

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)**

WIPO Input: (Reporting period: 2020-2021)

The WIPO Development Agenda, established by its Member States in 2007, ensures that development considerations form an integral part of the Organization's work. The Development Agenda places an emphasis on strengthening the capacity of developing countries and least developed countries (LDCs), including small island developing states (SIDS), to use the intellectual property system as a contributing factor for their sustainable development and economic growth. In this context, WIPO has been providing technical assistance to SIDS through its various divisions and sectors depending on the areas of cooperation and the needs of the beneficiary countries. Currently, the Division for LDCs of WIPO acts as its focal point for coordination of the activities of the Organization that contribute to the implementation of the SAMOA Pathway.

During the reporting period, there has been a continued progress in WIPO's technical cooperation programs and activities delivered to SIDS, as follows:

- *A substantial part of WIPO's technical assistance to LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS has focused on **capacity building and skills development**. Also, the implementation of a number of **technical assistance projects** were continued in SIDS in the areas of technological capacity building, innovation eco-system, branding, copyright in creative industries, traditional knowledge, institutional IP policy and others².*

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.

² Project-based Training and Mentoring Program on Intellectual Property for Women Entrepreneurs from Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IPLCs) in Belize, Fiji and Papua New Guinea in 2019-2020; Appropriate IPR protection regime for 'genetic resources/biological resources' in Kiribati 2020; OECS Project on the Strategic Use of IP by producer groups and exporters of agro-business sector in Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica,

- *WIPO assists Member States in developing and implementing **national IP policies and strategies (NIPS)** aimed at creating enabling conditions for generating economically valuable IP assets and exploiting innovations, new technologies and the works of creativity. Currently, out of 38 SIDS, 17 of them have adopted and are in the process of implementing NIPS.*
- *In addition to providing access to critical scientific and technological information resources through its programs on **Access to Research and Development Information (ARDI)** and **Access to Specialized Patent Information (ASPI)**, WIPO has been supporting the use of these resources by helping establish the networks of **Technology and Innovation Support Centres (TISCs)** in numerous countries around the world. By 2021, the number of SIDS that received access to ARDI has reached 30, whereas 29 SIDS benefit from ASPI Programs. By 2021, four SIDS have TISCs networks established by WIPO, whereas six of them are under the process of establishing such centres.*
- *In response to the **COVID-19 pandemic**, WIPO has developed tools to assist scientists, researchers and policymakers in finding solutions to the challenges posed by COVID-19. For instance, COVID-19 Glossary, which contains key concepts related to the COVID-19 pandemic, in the fields of biology, medicine and public health. It provides easy access to definitions, multilingual equivalents in ten languages, contexts and concept maps, as well patents containing these terms. A search facility, COVID-19 Index of PATENTSCOPE database provides easy access to patent information related to the detection, prevention, and treatment of diseases such as the novel coronavirus. Moreover, COVID-19 IP policy tracker provides information on measures adopted by IP offices in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.*

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.

Grenada, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia and St. Vincent and the Grenadines since 2020; Project for Virtual Training Course on Technology Transfer and IP Commercialization for Latin America and the Caribbean; Project on Raising the awareness of national SMEs support institutions on the importance of IP, empowering them with IP knowledge to advise/coach SMEs on the effective use and management of IP tools to enhance their competitiveness for Barbados, Belize, Jamaica, St. Lucia and Trinidad and Tobago 2020; Projects on Copyright Management Organization (CMO) with training and workshops for Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Jamaica, Saint Kitts And Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and The Grenadines, Trinidad And Tobago in 2019-2020; Accessible Books Consortium Projects in Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Seychelles and Trinidad and Tobago in 2020.

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			
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)

***WIPO input:** The SAMOA Pathway places a strong emphasis on access by SIDS to appropriate reliable, affordable, modern and environmentally sound technologies, as well as on promoting the development of science, technology and innovation as essential enablers and drivers for sustainable development.*

However, the innovation performance and technological capacity in most of SIDS remains

relatively low. Most importantly, similar to LDCs, many SIDS are still not ready to adopt and successfully apply technologies for addressing their socio-economic development challenges and for structural transformation.

The Covid-19 pandemic poses multiple challenges to all countries, including SIDS. Science, innovation and technology can offer effective and sustainable solutions. Therefore, capacity building for science, technology and innovation should be among the key substantive areas of focus for building resilience in SIDS and assisting them in post-pandemic recovery. Thus, delivering more development-oriented projects and support activities for SIDS in these areas remain vital for their sustainable development, given their unique and particular vulnerabilities.

WIPO's projects on Appropriate Technology implemented in cooperation with national partners seek to move beyond merely providing access to knowledge, and explore the possibilities of effectively delivering appropriate technologies to the people, communities and organizations in LDCs. The implementation of the Appropriate Technology Project has been successfully completed in the two phases between 2010 and 2017 in six LDCs of Africa and Asia Pacific. Thus, those SIDS, which are facing similar needs like LDCs, can also benefit from these projects.

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**)