

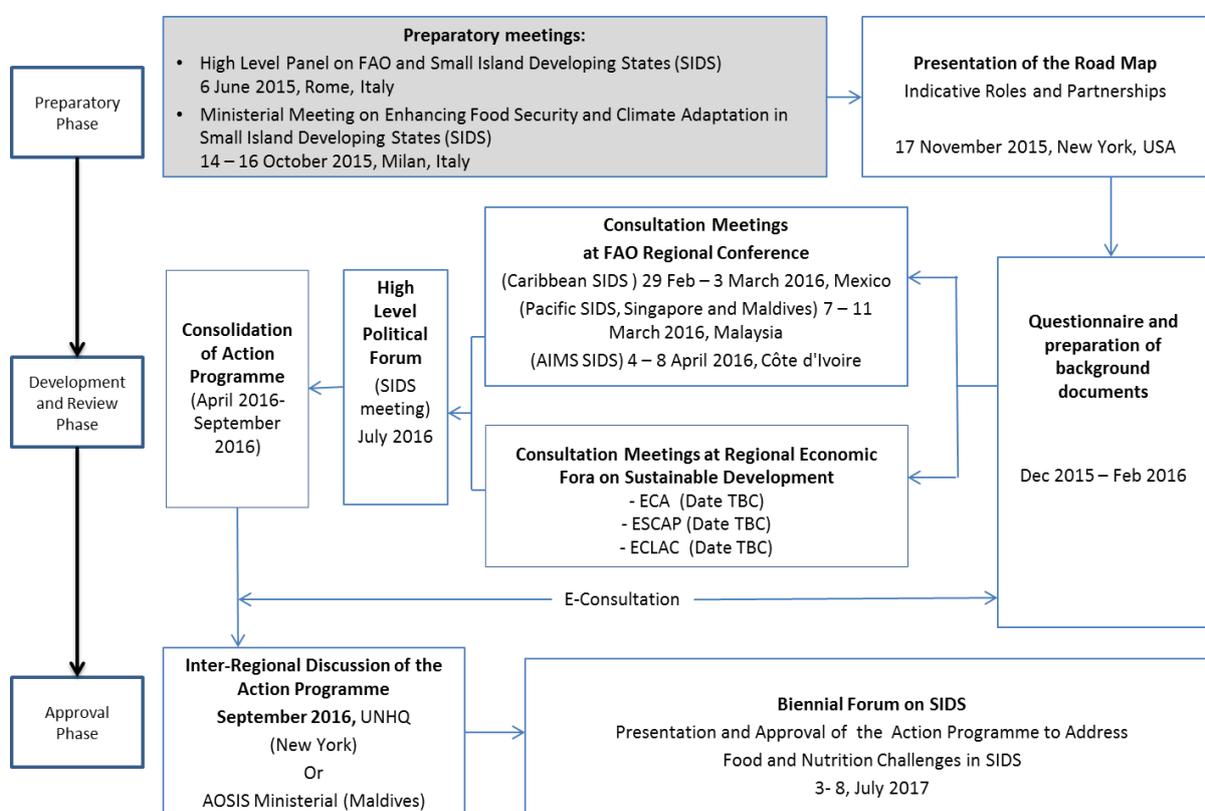
Road Map to develop An Action Programme to address Food and Nutrition challenges facing Small Island Developing States (SIDS); Follow up Paragraph 61 of the S.A.M.O.A Pathway

Heads of State and Government and high-level representatives in September 2014 adopted SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (S.A.M.O.A Pathway) inviting FAO to facilitate a meeting on food and nutrition security in Small Island Developing States to develop an action programme to address food and nutrition challenges facing SIDS (Paragraph 61).

Towards fulfilling the mandate, FAO during the 39th Session of FAO Conference organized a High Level Panel in Rome, Italy on 6 June 2015; followed by a Ministerial Meeting on Enhancing Food Security and Climate Adaptation in Small Island Developing States (SIDS) jointly organized by the Government of Italy and the UN Department for Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) in Milan, Italy, on 14–16 October 2015. The Ministerial Meetings provided a platform to exchange experiences and priorities in the areas of food security and nutrition, especially in light of the challenges facing SIDS with the adverse impacts of climate change.

Following the two meetings, an indicative road map is proposed towards fulfilling paragraph 61 of the S.A.M.O.A Pathway by developing the requested action programme, in the context of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda. The roadmap calls for a close collaboration and consultation with SIDS member States, the UN System, regional inter-governmental bodies, development partners and non-state actors, including non-governmental and civil society institutions and the private sector.

The proposed road map is a living document consisting of 3 phases: (i) preparatory, (ii) development and review, and (iii) approval. The development and review phase widens participation of multi-stakeholders (through regional consultation meetings, e-consultations, and questionnaire to be sent out to SIDS governments and other partners) throughout the development of action programme.



Processes for facilitation and development of action programme

- *Time frame:* The proposed timeline of the Road Map development, review and approval of the Action Programme would be from November 2015 to July 2017. The final presentation of the Action Programme is proposed both at the FAO Conference and the High Level Political Forum in mid-2017.
- *Alignment and Partnerships:* The processes and actions towards development of action programme are closely aligned with existing processes and will utilize existing mechanisms (e.g. FAO's Regional Conferences, AOSIS Ministerial Meeting and DESA online platforms). Close collaboration with UN-System (FAO, UN DESA, OHRLLS), SIDS member States, regional inter-governmental bodies, non-governmental and civil society institutions and other development partners will be ensured. In addition to S.A.M.O.A Pathway, the action programme will also explicitly link to other international efforts (Sendai Framework, SDG-2030 Agenda etc.,).
- *Content:* The "substance" of the action programme would primarily focus on the areas mentioned in Paragraph 63 of the Samoa Pathway and alluded to in the meetings in Rome (June 2015) and Milan (October 2015). The preparation of the action programme will be supported and coordinated by FAO, UN DESA, OHRLLS and regional organizations.
- *Consultations:* A Multi-stakeholder input and feedback process is planned through various channels to be inclusive, cost effective and efficient. The channels include:
 - A questionnaire to be responded to, primarily, by governments: The questionnaires could be distributed to countries and through the Permanent Mission in New York.
 - Consultation Meetings: In-depth discussions would be carried out by organizing consultation meetings during the FAO Regional Conferences in the first semester of 2015 as indicated. During the side meetings, a zero draft of the action programme would be presented. The consultations will also include the Regional Economic Fora on Sustainable Development, that feeds into the High Level Political Forum.
 - E-consultations: Through DESA's Sustainable Development Platform would complement discussions and allow for greater participation. This process will be parallel to the consultation meetings.
- *Inclusive process:* Special attention will be taken to ensure adequate participation of non-agricultural sector actors as foreseen in the SAMOA Pathway. This includes different government sectors (such as education, health, and environment) as well as non-state actors. Measures will be taken to ensure that their participation and inputs are received through one or more of the proposed consultation channels.
- *Consolidation and inter-regional discussion of the report:* After compilation of inputs from regional consultations (forums) and e-consultations, the action programme would be consolidated through an "interregional" discussion of the action programme. This would be possibly in New York, during DESA High Level Political Forum (July 2016) and AOSIS Ministerial Meeting (Maldives might organize in September 2016).