

Preliminary findings for Strengthening the  
**SIDS Partnership Framework** & the **SIDS**  
**Global Business Network and Forum**

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Views from **Member States**

# Submissions received

1. PSIDS (13 countries)
2. Germany
3. Ireland
4. Japan
5. Malta
6. Mauritius
7. Seychelles
8. Portugal
9. Australia



**21 countries**  
**15 SIDS (41% of 37 SIDS)**

# Objectives – SIDS Partnership Framework

Promoting multi-stakeholder  
collaboration

Supporting civil society  
engagement through the SIDS  
Civil Society Action Plan

Partnerships that advance ABAS

Monitoring, evaluation, and  
accountability

Strengthening links with key global  
processes

Financing opportunities

Capacity-Building & Technical  
Support for SIDS

Strengthening reporting lines  
between national and global  
efforts

# How do we get there? Recommendations for Strengthening the SIDS Partnership Framework

1. Strengthening Monitoring,  
Evaluation & Reporting

5. Enhancing Stakeholder  
Engagement

9. Supporting Implementation of  
the Multi-Dimensional Vulnerability  
Index (MVI)

2. Strengthening Linkages with  
Global Processes

6. Mobilizing Financing &  
Investment for SIDS  
**SIDS Investment Platform**

10. Strengthening UN Secretariat  
Support

3. Enhancing Steering Committee  
Operations

7. Increasing Awareness &  
Outreach  
**Engagement pathways/benefits**

11. Strengthening the **Global  
Multi-Stakeholder SIDS  
Partnership Dialogue**

4. Expanding Capacity-Building &  
Technical Support for SIDS  
**SIDS Incubator Platform**

8. National and Regional  
Coordination & Implementation  
**Regional Hubs**

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# Recommendations - SIDS Global Business Network and its Forum

## Survey Responses

1. Explore collaborations between the SIDS-GBN Forum and other entities

2. Improve private sector engagement through exchanges of good practices and capacity-building

3. Foster synergies between the Partnerships Framework and SIDS-GBN

4. Increase clarity on how the private sector can engage with the SIDS-GBN

5. Increase awareness of sustainable finance mechanisms

6. Engage with the African Development Bank (AfDB)

7. Strengthen partnerships in building an enabling business environment and innovative blue and green economies.

## OHRLLS SIDS-GBN Strategy

1. Positioning the SIDS-GBN as a transformative platform fostering multi-stakeholder partnerships and private sector engagement with SIDS.

2. Provide continuous and meaningful opportunities for capacity building, access to financing and investment opportunities, and partnership development for GBN members.

3. Align its activities with global frameworks, including the ABAS the SDGs, and the SIDS Centre of Excellence.

4. Enhance visibility and accessibility to resources for SIDS private sector through targeted communications and events.

## Next Steps

### Recommendations for Strengthening the SIDS Partnership Framework

1. Survey for **Member States** open until 14 March
2. Survey to **UN & stakeholders**, 7 March – 15 April 2025
3. **SIDS Civil Society Engagement Forum**, May 2025, UNHQ (week of 12 May tbc)  
– assessment by consultant from **SIDS Civil Society Action Plan and Roadmap**
4. **Recommendations presented** at Ambassadorial Steering Committee meeting,  
29 May 2025, 3–6pm (tbc)
5. Inclusion in **SG report on ABAS**, June
6. **2nd Committee SIDS resolution**, October

## **Next Steps**

### **SIDS Global Business Network**

1. SIDS-GBN Informal Advisory Group Meeting – 2nd week of March
2. Asia Pacific Business Forum, KL, Malaysia | 10–11 April
3. Side Event – UN Ocean Conference, Nice, France
4. Side Event – FFD4, Seville, Spain | 30 June – 3 July
5. Side Event: UNFCCC COP30, Belen, Brazil | 10–21 November

## 1. Strengthening Monitoring, Evaluation & Reporting

- Develop and implement a real-time tracking system to assess partnership effectiveness, funding allocations, project outcomes, and overall impact, and ensure alignment with ABAS.
- Increase partnership registrations by streamlining reporting.
- Define clear guidelines on what constitutes a partnership and how/when to report.
- Strengthen the **SIDS Partnership Awards** to incentivize and scale impactful partnerships, ensuring award-winning initiatives are documented, showcased, and connected with potential funders.
- Monitor donor commitments and funding gaps to identify opportunities for targeted support.



## **2. Strengthening Linkages with Global Processes**

- Align the Framework with ABAS priorities, the Pact for the Future, Global Digital Compact, UN Ocean Conference, ECOSOC Partnership Forum, STI Forum, and Financing for Development (FfD).
- Position the Steering Committee as a platform for discussing emerging SIDS issues relevant to UN forums/processes.

