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**FOSTERING CARIBBEAN SIDS-SIDS
PEER-LEARNING & COOPERATION
ON DATA SOLUTIONS FOR NATURE**

***FROM SHARED CHALLENGES TO
COMMON OPPORTUNITIES***



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Ocean/Nature & Data through **SIDS-SIDS** lenses

1/ Unique **Common** SIDS' Features and Development **Challenges**

2/ From Shared Challenges to **Shared Opportunities**

3/ Seizing Opportunities through SIDS-SIDS **Cooperation**



1/ Unique **Common** SIDS' Features and Development **Challenges**

- **Small** sizes, small population (30)
- **Dependence** on trade and travel (30)
- **Narrow** resource-based economies
- geographical and economic **isolation (29)**
- - **High cost** of transport, communication and energy
- **Extreme vulnerability** to climate change & natural hazards
- Fragility of island **ecosystems** (endemism)
- **Debt** situation
- lack of access to concessional **financing** (for non LDC SIDS)

S.A.M.O.A Pathway:

“SIDS are as **special case** for Sustainable Development”

Deepening **gaps in means of implementation**, including a.o. data

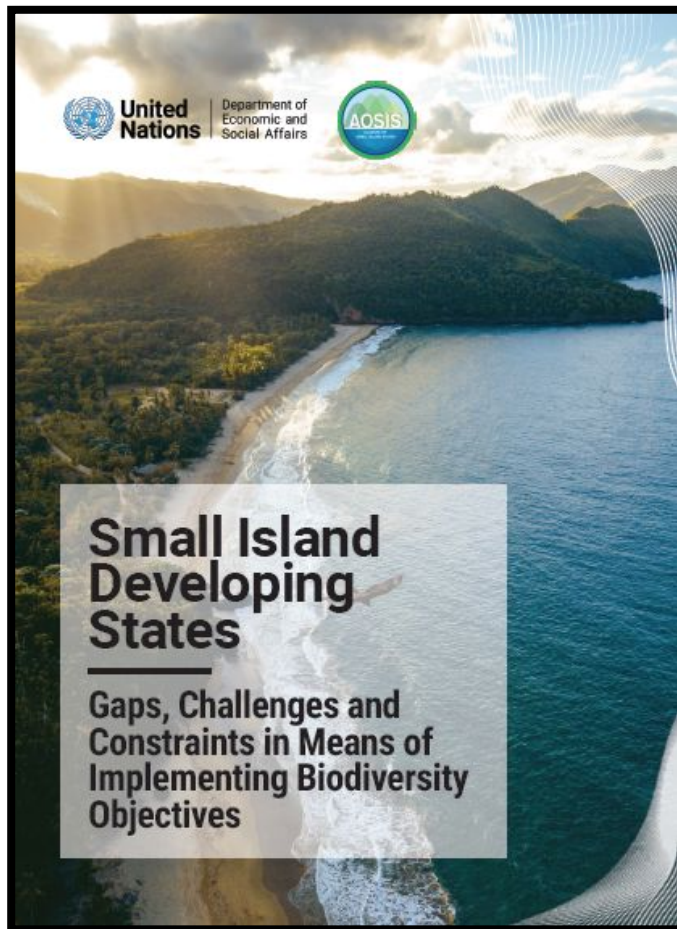




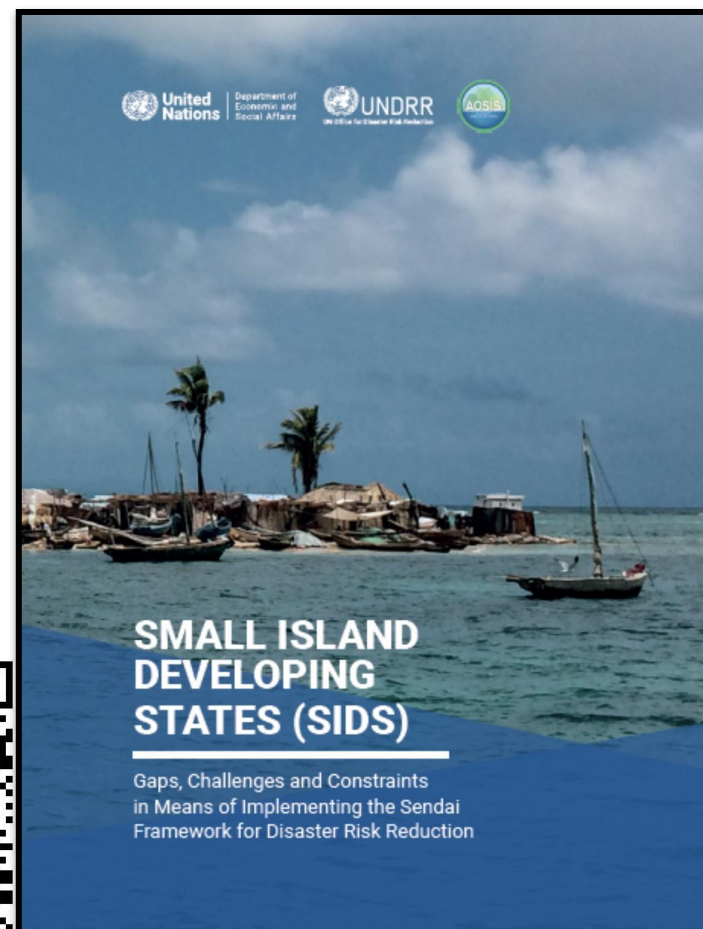
AOSIS & DESA SIDS Unit carried out **SIDS Gap Assessments** on Means of Implementing:



Biodiversity Objectives (=> COP15 – landmark 2030 GBF)



DRR Objectives (=> MTR of Sendai Framework in 2023)



➡ **DATA** ⬅





IDENTIFICATION OF THOSE SIDS CHALLENGES AND GAPS?



Various International Declarations & Frameworks:

- S.A.M.O.A Pathway,
- 2030 Agenda,
- Sendai Framework for DRR,
- Addis Ababa Action Agenda,
- Rio Conventions
- New Urban Agenda

