SIDS Partnership Symposium
Advancing partnerships in support of the new Programme of Action for Small Island Developing States

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Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Nauru, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu

Australia, New Zealand

7 Associate members:
American Samoa, the Cook Islands, French Polynesia, Guam, New Caledonia, Niue and the Northern Mariana Islands

*Timor-Leste for Pacific SIDS*
Introduction

We need to strengthen global solidarity and partnership for the Sustainable Development Goals, especially for the small island developing States in the Pacific.
Partnerships for SIDS4 International Conference

Pacific SIDS 10-year Review Meeting
Tonga, 15-17 August 2023

- Climate change and sea-level rise, natural and environmental disasters, management of wastes
- Graduation from least developed country status, trade, sustainable production and consumption, health, knowledge management, and culture
- Sustainable, Inclusive and Equitable Economic Growth with Decent Work for All, Climate change, Sustainable energy, DRR, Oceans and seas
Partnerships for Pacific Perspectives

- Prepare against unknown shocks
- Explore new socio-economic opportunities
- Synergize sectoral strategies
- Scale up blue-green economy strategies

1. Mitigate and adapt to climate change and other external shocks
2. Promote inclusive and equitable economic growth and social development
3. Forge cooperation and partnerships

PACIFIC PERSPECTIVES 2023
ADVOCATING THE ASPIRATIONS OF SMALL ISLAND DEVELOPING STATES

ESCAP
Key Pacific Initiatives and Concrete Actions

- **2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent Implementation Plan**
- **The United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework in the Pacific**
- **ESCAP Resolution “Building back better from crises through regional cooperation in Asia and the Pacific”**
- **Strategic Framework for Pacific Statistics 2022–2030**

Additional initiatives:
- Pacific Climate Change Centre
- Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ) agreement
- Pacific Resilience Facility
- Partnership for Prosperity
By investing in global/regional cooperation, countries are expected to reap benefits through gains in economic growth and employment creation, while contributing to sustainable development and promoting solidarity in the Pacific.
Harness the Power of Partnership

- Inclusive and equitable growth, while strengthening governance and private sector investment
- Integrate disaster-climate-health nexus; strengthen ocean and climate policy synergies; promote climate-smart and digital trade policy measures; and enable sustainable energy transitions
- Forge cooperation and enduring partnership for sustainability, long-term commitment and knowledge sharing
Pacific Priorities for accelerated action
Partnerships for SDG Progress

SDG Progress Report 2024 | SDG Data Gateway (unescap.org)
Partnerships in Advancing Pacific Priorities

- Climate change, oceans, and disaster risk reduction including financing
- Social inclusion, empowerment & Economic development
- Regional integration and connectivity, including trade, energy & technology
- Evidence-based policymaking (Data and statistics)
- Capacity Building and Local Expertise including South-South/Triangular Cooperation
- UNSDCF 2023-2027
- PIFS 2050 Strategy

UNSDCF 2023-2027
PIFS 2050 Strategy
H.E. David Kabua
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC
OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS
97TH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION,
ESCAP, 2021

International system must continue to adjust for our island subregion in specific deliverable programming approaches, not just in spirit or good intention.

Pacific subregional architecture
Partnerships for Implementing Pacific Agendas

ESCAP-PIFS MoU

ESCAP-SPC MoU

ESCAP-SPREP MoU
United Nations Development System in the Pacific

MCO-Samoa (Samoa, Cook islands, Niue and Tokelau)

MCO-Fiji (Fiji, Tuvalu, Tonga, Vanuatu and Solomon Islands)

MCO-Micronesia (RRMI, Palau, Nauru, FSM and Kiribati)

RCO-PNG

• Common Country Analysis
• Cooperation framework 2023/24-2027/28
• Country Implementation Plans
• Country-level Reporting

Thematic areas:
Planet, People, Prosperity and Peace
Facilitating intergovernmental dialogue: Pacific Representation

H.E. Hu’akavameiliku Siaosi Sovaleni
Prime Minister of Tonga
78th Session of the Commission, ESCAP, 2022

We must become more resilient and our shared duty is to build a better and stronger future for our children.
Partnerships for Pacific SDG Forum
(with PIFS, 21-22 November 2023)

Key areas to strengthen partnership

SDG 1 (No poverty), SDG 2 (Zero hunger) - Impact of Polycrisis on Poverty and Food Security
SDG 16 (Peace, justice, strong institutions) – Tackling the Challenges through Good Governance and Partnerships
SDG 13 (Climate Action) – Accelerating Climate Action in the Pacific
Accelerating Full Implementation of the 2030 Agenda through Voluntary National Reviews (VNR)
SDG 17- Fostering Stronger Regional Cooperation and Partnerships for Reinforcing the 2030 Agenda and the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent
Strengthening global solidarity for the SIDS Development Agenda
Partnerships for Asia-Pacific SDG Forum
11th APFSD: 20-23 February 2024

- Examine how to accelerate the implementation of the SDGs, with a focus on the compounding of crises faced by the region, while ensuring that recovery is made resilient, inclusive, and sustainable.

- Conduct in-depth review of SDGs 1, 2, 13, 16 and 17, whilst also considering the integrated, indivisible, and interlinked nature of all the Sustainable Development Goals.

- Support the presentation of voluntary national reviews for the 2024 HLPF.

- Discuss opportunities to strengthen linkages between national, regional, and global follow-up and review.

- Identify short, medium, and long-term solutions for attaining the 2030 Agenda

Subregional Perspectives

- SDG Round Tables
- Side events, Associated events and Exhibitions
- CSO engagements (AP-RCEM)
- ESCAP Sustainable Business Network
Partnerships for Asia-Pacific Regional Cooperation
UNESCAP Commission session: 22-26 April 2024

Theme topic: Leveraging digital innovation for sustainable development in Asia and the Pacific

Leaders Statement – General Debate

Subregional Perspectives

Special Body on LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS

Review of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda

- Side events, Associated events and Exhibitions
Annex 1: United Nations development system

GLOBAL
- Governments
- GA / ECOSOC
- Global mandates
- CEB

REGIONAL
- Governments
- ESCAP
- Regional mandates
- RCP

NATIONAL
- Governments
- RC - UNCT
- UNSDCF
- UNSDG
Annex 3: Partnerships for Pacific Perspectives

IV. Pacific Perspectives 2023: Advocating the aspirations of Small Island Developing States

Pacific Perspectives is a publication of ESCAP’s Subregional Office for the Pacific that every year focuses on issues of particular importance to PSIDS. Last year’s issue of the publication dealt with climate action. This year, it deals with the discussions around the SAMOA Pathway and what will follow for SIDS (and PSIDS in particular) in the next iteration. It discusses the opportunities and challenges for PSIDS, and potential scenarios for development focusing on three major themes: inclusive and equitable economic and social development; resilience to climate change and other crises; and partnerships for development.
Annex 5: Multi-stakeholder Partnerships

Fiji: 7-9 August

Samoa: 14 August

Tuvalu: 10-12 August
- Prime Ministers: 4; Ministers: 11

Tonga: 15-16 August
- Forum Economic Ministers: Cook Islands-PM, Kiribati-YP, Finance Ministers, Suva-based Ambassadors

Keynote + Public lecture: 2023 Forum Economic Ministers Meeting

Special Remarks: Pacific Preparatory Meeting in Tonga for the 4th SIDS Conference
Annex 6: Reporting Partnerships

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