

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

Please take time to read thoroughly, before starting the Questionnaire.

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?

No, However the Supreme Council for Environment is the government body responsible for the protection of environment and the conservation of natural resources at the kingdom of Bahrain. SCE was established in 1996, and since then have given great attention and made considerable efforts to promote the concept of environment protection and natural resource conservation among various agencies as well as among the public.

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?

Based on the legislative - Decree No. 21 for the year 1996, The SCE shall be in charge of issuing decisions and instructions on all matters related to the environment and its sustainability and shall also exercise all powers and authorities required for this purpose, including the following, in particular":

1. To Issue policies and legislation regulating the protection of the environment and conserving its resources.
 2. To collaborate with other sectors to perform their roles towards the environment.
 3. To control, monitor and audit to ensure the protection of the environment and the conservation and development of its resources.
 4. To enhance and improve environmental awareness among all.
 5. To coordinate and cooperate regionally and internationally within the framework of treaties and programs related to the environment.
 6. To develop the future strategy for environment and sustainable development in the Kingdom of Bahrain, and follow up its implementation with the relevant ministries, entities and institutions.
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.

The Ministry of Finance provides the requested/allocated budget for all agencies to conduct their projects. National initiatives and assigned projects that supports SAMOA pathway thematic priorities are part of the government action Plan and development strategy.

- (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:

Priorities identified in the Samoa Pathway	Budget Allocation
Sustainable, inclusive and equitable economic growth	Part of the government fiscal budget
Climate Change	Part of the government fiscal budget
Sustainable Energy	Part of the government fiscal budget
Disaster Risk Reduction	Part of the government fiscal budget
Oceans and seas, water and sanitation, biodiversity	Part of the government fiscal budget
Waste management	Part of the government fiscal budget
Health	Part of the government fiscal budget
Gender equality	Part of the government fiscal budget
Social development	Part of the government fiscal budget
Means of Implementation (including partnerships and institutional support)	Part of the government fiscal budget
EIC	Part of the government fiscal budget
Total	

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4. (Work programmer 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.

Bahrain Economic Vision 2030 and the Government 5 years Action Plan (government action plans made available on the government website since 2011) does reflect long-term National Development Plan and is aligned with 2030 Agenda. Bahrain will be presenting its

first VNR on sustainable development this year at the high-level political forum in New York at the UN quarters.

- (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?

5. Using the table below, please provide an overview of the work (programmers, 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 blennium 2017-2018? (Please exclude Conferences and partnerships as this is covered in a separate section).

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				
Establishment of the Sustainable Energy Unit	Sustainable Energy	Goal 7, 11,13	5% Renewable energy by 2025, and 10% by 2035	Diversification of the Energy mix	Tech Transfer, Capacity Development	Part of the government fiscal budget
Water National Strategy	Water & Sanitation	Goal 6	Adoption of the Integrated Water Resource Management concept	Sustainability of water resources and	Tech Transfer, Capacity Development	Part of the government fiscal budget

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?

Lack of financial resources, and inadequate technical and technological capacities make achievements are neither comprehensive nor substantial.

2. To what extent is your country Capable of meeting the human and financial resource requirements for implementation of the SAMOA pathway?

The national reports drafted by different government agencies and uploaded on the UN institutions websites can reflect the extent at which the kingdom has met its human and financial resource requirements for implementation of the SAMOA pathway. Nevertheless, it is worth mentioning here that Bahrain has had a long history of gradual development related to many aspects since the early seventies of last century and the Human Development Reports do reflect that.

3. To what extent has your country been able to access international development assistance required to implement the key aspects of the Samoa pathway?
 Technical assistance is usually provided via different UN agencies and other international institutions, nevertheless financial assistance doesn't occur.

PART C

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.

Increase of national protected areas as the percentage of marine protected areas has increased to 21% of the total area of the kingdom overcoming the international set target of 10%, also the Sustainable Energy Unit (SEU) managed to launch its first project for producing 100MW electricity from solar energy. In addition, the country initiated the drafting of the National Waste management Strategy set to be completed by the end of this year; the strategy will establish the countries framework for dealing with all types of waste. Also the kingdom has initiated the drafting of the National Air quality strategy and the conclusions of this strategy will feed in the National Climate Change policies of the government.

PART D

Indicate the extent to which 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/ Conferences	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 document
1					
2					
3					
4					

PART E

Have you implemented any new partnerships during the year 2017?

No

PART F

Please include any other information you may wish to share.

Thank you.