



Small Island Developing States Partnership Criteria and Norms

A genuine and durable partnership for Small Island Developing States (SIDS) is one that strive to follow the SIDS Partnership SMART criteria¹:

- SIDS-Specific
- Measurable and monitorable
- Achievable & Accountable
- Resource-based & results focused
- Timeline for implementation & transparency by all parties

SIDS-Specific

Partnerships that advance the implementation of priority areas of the SAMOA Pathway and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for SIDS, the Sendai Framework and other SIDS specific mandates, are aligned with national development priorities, brings positive impact and benefits to SIDS while being globally accepted, and recognize the vulnerabilities and opportunities that are unique to SIDS.

Measurable and Monitorable

Partnerships that have clear set of goals, objectives, outputs and outcomes, have a clearly built in and defined monitoring and evaluation framework with the purpose of assessing progress of implementation and its intended impact on beneficiaries, is knowledge and research-based, have clear baselines, targets and indicators of achievement linked to Samoa Pathway priority areas and the SDGs, and generate appropriate data for monitoring and evaluation.

Achievable & Accountable

Partnerships that are realistically designed to fulfil their objectives, includes a governance structure that is inclusive and participatory of all partners, relevant stakeholders and beneficiaries, has support, ownership and buy in of all partners, is based on mutual trust from all its stakeholders; and provides to partners and relevant stakeholders, on a regular

¹ See Small Island Developing States Partnership Toolbox (2019), SIDS Partnership Criteria and Norms: https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/content/documents/24009SIDS_Partnership_Toolbox.pdf#page=60

basis, as appropriate, through the SIDS Action Platform, the SIDS Global Business Network platform, or other means, effective communication of plans, results from monitoring and evaluation of impact, lessons learned, and provide opportunities to enhance peer learning, sharing of experiences and lessons learned between partners, beneficiaries and other stakeholders, and provide for evaluation to allow for the replication of successful partnerships.

Resource-based & results focused

Partnerships that are based on predictable and sustained resources for their implementation, include the mobilization of new resources and, where relevant, result in the transfer of technology to, and capacity-building in, SIDS, have the appropriate and effective human resources capacity, have demonstrable and, if where relevant, tangible, results that are verified by relevant stakeholders, and identifies the beneficiaries of, and evaluate impact from, the partnership.

Timeline for implementation & transparency by all parties

Partnerships that have clear start and end dates, sets timelines for its deliverables, clearly defined roles for its partners and stakeholders; and have publicly available, such as through a website, information on its governance structure, procedures, partner composition, and results.

Partnerships that engage, as appropriate, with the Steering Committee on Partnerships for SIDS, and the annual Global Multi-Stakeholder SIDS Partnership Dialogue, for the sharing of good practices, lessons learned and challenges and solutions from SIDS partnerships, and launch, and register in the SIDS Action Platform, new partnerships for SIDS, in line with their priorities.

Partnerships that submit a progress report, using the established partnership reporting template, through the SIDS Action Platform once a year until completion of its activities, to include information on overall status, achievements, challenges, best practices, impact for its beneficiaries.