These include an increased focus on integrated multi-disciplinary interventions, multi-country regional interventions, and multi-stakeholder partnerships. All three principles are aimed at ensuring thematic comprehensiveness, regional convergence and coherence of interventions. To facilitate operationalization, the SIDS strategy identifies the means of, and a roadmap for, implementation.

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.

To operationalize the implementation of the strategy, UNIDO constituted a SIDS task force comprising of members from all relevant UNIDO department. The main objective of the task force is to facilitate information sharing and ensure a coherent and joint approach towards the activities outlined in UNIDO's roadmap for the SIDS strategy.

In terms of advocacy, a dedicated [SIDS webpage](#) has been created on UNIDO website, as a one-stop shop for all SIDS-related UNIDO interventions.

Furthermore, UNIDO has developed a project to support the SIDS strategy and financed it from the organization's Regular Programme of Technical Cooperation. The project serves to coordinate UNIDO's efforts and actions in SIDS by facilitating regional partnerships, enhanced resource flows and by identifying innovative approaches to SIDS coverage in the context of the UN's move towards multi-country offices (MCOs). Moreover, under this project UNIDO is organizing a number of webinars and online discussions to address some of the most pressing development challenges faced by SIDS, such as ICT adoption, green energy, e-mobility, investment promotion, etc.

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.

34 of the United Nations' 38 Small Island Developing States (SIDS) are Member States of UNIDO. In 2019, Antigua and Barbuda and the Federated States of Micronesia joined the organization.

The number of projects in SIDS shows a slightly decreasing trajectory, as currently 37 country and regional-level Technical Cooperation (TC) projects are being implemented by UNIDO in 14 SIDS, down from 42 projects in 16 SIDS listed in the last report.

The overall budget allocation for UNIDO's portfolio in SIDS amounts to \$ 49.156.593 and the expenditures for 2021 are estimated at around \$ 11.5 million. The expenditures for 2020 totalled \$ 9.290.778. In 2020, compared to the forecasted implementation rate, a slowdown can be observed, mostly due to the difficulties in carrying out activities due to lockdowns and travel bans.

UNIDO's action is focused on four priority areas of the SAMOA Pathway document, namely: (1) Sustainable, inclusive and equitable economic growth; (2) Climate Change; (3) Sustainable Energy; and (4) Means of Implementation. Being designed as multidisciplinary interventions, these projects have positive spillovers on other priority areas of the SAMOA Pathway. In particular, many of the projects listed under the priority "Climate change" relate to the reduction of POPs, HCFCs and mercury – thus having a clear impact on the priority

“Chemical and Waste management”.

Priorities	Investment 2020 (USD)	Budget Allocation	FY/ Cycle/ Period
Sustainable, inclusive and equitable economic growth – 11 projects	\$3.488.794	\$ 18.068.123	2020
Climate Change – 7 projects	\$ 703.342	\$ 9.290.574	2020
Sustainable Energy – 12 projects	\$ 5.030.298	\$ 20.913.962	2020
Disaster Risk Reduction			
Oceans and Seas			
Food Security and Nutrition			
Water and Sanitation			
Sustainable Transportation			
Sustainable Consumption and Production			
Chemical and Waste management			
Health and NCDs			
Gender Equality			
Social Development			
Biodiversity			
Means of Implementation – 7 projects	\$68.344	\$ 883.933	2020
Other			
Total	\$9.290.778	\$49.156.593	

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)

As part of its COVID-19 response and in line with its commitment to the SAMOA Pathway, UNIDO has launched a regional project “Fostering regional coordination in aquaculture value chains for productive employment generation in Latin America and the Caribbean” aiming at contributing to economic recovery and to building resilience in the region, targeting productive sectors that are sustainable, have great growth potential and have a positive impact on employment. Two SIDS, Cuba and the Dominican Republic, are key beneficiaries of the project.

Moreover, UNIDO has been supporting its Member States, including SIDS (e.g. Cuba), in preventing the spread of the corona virus by providing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and by helping raising public awareness about the importance of PPEs.

In addition, a number of pipeline initiatives that may contribute to Cuba’s recovery in the aftermath of the pandemic are being analyzed as part of UNIDO’s strategic Country Programme Cuba 2021-2025, currently in formulation, including a pipeline project to support the production of Cuban vaccines against COVID-19, building upon UNIDO’s continuous support to Cuba in the achievement of a strong domestic pharmaceutical and biotechnological industry since the late 1970s.

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)

UNIDO, as a specialized agency with a specific mandate, is tackling the COVID-19 crisis putting an emphasis on manufacturing recovery, SMEs support and resilience building. UNIDO’s framework *Responding to the crisis: building a better future*, published in May 2020 in alignment with the United Nations framework, outlines the UNIDO approach face to the pandemic. It is based on clear country needs and involves partners, such as the business sector, international financial institutions, and funding partners. Being a corporate programmatic framework, it is not directly targeted to SIDS specifically, encompassing all UNIDO Member States.

Assistance is provided within the mandate of UNIDO and in line with its four core functions of technical cooperation, policy analysis and advice, norms and standards, and convening and partnerships. The framework outlines three integrated packages to support Member

States with comprehensive socio-economic recovery approaches:(a)“Prepare and contain” to support the preparation for the health crisis and containing its economic consequences, and to protect supply chains, the productive sector and its workers;(b)“Respond and adapt” to support the adaptation of the productive sector to respond to the crisis, utilizing inclusive and sustainable solutions, and building resilience;(c)“Recover and transform” to support the recovery and transformation towards inclusive, resilient and sustainable economies. UNIDO aims to provide a holistic approach for a transition into low-carbon economies through circular industrialization plans and solutions for environmentally sustainable economic recovery.

To provide few concrete examples, UNIDO- backed Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency of the SICA countries (SICREEE), in the Caribbean region (CCREEE), in the Pacific region (PCREEE) and in Western African SIDS (ECREEE) work towards the development of an integrated and inclusive regional market on RE&EE products and services and the delivery of cleantech programmes, as part of the wider Global Network of Regional Sustainable Energy Centres (GN-SEC). Their services have been reinforced throughout the COVID-19 pandemic as renewable energy and clean technologies are essential to build back better. In the framework of the CCREEE, UNIDO - in partnership with the Barbados Investment and Development Corporation (BIDC) and the Global Environment Facility (GEF) - launched the first BLOOM Cleantech Residential Incubation Programme in Barbados to provide business advisory services in project financing, market research, innovation management and product commercialization, as well as individual coaching and financial support for the innovative startups and entrepreneurs.

For the economic recovery of SIDS in the Caribbean region, investments will be of great importance. To this end, UNIDO is providing technical support to the Dominican Republic to improve the country’s current FDI monitoring capacities as well as its investment facilitation, among others. Furthermore, UNIDO’s continued efforts to explore collaboration with the Caribbean Export Development Agency (CEDA) and the Caribbean Association of Investment Promotion Agencies (CAIPA) on the identification of potential joint investment promotion related activities in a bid to promote the Caribbean as a prime destination for intra and extra-regional investment, may also contribute to the region’s recovery.