

## 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. Within **German Development Cooperation** the responsibility for steering development assistance projects that benefit SIDS in general and contribute to the implementation of the Samoa Pathway lies within the respective country divisions of the **Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)**, mainly those for the Caribbean and the Pacific regions. The Environment Division of BMZ acts as the coordinating unit between country divisions and sector division involved.

2. (Policy and Legislative arrangements) Is the Focal Point/Unit supported by an enabling policy and/or legal framework? If 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?

No

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:

<b>Priorities identified in the Samoa Pathway</b>	<b>Budget Allocation – by Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Germany) - refers to activities in the Caribbean only</b>
Sustainable, inclusive and equitable economic growth	
Climate Change	
Sustainable Energy	Climate-resilient and Sustainable Energy

	Supply in the Caribbean (Cli-RES) 2.3 Mio. EUR (0,027 %)
Disaster Risk Reduction	
Oceans and seas, water and sanitation, biodiversity	Regional Integration for Marine Protection (Caribbean Biodiversity Fund) 25 Mio. EUR (0,293 %) Improving climate resilience of  Caribbean islands and coastal states through systemic management of aqua-terrestrial resources (Caribbean Aqua-Terrestrial Solutions, CATS), 1 Mio. EUR (0,012 %)  Sustainable financing structures and mechanisms for the marine protected areas (MPA) in small island developing states (SIDS), 3 Mio. EUR (0,035 %)
Waste management	
Health	
Gender equality	
Social development	
Means of implementation (including partnerships and institutional support)	
Etc.	
<b>Total</b>	

### Overview of Germany's activities in the Caribbean

- The following **regional projects under Financial Cooperation** are either currently being implemented or are being prepared and planned:
  - **Coastal Protection for Climate Change Adaptation in the Small Island States in the Caribbean** (“5Cs”) (being implemented): Germany has made a Financial Cooperation grant of 10.8 million euros available for this project; the key beneficiaries are Jamaica, Grenada, St. Lucia and St. Vincent, and the Grenadines.
  - **Sustainable Financing Mechanism for Marine Protection in the Caribbean** (under preparation): The Germany has made a Financial Cooperation grant of 25.7 million euros available for this project; the key beneficiaries are primarily Grenada and possibly St. Lucia (still under appraisal).
  - The **Caribbean Biodiversity Fund (CBF)** for regional nature protection (being implemented): The Germany has made a Financial Cooperation grant of 20 million euros available for this regional nature protection fund; the key beneficiaries are Antigua and Barbuda, the Dominican Republic, Grenada, Jamaica, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

- **Regional Integration for Marine Protection (CBF / CCI)** (being planned): Germany has made a Financial Cooperation grant of 25.5 million euros available for this extension of the regional nature protection fund CBF.
- The following **regional projects under Technical Cooperation** are either currently being implemented or are being prepared and planned:
  - **Climate-resilient and Sustainable Energy Supply in the Caribbean (Cli-RES)** (under preparation): Germany and the EU together have made about 11 million euros available for this project; Germany's share is 2.3 million euros. The key beneficiaries will be determined during the course of the appraisal process.
  - **Improving climate resilience of Caribbean islands and coastal states through systemic management of aqua-terrestrial resources (Caribbean Aqua-Terrestrial Solutions, CATS)** (being implemented): Germany has made 5.75 million euros available for this project. The key beneficiaries are Dominica, Grenada, St. Lucia, Belize, Guyana, Jamaica, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, St. Kitts and Nevis.
  - **Sustainable financing structures and mechanisms for the marine protected areas (MPA) in small island developing states (SIDS)** (being planned): Germany has made 3 million euros available for this project. The key beneficiaries will be determined during the course of the appraisal process.
- Furthermore there are **individual bilateral projects** that are being carried out in the Dominican Republic, Haiti and Guyana.
  - Financial Cooperation: **Energy Efficiency Programme** in the Dominican Republic, for which Germany has made a Financial Cooperation contribution of 17.7 million euros available.
  - Financial Cooperation: **Tropical Forest Protection** in Guyana, for which Germany has made a Financial Cooperation contribution of 12.8 million euros available.
  - Financial Cooperation: **Rehabilitation of Péligre Hydropower Plant** in Haiti, for which Germany has made a Financial Cooperation contribution of 8 million euros available.
  - Technical Cooperation: **Increasing the adaptive capacities of ecosystems in biosphere reserves near the borders in Haiti and the Dominican Republic**; for this project Germany has made a Technical Cooperation contribution of 4 million euros available.
- Furthermore, Germany is supporting the region through its engagement in **numerous sectoral and global projects and initiatives**, for example:
  - Within the framework of the **NDC Partnership**, Germany will be assisting **St. Lucia** with the implementation of its NDC. This assistance will be provided by GIZ, which will act as a facilitator to support the planning and coordination of national and international players for NDC implementation. Furthermore, Germany is supporting the Organisation of East Caribbean States (OECS) and St. Lucia through the NDC Partnership. This support involves assisting with the design of a **Regional Caribbean NDC Financing Initiative (NDCFI)** which has the particular aim, among others, of mobilising private climate finance for the region.
  - In Santo Domingo the **Global Initiative for Disaster Risk Management (GIDRM)** (15.75 million euros; incl. the Dominican Republic) networks German early warning experts, the UN Climate