### **3. Enhancing Steering Committee Operations**

- Avoid duplication between expert and ambassadorial-level discussions by clarifying purpose.
- Increase the frequency of meetings to sustain momentum.

## 4. Expanding Capacity-Building & Technical Support for SIDS

- Provide capacity-building, technical assistance, and sectoral networks for policy dialogue to strengthen SIDS/ABAS implementation.
- Facilitate training programs on financing mechanisms, digital transformation, climate resilience, and partnership effectiveness.
- Create a **SIDS Incubator Platform** to support, mentor, and scale up high-potential partnerships through technical assistance and matchmaking services.
- Facilitate structured peer-learning programs for SIDS to share best practices and replicate successful partnership models.

## 5. Enhancing Stakeholder Engagement

- Develop comprehensive stakeholder engagement guidelines to ensure meaningful participation.
- Strengthen private sector and financial institution engagement, particularly with International Financial Institutions (IFIs) to mobilize financing.
- Integrate key stakeholder groups (e.g., civil society, youth, private sector, academia) into the Steering Committee's discussions and workstreams to ensure diverse representation in decision-making.
- Establish dedicated multi-stakeholder dialogues or advisory sessions linked to the Steering Committee/Framework to provide structured input from stakeholders.
- Support the implementation of the **SIDS Civil Society Action Plan and Roadmap**

## 6. Mobilizing Financing & Investment for SIDS

- Develop a **SIDS Investment Platform** to connect sustainable projects with investors and finance/investment opportunities.
- Facilitate structured donor-SIDS dialogues to align funding opportunities with national priorities.
- Strengthen engagement with international financial institutions, donors, and UN agencies to increase resources for SIDS.
- Leverage concessional finance, blended finance, and green/blue bonds to attract sustainable investments.
- Develop innovative financing models such as debt-for-nature swaps and public-private partnerships (PPPs).

## 7. Increasing Awareness & Outreach

- Clarify engagement pathways for different stakeholder groups (governments, private sector, civil society, academia, youth) to **enhance accessibility and participation** in the Framework, and clearly define the Framework's **objectives, activities, and benefits** for all stakeholders.
- Develop a targeted communication strategy utilizing digital platforms (social media, webinars, stakeholder events) and publications (newsletters, case studies, policy briefs).

## 8. National and Regional Coordination & Implementation

- Strengthen national coordination mechanisms to ensure partnerships align with ABAS, SDGs, national development strategies, and UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks.
- Establish structured reporting mechanisms between national and global levels to enhance accountability, track progress, and ensure continuous engagement of stakeholders in the SIDS Partnership Framework.
- Develop **regional hubs** to facilitate knowledge-sharing, capacity-building, and coordination of partnerships at the regional level, ensuring stronger linkages between national and global efforts, including enhancing collaboration between governments and regional organizations (CARICOM, PIF, IOC) to support localized partnership development.

## **9. Supporting Implementation of the Multi-Dimensional Vulnerability Index (MVI)**

- Promote partnerships that support the implementation of the Multi-Dimensional Vulnerability Index (MVI) to better address SIDS' unique development challenges, priorities, and vulnerabilities.
- Facilitate collaboration across the UN system (e.g., Statistical Commission, UNDP) to advance the integration of the MVI into financing and policy frameworks.
- Leverage the SIDS Partnership Framework to maintain political momentum for the MVI, ensuring it remains a tool for securing tailored support for SIDS.



## 10. Strengthening UN Secretariat Support

- Increase Secretariat capacity and resources to support the effective management of the SIDS Partnership Framework.
- Clarify roles between UN DESA and OHRLLS to ensure a well-defined division of responsibilities.
  - **UN DESA** should lead Steering Committee, partnership coordination, capacity-building, and monitoring.
  - **OHRLLS** should focus on private sector engagement through the SIDS-GBN.

## 11. Strengthening the Global Multi-Stakeholder SIDS Partnership Dialogue

- Organize the Global Multi-Stakeholder SIDS Partnership Dialogue as a standalone event to provide greater visibility and engagement opportunities for stakeholders.
- Utilize the Dialogue as a platform for **showcasing partnerships, tracking progress, sharing best practices**, and **fostering new collaborations**.
- Ensure structured engagement of governments, private sector, civil society, academia, and international organizations to align discussions with ABAS priorities.
- Create dedicated spaces for stakeholders to organize **side events**, highlight **commitments**, and showcase **capacity needs**, ensuring that the Dialogue serves as an effective mechanism for mobilizing support to SIDS.