=> The Outcome Document of the high-level Review of the **SAMOA Pathway** (2019) and the General Assembly resolution 74/3 : *“**The strengthening of national and regional statistical systems and capacity to effectively monitor and evaluate the implementation of the Samoa Pathway and the 2030 Agenda**” OP30 (j).*

For the past 30 years, SIDS have been advocating for their common vulnerabilities to be recognized

- ⇒ Development of a **Multi-dimensional Vulnerability Index (MVI)**
- ⇒ **Data** is also a core and limiting factor of the MVI.

2/ From Shared Challenges to **Shared Opportunities**

Any Theme in the **Data cycle**

- Data **Governance** / Coordination
- Data Collection / **Production**
- Data Dissemination / **Reporting**

Data Problems & Solutions in SIDS

- Challenges & Opportunities
- Lessons Learned & Good Practices

Some **Examples:**

- NSO & National Environmental Information System **relationship**
- Natural capital and **Ocean accounting**
- **cloud-based** env. data sharing methods
- **MEAs reporting** and monitoring of specific SDG indicators;
- Optimal use of **admin data** for environmental indicators,
- Use of **artificial intelligence**, evidenced-based **decision-making tools**, etc

Unlocking **SIDS-SIDS potential**

- From common challenges to **shared solutions**
- Potential to learn **amid SIDS peers** and cooperate
- **Conductive platform** to replicate, expand from one SIDS to another
- **Vehicle to brainstorm**, adapt, innovate and improve



3/ Seizing Opportunities through SIDS-SIDS Cooperation

SAMOA Pathway Outcome document (A/RES/69/15) calls for “enhanced international cooperation, including North-South, South-South and triangular cooperation, and **ESPECIALLY COOPERATION AMONG SMALL ISLAND DEVELOPING STATES**.” (Paragraph 99).