Technology Center & Network (CTCN) and Dominican partners, with a view to improving urban early warning for hydro-meteorological extreme events there.

### **Overview of Germany's activities in the Pacific Island Region**

- **Accumulated German support** of the Pacific Island Region since 1994 adds up to approximately **47 Mio. Euro**; the following two current activities are highlighted:
- **German support of climate risk insurance „InsuResilience“: PCRAFI** (Pacific Catastrophe Risk Assessment and Financing Initiative) **offers since 2016 climate risk insurance for pacific islands** covering tropical cyclones, tsunamis and earth quakes.
- **Technical Cooperation Program“ Coping with Climate Change in the Pacific Island Region – CCCPIR II”**:
  - It covers the following 15 island states: COK, FJI, KIR, MHL, FSM, NRU, NIU, PLW, PNG, SLB, WSM, TLS, TON, TUV, VUT.
  - And the following 6 thematic fields: 1. Development of regional advisory and management capacities; 2. Mainstreaming of climate aspects into adaptation strategies; 3. Implementation of adaptation and mitigation; 4. Sustainable Energy Management; 5. Education; 6. International Climate Finance

### **German support of activities of the Blue Action Fund**

- German support of **Blue Action Fund** has issued in 2017 a **call for proposals for NGO-implemented projects** with a focus on **SIDS**. Proposals are currently under final review and projects for a total support of up to 5 Mio. Euro in SIDS are expected to start implementation in 2018.
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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?

- **Germany’s Regional Strategy for the Caribbean**
- **German Paper „Mit gemeinsamen Werten und Interessen Zukunft gestalten: Die neue Lateinamerikapolitik des BMZ (2015)“**
- **Germany, „10 Point Plan of Action Marine Conservation and Sustainable Fisheries” (2016)**
- **Germany, Concept Paper 164 „Biologische Vielfalt (2008)“**

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).

**See Overview of Germany’s activities in (Part A 3)**

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				

**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?

**Germany works through regional approaches in the Caribbean and Pacific regions (in the Caribbean notably with CARICOM) in order to concentrate our efforts for delivering development assistance to those regions and to avoid bilateral negotiations with each individual country.**

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

Does not apply to Germany.

3. To what extent has your country been able to access international development assistance required to implement the key aspects of the Samoa Pathway?

Does not apply to Germany.

### **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.

**See Overview of Germany’s activities in (Part A 3)**

### **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.

	<b>Title of the Process/Conference</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Average no. of participants every year</b>	<b>Please explain SIDS participation in the conference /process</b>	<b>Outcome document and how SIDS priorities are reflected in the documents.</b>
1	UNFCCC COP23, Bonn, 2017: Side Event: Small Islands – Big impacts: Blue Action Fund & SIDS lead on ocean	Strengthen role of SIDS in climate process	100, once only	Minister for Climate of Fiji (COP-Presidency) participated in the event as well as UN Special Envoy for the Oceans (P Thomson) from Fiji	Does not apply

	conservation				
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**PART E**

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

**German support of Blue Action Fund was established in 2017 and a call for proposals was issued with a focus on SIDS ([www.blueactionfund.org](http://www.blueactionfund.org))**

**PART F**

Please include any other information you may wish to share.

Thank you.