



# 2023 Global Multi-Stakeholder Small Island Developing States Partnership Dialogue

*Partnerships for and beyond the fourth International Conference on SIDS*

**Tuesday 11 July 2023, 10:00am – 1:00pm, Conference Room 3**

## Overview

The Global Multi-Stakeholder Small Island Developing States (SIDS) Partnership Dialogue (the “Global Dialogue”) will be held on 11 July 2023, co-organized by the co-chairs of the Steering Committee on partnerships for SIDS - Permanent Representatives of Portugal and Samoa to the United Nations, UN DESA and OHRLLS in the margins of the 2023 High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) with the theme of “Accelerating the recovery from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at all levels”.<sup>1</sup> The Global Dialogue is a UN General Assembly (UNGA) mandated event, organized under the auspices of the UNGA’s SIDS Partnership Framework. In recent years, the Global Dialogue has been held predominantly in the margin of the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) in New York. The Global Dialogue this year will discuss effective ways to enhance the enabling environment to drive transformative collaboration in SIDS, as well as how the SIDS Partnership Framework could be strengthened under next programme of action for SIDS beyond 2024.

## Background

The Third International Conference on SIDS (2014) with the overarching theme of “The sustainable development of small island developing States through genuine and durable partnership”, resulted in the adoption of the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway. The Conference also saw the announcement of 300 multi-stakeholder partnerships devoted to the sustainable development of SIDS. The SIDS Partnership Framework, requested through the SAMOA Pathway and formally established in December 2015 by General Assembly resolution 70/202<sup>2</sup>, is a broad multi-stakeholder platform that provides opportunities for reviewing progress made by existing

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<sup>1</sup> HLPF 2023: <https://hlpf.un.org/2023>

<sup>2</sup> General Assembly resolution 70/202 Follow-up to and implementation of the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway and the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, available from [undocs.org/en/A/RES/70/202](https://undocs.org/en/A/RES/70/202)

partnerships, sharing of good practices, lessons learned and challenges and solutions from SIDS partnerships in the implementation of sustainable development agendas including the SAMOA Pathway. The SIDS Partnership Framework includes a member States driven Steering Committee on partnerships for SIDS and the organization of an annual action-oriented and results-focused Global Multi-stakeholder SIDS Partnership Dialogue.

The analysis on Partnerships for SIDS (2019), conducted during the Mid-Term Review of the Samoa Pathway, noted that common partnership challenges across the three regions included lack of: sustainable financing; capacity (human and institutional); enabling environment dictated by the national social and political context; enabling conditions for the participation of all stakeholders in partnerships; commitment to ensure that the right people with the right expertise are involved in each partnership; trust between partners; strong institutional, legal and governance structures.<sup>3</sup>

The fourth International Conference on Small Island Developing States (2024 SIDS Conference) will be held in Antigua and Barbuda in 2024, a once in a decade opportunity for transformational change to support SIDS. The member States decided that the Conference assess the progress to date and the remaining gaps and challenges in the implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action, the Mauritius Strategy and the SAMOA Pathway, including the SIDS Partnership Framework. They also called for identification of new and emerging challenges and opportunities for the sustainable development of SIDS as well as ways and means to address them including through the strengthening of collaborative partnerships between SIDS and the international community.<sup>4</sup>

This Global Dialogue is intended to provide an opportunity for participants to explore ways to overcome the above-mentioned challenges and the potential role that the SIDS Partnership Framework could play to in filling-in gaps, as well as how the Framework could be renewed to foster effective multi-stakeholder partnerships to support SIDS' efforts to achieve sustainable development in the new action agenda that will be agreed in the 2024 SIDS Conference. To have a focused discussion the Global Dialogue will be convened in line with the theme of the HLPF and around the SDGs that are being reviewed at the HLPF: Goals 6 on clean water and sanitation, 7 on affordable and clean energy, 9 on industry, innovation, and infrastructure, 11 on sustainable cities and communities, and 17 on partnerships for the Goals.