Are SIDS leveraging enough their SIDS-SIDS peer-learning and cooperation potential?

Are we effectively going from information sharing to actual tech transfer/exchange contributing to capacity development in/by SIDS?



=> How could we further leverage SIDS-SIDS Peer-Learning, Cooperation to replicate, expand good practices?

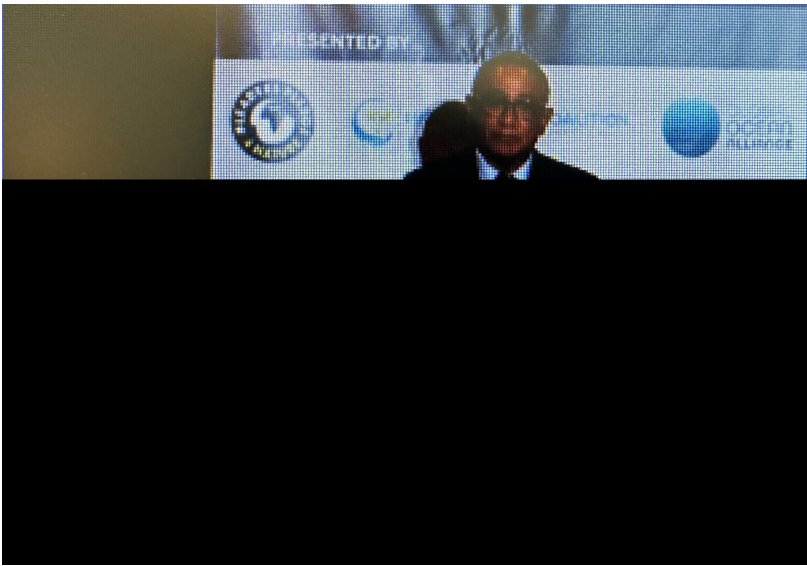


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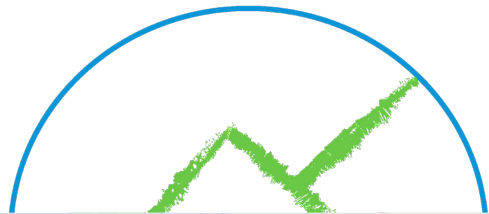
**PROJECT : CARIBBEAN SIDS-SIDS
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Belize Prime Minister
announcing the project (at
2023 SDG Summit) on behalf of

THE SMALL ISLAND DEVELOPING STATES
COALITION FOR NATURE



Spain announcing
support to Coalition's
priority #2 in the
Caribbean through
SIDS-SIDS cooperation
(during SIDS
Partnership Committee
in NYC)



In response to Priority 2 of the **SIDS Coalition for Nature's Call for Action** is to
"Support SIDS' technical cooperation, technological transfer, data management capacities."

