

QUESTIONNAIRE

Implementation of the SAMOA Pathway and the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States survey for the SG report in 2018.

PART A

Policy, Legal, Institutional and Financial Arrangements for Implementation

- 1. (Organizational Arrangements) Is there a Focal Point/Unit dealing with implementation of the Samoa Pathway? If yes, where is it located within the institutional architecture of your country or institution? If no, please explain how the implementation of the SAMOA Pathway is currently coordinated?*

On 17th March 2014 the SIDS Sustainable Energy and Climate Resilience Initiative (SIDS DOCK), the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), the Government of Austria signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to assist Small Island Developing States (SIDS) in Africa, Caribbean, Indian Ocean and Pacific in the creation of a network of regional sustainable energy promotion centres.

The partnership was officially launched during a side event at the Third International Conference for SIDS which took place in September 2015 in Apia, Samoa. In this context, the following partnerships were registered as official SDG partnerships:

- <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/partnership/?p=7639>
- <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/partnership/?p=7504>
- <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/partnership/?p=7498>
- <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/partnership/?p=7510>

Since 2014 laudable progress has been achieved (further updates are available on the partnership sites). The sub-network or regional sustainable energy centres for Small Island Developing States (SIDS) is fully operational and the technical processes to establish the centres were finalised successfully. The centres lie in the ownership of the respective regional organisations. The Caribbean Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (www.ccreee.org, CCREEE) is operating in Bridgetown, Barbados, the Pacific Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (www.pcreee.org, PCREEE) in Tonga and the ECOWAS Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (www.ecreee.org, ECREEE) in Praia, Cape Verde. Under the umbrella of the Global Network of Regional Sustainable Energy Centres (GN-SEC) platform, the centres will work jointly on SIDS energy issues and solutions.

UNIDO in partnership with SIDS DOCK provides technical support for the establishment and operation of the regional centres. Financial support is provided by the Austrian Development Cooperation (ADC) through the Austrian Development Agency (ADA) and the Austrian Federal Ministry for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs (BMEIA), UNIDO, as well as the Spanish Government.

The “**Island Women Sustainable Energy and Climate Resilience Network**” is a first flagship initiative which was launched at the 2015 Vienna Energy Forum. The initiative promotes gender mainstreaming in the sustainable energy sector of Small Island Developing States in the Pacific, Caribbean, Africa and Indian Ocean.

As a core donor of these regional sustainable energy centres, ADA coordinates with the centres and UNIDO on institutional aspects as well as on the design and implementation of the technical programme and portfolio of projects.

The ADA-supported project on “Strengthening regional disaster risk reduction strategies and capacities for resilience in the Caribbean” is implemented by UNISDR in several focal countries in the Caribbean, most of which are SIDS.

2. *(Policy and Legislative arrangements) Is the Focal Point/Unit supported by an enabling policy and/or legal framework? Is yes, please describe. If no, how is the Focal Point/Unit enabled to lead or facilitate the implementation of SAMOA Pathway. How has this affected progress on the implementation of the SAMOA Pathway in your organization at national and regional levels?*

3. *(Financial Arrangements) Please give an indication of:*
 - (i) **For States** - *the percentage of national budgets allocated to supporting SAMOA Pathway thematic priorities over the last fiscal year.*
 - (ii) **For UN system agencies, Regional institutions and international development partners** - *percentage of the total budgets invested into SIDS priority areas over the last Fiscal year:*

In 2016, sustainable energy programmes and projects accounted for 5.4% of the total operative budget of ADA. Other priorities identified in the SAMOA Pathway are addressed in a nexus perspective (see *).

The marker for Disaster Risk Reduction was only recently introduced, so the budget share of DRR can only be reported as of next year.

Priorities identified in the Samoa Pathway	Budget Allocation
Sustainable, inclusive and equitable economic growth	*
Climate Change	*
Sustainable Energy	5.4%
Disaster Risk Reduction	¹
Oceans and seas, water and sanitation, biodiversity	
Waste management	
Health	
Gender equality	*
Social development	
Means of implementation (including partnerships and institutional support)	*
Etc.	
Total	

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4. (Work Programme Arrangements) Please give an indication of:

- (i) **For SIDS** - Does your country have a current long-term National Development Plan? If yes, to what extent has it been aligned to the SAMOA Pathway and/or the 2030 Agenda? Is this plan being implemented? If no long-term plan exists, please indicate what is being used in place of a long-term National Development Plan.
- (ii) **For UN system agencies, Regional institutions and international development partners** – what strategic documents/frameworks/policies/plans guides support for the implementation of the SAMOA Pathway and/or the SDGs if any? How is it resourced and implemented? How often is it revised?

The regional sustainable energy centres operate within the existing institutional and policy frameworks in the Caribbean, Pacific, Indian Ocean and Africa. They respond to the urgent need for enhanced regional cooperation and capacities to mitigate existing barriers for the creation of renewable energy and energy efficiency markets and industries in developing and transition countries. They complement and strengthen ongoing international and national initiatives in the areas of policy and capacity development, knowledge management and awareness raising, as well as business and investment promotion.

ECREEE has become fully operational in 2010, whereas CCREEE was inaugurated in October 2015, and PCREEE in April 2017. In line with their specific objectives and mandates, the

¹ As of now, the exact budget share for DRR cannot be reported.

regional sustainable energy centres operate based on a) a project document covering the preparatory phase, the first and second operational phases, b) a strategic or business plan for each operational phase, and c) annual work plans which determine the priority activities to be implemented by the centre in the given year and in accordance with the available budget. All of these are aligned with and take account of the existing regional policies, strategies and targets, as well as the SIDS DOCK objectives.