In addition, the second edition of the UN SIDS Partnerships Awards ceremony will also be held during the Global Dialogue to recognize and reward the efforts of the best and most noteworthy, genuine and durable partnerships in the implementation of the SAMOA Pathway. The SIDS Partnerships Awards are given in each of the three dimensions of sustainable development: 1) economic, 2) social and 3) environment.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> UNDESA, 2019. Partnerships for SIDS, available from [https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/content/documents/24591SIDS\\_Partnerships\\_May\\_2019\\_web.pdf](https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/content/documents/24591SIDS_Partnerships_May_2019_web.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> General Assembly resolution 77/245, Follow-up to and implementation of the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway and the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, A/RES/77/245 (30 December 2022), available from [undocs.org/en/A/RES/77/245](https://undocs.org/en/A/RES/77/245)

<sup>5</sup> as stipulated in the Article 2 sub-paragraph 1 of the Annex of the resolution 76/203

## Provisional Programme

Time	Session
10:00 AM -10:30 AM	<p><b>Opening segment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• H.E. Mr. Fatumanava-o-Upolu III Pa'olelei Luteru, Permanent Representative of Samoa to the United Nations</li> <li>• H.E. Ms. Ana Paula Zacarias, Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations</li> <li>• Mr. Li Junhua, Under-Secretary-General, UNDESA</li> <li>• Ms. Rabab Fatima, High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States</li> </ul>
10:30 AM -11:30 AM	<p><b>High-level panel dialogue – Enhancing the enabling environment to drive transformative collaboration in SIDS</b></p> <p><u>Facilitated by:</u> The Co-Chairs of the Steering Committee on partnerships for SIDS</p> <p><u>Panelists:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• H.E. Mr. François Jackman, Permanent Representative of Barbados to the United Nations</li> <li>• H.E. Mr. Silvio Gonzato, Ambassador and Deputy Head of Delegation, Office of the Head of the Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations</li> <li>• Mr. Darian Stibbe, Executive Director, The Partnership Initiative and judging panel member for the SIDS Partnerships Awards 2022-2023</li> </ul> <p>Interactive discussion</p> <p><i>5 minutes per group; 3 minutes per country</i></p> <p><u>Guiding questions:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What are the factors of an enabling environment that drive effective collaboration and multi-stakeholder partnerships towards sustainable development in SIDS?</li> </ol>

	<p>2. How can we strengthen the means of implementation through effective collaboration of multi-stakeholders including the private sector?</p> <p>3. How can we ensure sustainability of multi-stakeholder partnerships in SIDS?</p>
<p>11:30 AM- 12:00 PM</p>	<p><b>UN SIDS Partnerships Awards Ceremony</b></p> <p><u>Facilitated by:</u> The Co-Chairs of the Steering Committee on partnerships for SIDS</p> <p>Economic Category</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remarks by the Award Recipient</li> </ul> <p>Environmental Category</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remarks by the Award Recipient</li> </ul> <p>Social Category</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remarks by the Award Recipient</li> </ul>
<p>12:00 PM - 12:55 PM</p>	<p><b>Open dialogue - The Future of the SIDS Partnership Framework</b></p> <p>A key request from the outcome of the 2014 Third International Conference on SIDS - the SAMOA Pathway - was the establishment of the SIDS Partnership Framework, designed to monitor progress of existing, and stimulate the launch of new, genuine and durable partnerships for the sustainable development of SIDS.</p> <p>Guided by a member States driven Steering Committee, the framework has since its launch ensured that SIDS partnerships have remained high on the UN’s agenda, providing a multi-stakeholder platform for reviewing progress made by SIDS partnerships, and for sharing of good practices and lessons learned among all stakeholders, on an annual basis.</p> <p><u>Facilitated by:</u> The Co-Chairs of the Steering Committee on partnerships for SIDS</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Mami Mizutori, Special Representative of the Secretary General for Disaster Risk Reduction, Head of the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Alain Wilfried Biya, Permanent Observer for the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) to the United Nations</li> </ul> <p>Interactive discussion</p> <p><i>5 minutes per group; 3 minutes per country</i></p> <p><u>Guiding questions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are the lessons learned from the SIDS Partnership Framework during its 9 years of operations (2015-2023)?</li> <li>• How can the SIDS Partnership Framework stimulate effective partnerships for the sustainable development of SIDS in the new programme of action for SIDS beyond 2024, in particular, to address challenges faced by partnerships?</li> <li>• How can we leverage synergies of other networks and initiatives, including the SIDS Global Business Network, to enhance coherence and support the objectives of the SIDS Partnership Framework?</li> </ul>
<p>12:57 PM - 01:00 PM</p>	<p><b>Closing segment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Co-Chairs of the Steering Committee on partnerships for SIDS</li> </ul>