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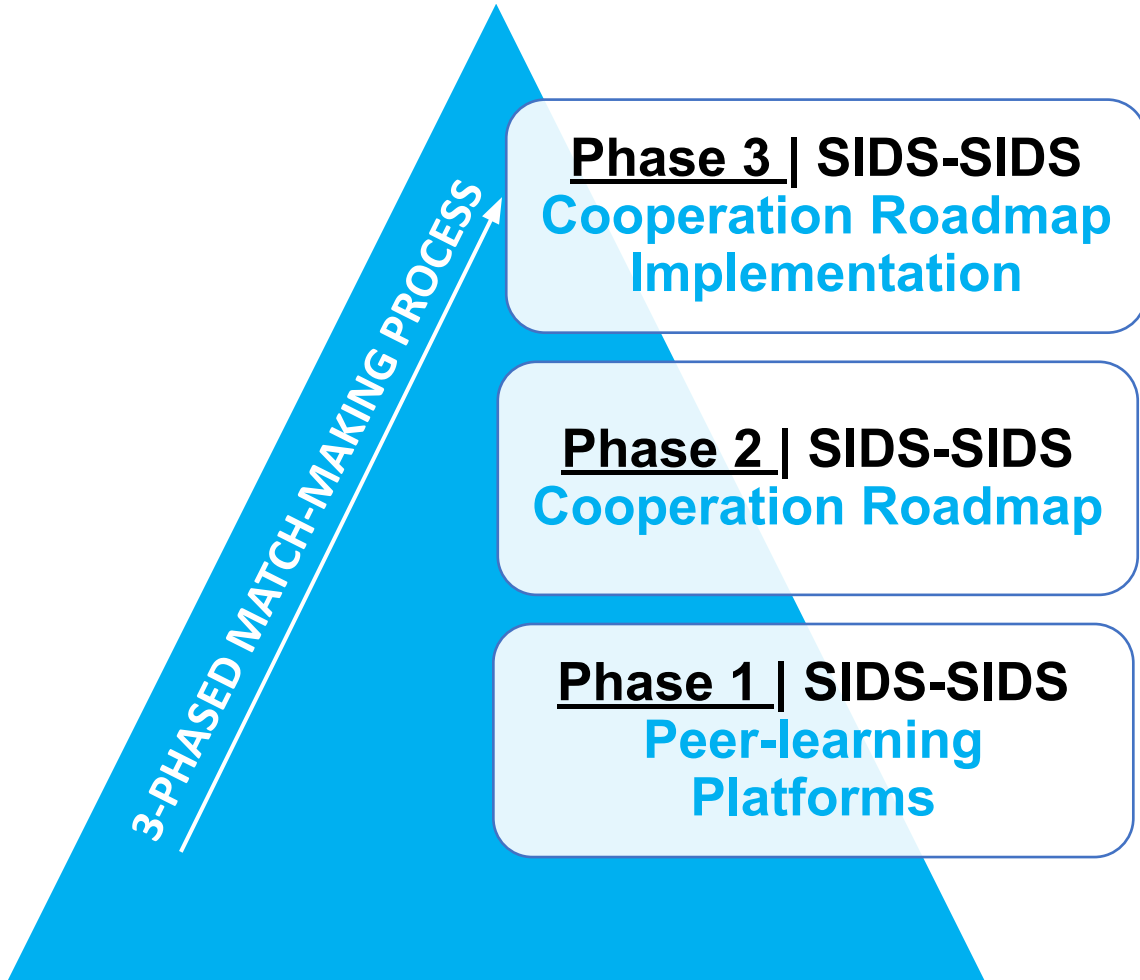
Partnerships



- Project **led** by Belize (as Caribbean co-lead of the SIDS Coalition for Nature)
- Covering **Caribbean SIDS** : NSOs + MoE
- **Financial support** provided by Spain -as Friend of the Coalition- and the UNDESA Office for Sustainable Development (UNOSD)
- **Technical support** provided by UNDESA (SIDS Unit, UNSD) in close collaboration with CARICOM Secretariat, ECLAC.

Project Approach


SIDS-SIDS Peer-learning and Cooperation at its Core : **3-Phased Match-Making Process**



=> Increased SIDS capacities through specific **SIDS-SIDS know-how transfer implementation**

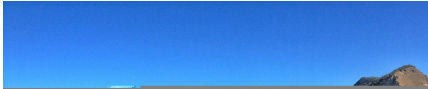
=> Increased understanding about **SIDS-SIDS know-how transfer opportunities** and potential cooperation schemes

=> Increased **knowledge and awareness** amid SIDS about best practices, lessons learned

 Here we are today –mapping of best practices and planned regional workshop in Q1 2024



Project Potential and Perspectives



- Leveraging SIDS' commitment to **lead by example** and unlocking SIDS-SIDS cooperation potential.
- Potential to **accelerate transformative Ocean action**, achieve the 2030 Agenda in SIDS and support the 3 Rio Conventions.
- The SIDS Coalition for Nature will **promote this approach** in major regional and global events (2025 UNOC)
- Preliminary results will be presented at the **4th SIDS International Conference***
(*data, environment, SIDS-SIDS cooperation at its core)



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Thank You

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