



UN SIDS Partnerships Awards 2025 Briefing to stakeholders

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Definition: Partnerships

An ongoing collaborative relationship between or among organizations from different stakeholder types aligning their interests around a common vision, combining their complementary resources and competencies and sharing risk, to maximize value creation towards the Sustainable Development Goals and deliver benefit to each of the partners.

Source: THE SDG PARTNERSHIP GUIDEBOOK: A practical guide to building high impact multi-stakeholder partnerships for the Sustainable Development Goals, Darian Stibbe and Dave Prescott, The Partnering Initiative and UNDESA 2020

Partnerships in the Antigua and Barbuda Agenda for SIDS



J. Partnerships

- (a) New, innovative and bold approaches to partnership based on mutual collaboration and ownership, trust, alignment, harmonization, respect, results orientation, accountability, transparency, including with relevant stakeholders, and cooperation that leverages a whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach, by:
 - (i) Expanding and diversifying partnerships with local authorities, civil society and non-governmental organizations, foundations, the private sector, academia and international financial institutions to implement the Antigua and Barbuda Agenda for Small Island Developing States;
 - (ii) Supporting SIDS-SIDS cooperation, capacity-building and knowledge exchange, particularly among institutions of small island developing States, including the SIDS-SIDS Green-Blue Economy Knowledge Transfer Hub at the University of the West Indies Cave Hill campus in Barbados;
 - (iii) Leveraging North-South, triangular and South-South cooperation, including SIDS-to-SIDS, to mobilize human, financial, technical and technological resources, while recalling that South-South cooperation is not a substitute for, but rather a complement to, North-South cooperation.

WHO ARE ELIGIBLE?



1. All SIDS partnerships at the local, national, subregional, regional and global levels (see **list of SIDS** from here: https://sdgs.un.org/topics/small-island-developing-states#list_of_sids);

2. Partnerships that are in line with the small island developing States partnerships criteria and norms - the **SMART criteria**, and driving **innovation**;

3. Partnerships whose goals, objectives, outputs and outcomes are clearly linked to the achievement of the sustainable development priorities of **the ABAS and the Sustainable Development Goals**;

4. Partnerships must have demonstrated and documented **impact**;

5. Partnerships must provide information to verify their **legitimacy**;

6. **Ongoing and recently completed partnerships** (completed in 2024).

HOW CAN WE SELECT A CATEGORY?



CATEGORY	ECONOMIC	ENVIRONMENTAL	SOCIAL
ABAS	<p>II. What do small island developing States want?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ II. A. Build resilient economies <p>III. How do small island developing States get there?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ III.A. Build economic resilience ➤ III. B. Scale up climate action and support, including climate finance, in line with existing commitments and obligations under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Paris Agreement ➤ III.E. Mainstream disaster risk reduction 	<p>II. What do small island developing States want?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ II.D. Environmental protection and planetary sustainability <p>III. How do small island developing States get there?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ III.C. Scale up biodiversity action ➤ III.D. Conserve and sustainably use the ocean and its resources 	<p>II. What do small island developing States want?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ II. B. Foster safe, healthy and prosperous societies <p>III. How do small island developing States get there?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ III.F. Safe and healthy societies ➤ III.I. Productive populations
	CROSS-CUTTING AREAS		
ABAS	<p>II. What do small island developing States want?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ II.C. A secure future <p>III. How do small island developing States get there?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ III.G. Data collection, analysis and use ➤ III.H. Science, technology, innovation and digitalization ➤ III. J. Partnerships 		

ABAS: https://sdgs.un.org/topics/small-island-developing-states#the_antigua_and_barbuda_agenda_for_sids

HOW TO APPLY



Read the Rules and guidelines 2025 carefully



Submit application through Form at:
<https://forms.office.com/e/5TSuFsZ1pY>



Deadline: Friday 13 June 2025

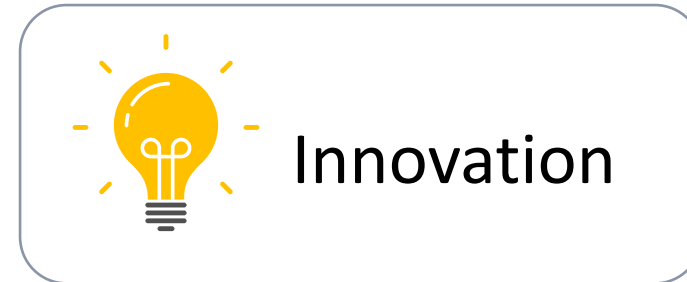


Self-nominations and nominations by third parties are both acceptable. Nominations can also be submitted by (a) Governments of Member States; (b) Intergovernmental organizations; (c) United Nations system organizations; (d) Major groups and other relevant stakeholders.

HOW ARE PARTNERSHIPS EVALUATED?



S	SIDS-SPECIFIC
M	MEASURABLE & MONITORABLE
A	ACHIEVABLE & ACCOUNTABLE
R	RESOURCE-BASED & RESULTS FOCUSED
T	TIMELINE FOR IMPLEMENTATION & TRANSPARENCY BY ALL PARTIES



THE EVALUATION PROCESS



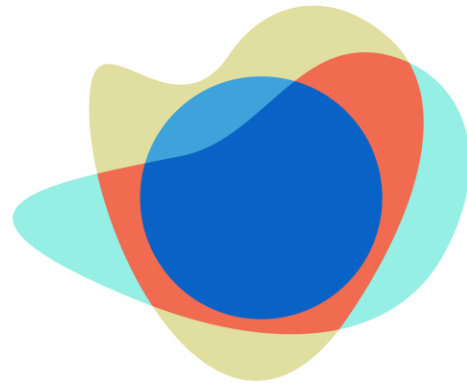
The Awards secretariat (DESA and OHRLS) reviews all applications received

The secretariat recommends top 9 nominees (3 per category)

Convening of an interactive discussion between the judging panel members and the finalists

Judging panel will evaluate based on the applications and the interactive discussion based on the criteria.

Results!



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QUESTIONS?

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Thank you!

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More at:
https://sdgs.un.org/SIDSPartnershipsAwards#awards_2025

