

## **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**

1. What specific activities or programmes, if any, has your government, organisation or agency implemented or introduced, specifically targeting the vulnerabilities of SIDS? Please cite examples of solutions seeking vulnerability reduction.

The 2017 meetings of the Conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm (BRS) conventions welcomed the Technical assistance plan for the implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions for 2018–2021 developed by the BRS Secretariat. One of the guiding principles of the plan is facilitating the mobilization and leveraging of financial, technical and technological resources and expertise in support of developing country Parties, in particular least developed countries and small island developing States, as well as Parties with economies in transition. The plan seeks to facilitate North-South and South-South cooperation between Parties by engaging developed country Parties in capacity development by providing expertise as appropriate. A differentiated approach tailoring technical assistance to specific needs of developing countries, in particular least developed countries and small island developing States, and countries with economies in transition will be followed taking into consideration, among other things, Parties' capacities for the implementation of the conventions

2. To what extent has your Government mainstreamed the SAMOA Pathway and/or the SDGs into national development plans and/or programmes? Please indicate any challenges and/or opportunities.

Not directly.

The 2017 meetings of the Conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm (BRS) conventions requested the BRS Secretariat to assist Parties upon request, in their efforts to integrate relevant elements of the conventions into their national plans and strategies for sustainable development, and, as appropriate, legislation., the Secretariat will undertake this work in 2018-2019, subject to availability of recourses, working with Parties, including SIDS.

3. To what extent has your Organisation, integrated the Samoa Pathway and or the SDGs into co-operation frameworks, programmes and activities, to ensure effective follow-up and implementation at regional and national level?

Paragraph 71 (a) and (b) of the Samoa Pathway is in line with the overall objectives of the BRS Conventions which are implemented through the programme of work of the Secretariat. The technical assistance activities aim to support Parties, including SIDS in the implementation of the BRS Conventions

at the regional and national level. Please see the annex with the list of capacity-building activities undertaken in 2016 and the beginning of 2017.

4. Indicate the extent to which the issues and concerns of SIDS are given due consideration in conferences and processes organized or supported by your organization.

SIDS that are Parties to the BRS Conventions have a voice in the decision-making processes of the BRS conventions (which are Conferences of the Parties (COPs) to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions).

For example, at the 2017 COPs, one of the SIDS BRS Parties noted the need to make reference the 2014 UN SAMOA Pathway for small island developing states. This sustainable development outcome has a specific chapter of hazardous waste, and focuses on the unique geography of SIDS, and the distinct challenges faced in implementation.

In 2015 and 2017 informal SIDS coordination meetings were held to facilitate SIDS to identify common areas of challenges and opportunities.

At the last COP in 2015, the outcome document of SIDS was noted, and this document requested the Secretariat to facilitate communication and presessional activities for SIDS.

In 2017 SIDS requested to set-up of webpage dedicated to SIDS within the BRS website for information sharing as well as to organize a preparatory meeting for SIDS prior to the 2019 COPs.

5. In relation to the implementation of the commitments and partnerships announced at the Samoa Conference: <http://www.sids2014.org/partnerships/>

- (i) indicate actions undertaken to date and their outcome(s);
- (ii) indicate what partnerships have been contemplated or have been initiated; and,
- (iii) indicate whether additional partnerships have been registered on the SIDS partnership Platform.

N/A