5. *Using the table below, please provide an overview of the work (programmes, projects, actions, etc.) that your Organization/Government is implementing or plans to implement in support of the SAMOA Pathway and/or the SDGs for the biennium 2017-2018? (Please exclude Conferences and partnerships as this is covered in a separate section).*

The regional sustainable energy centres design and implement regional programmes, projects and activities in five outcome areas:

1. Effective regional sustainable energy promotion agency is created and efficiently managed
2. Enabling policy, legal and incentive frameworks are created and under implementation
3. Effective sustainable energy qualification, innovation, certification and accreditation frameworks for sustainable energy are created and under implementation
4. Effective knowledge and data management, as well as awareness raising and advocacy activities are implemented
5. Investments in sustainable energy infrastructure, and manufacturing and servicing industries are mobilized.

Name of Project/ Programme/ Activity	Themes/ Goals addressed		Target Countries, Regions, Sectors	Expected Achievements	Intervention Type (tech transfer, Capacity development etc.)	Total Budget (US\$)
	Samoa Pathway	SDGs				
ECREEE	Sustainable Energy	SDG 7, 9, 13	ECOWAS Member States/ Energy Sector	Expected outcomes are described in detail in the annual work plans and strategic/business plans		2,000,000 EUR
CCREEE (start-up and 1 st operational phase)	Sustainable Energy	SDG 7, 9, 13	CARICOM Member States/ Energy Sector	Expected outcomes are described in the annual work plans and strategic/business plans		1,900,000 EUR
PCREEE (1st operational phase)	Sustainable Energy	SDG 7, 9, 13	Member States of the Pacific Community/ Energy Sector	Expected outcomes are described in the annual work plans and strategic/business plans		1,400,000 EUR
UNISDR – Strengthening regional disaster risk reduction strategies and capacities for resilience in the Caribbean	Disaster risk reduction	SDG 13	CDEMA Participating states	CDM Country work plans Enhanced school safety Private sector engagement		565,000 EUR

PART B

- 1. What challenges have you encountered in the implementation of the SAMOA Pathway, or in supporting SIDS to implement? What solutions or potential solutions have been or can be adopted to address these challenges?*
- 2. To what extent is your country capable of meeting the human and financial resource requirements for implementation of the SAMOA Pathway?*
- 3. To what extent has your country been able to access international development assistance required to implement the key aspects of the Samoa Pathway?*

PART C

- 1. For the year 2017, please describe any key results achieved as a result of ongoing work being implemented by your organization/Government in the thematic areas of the SAMOA Pathway. What impact, if any, has this had at national and/or regional levels.*

Exemplary results of the Pacific Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency:

26 April 2017 Inauguration of the PCREEE; May 2017 fully furnished office, until August 2017 official start of the PCREEE Manager and key staff;

PCREEE Capacity building activities implemented since September 2017: National Workshops on private sector development in Tonga, Fiji; regional workshop on promoting sustainable energy entrepreneurs in the PICTs; seminar on energy efficiency in buildings; development of the Business Plan and 2018 Work Plan for the PCREEE; workshop on accelerating renewable energy deployment in SIDS.

Exemplary results of the Caribbean Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency:

Selection of Barbados as the host country of the center; established office space; appointment of the Interim-Director and staff; Organisation of a waste to energy conference; finalisation of the CCREEE legal agreement and host country agreement; development and presentation of the input paper “Addressing the Nexus: Energy Services from Organic Waste for Productive Uses - Integrated waste management solutions for coastal, marine and freshwater protection and productive uses in the Caribbean” at the UN Ocean Conference.

PART D

- 1. Indicate the extent to which the issues and concerns of SIDS are given due consideration in conferences or similar processes organized or supported by your organization during year 2017. In your explanation, please include the purpose, frequency, size (funds, participation) of the conference.*

	Title of the Process/Conference	Purpose	Average no. of participants every year	Please explain SIDS participation in the conference /process	Outcome document and how SIDS priorities are reflected in the documents.
1	Vienna Energy Forum 2017	Exploring 21 st century developmental challenges from the perspective of sustainable energy and providing a platform for debate on practical solutions to these challenges. Adoption of the Vienna Declaration on the SE4ALL Network of Regional Sustainable Energy Centres for SIDS.	1,500 (every 2 years)	Participation of representatives from SIDS, dedicated side event on regional incubation networks to accelerate sustainable energy innovation, entrepreneurship and industrial development	VEF 2017 Outcome Document: All key messages with relevance for sustainable energy markets in SIDS; https://www.viennaenergyforum.org/sites/default/files/170615%20VIENNA%20DECLARATION%20ON%20THE%20SE4ALL%20NETWORK%20OF%20REGIONAL%20SUSTAINABLE%20....pdf
2	MEXIREC 2017 Side Event: Regional approaches to promote sustainable energy markets, industries and innovation in Central America and the Caribbean	Update on the status of the CCREEE and the Central American centre; experience exchange and discussion on the added value and priorities of cross-border cooperation in RE and EE		2 SIDS representatives as panelists (CCREEE, CARICOM)	No outcome document
3	Side event entitled, “Energy services from organic waste for productive uses – integrated waste	Launch of the SIDS-SDG Partnership Sustainable			https://oceanconference.un.org/commitments/?id=20608 https://www.se4allnetwork.org/de/node/387

	management solutions for coastal, marine and freshwater protection in Small Island Developing States (SIDS)” at the United Nations Ocean Conference on 5-9 June 2017	Energy for Blue Island Economies”			
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PART E

1. Have you implemented any new partnerships during the year 2017?

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PART F

As part of Austria’s Presidency of the EU during the second half of 2018, Austria is going to organise - in cooperation with UNIDO and ADA - in October 2018 an Informal EU-DG Meeting and Expert Seminar on „Regional Sustainable Energy Cooperation for Development and Climate Action“.