

## 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?

The International Telecommunication Union (ITU), the United Nations specialized agency for information and communication technologies (ICTs) has a dedicated division on least developed countries, landlocked developing countries, and small island developing states. The division deals with the implementation of the SAMOA Pathway, and assists with the general socio-economic development of the SIDS through, technical assistance, supports in the implementation of activities and projects in emergency telecommunications, climate change, disasters, set up early-warning systems, strengthens human and institutional capacities, and ensure that SIDS can benefit from the opportunities offered by ICTs. Within its mandate to bridge the digital divide, ITU assists SIDS through leveraging the power of ICTs towards achieving the post 2030 sustainable development agenda across the development pillars identified in the SAMOA Pathway.

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?

The division dealing with SIDS is under the umbrella of the development sector of ITU responsible for creating policies, regulations, the provision of training programs and financial strategies to enable ICT for development in developing countries. The sector's goals are based on the right of everyone to communicate through access to infrastructure and information and communication services. Hence, ITU has integrated the SAMOA Pathway into its programmes and activities, and assists SIDS through the development of ICT policies and regulations, infrastructure and technology development, ICT applications and cybersecurity. Furthermore, ITU works with governments at national level, with regional, international bodies and the private sector by providing assistance to the SIDS. Many of ITU's SIDS-related projects and programmes are implemented through the ITU regional offices, particularly by the ITU's regional offices in Asia

Pacific, and the Americas. Their activities include projects, regional initiatives designed to address specific priority areas of importance to the region, including development of appropriate policy, regulatory and legislative frameworks on emergency communications 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:

<b>Priorities identified in the Samoa Pathway</b>	<b>Budget Allocation*</b>
Sustainable, inclusive and equitable economic growth	<b>0.9%</b>
Climate Change	<b>0.3%</b>
Sustainable Energy	
Disaster Risk Reduction	<b>3.1%</b>
Oceans and seas, water and sanitation, biodiversity	<b>0.3%</b>
Waste management	<b>0.3%</b>
Health	
Gender equality	
Social development	
Means of implementation (including partnerships and institutional support)	<b>1.2%</b>
Etc.	
<b>Total</b>	<b>6.1%</b>

\* In some cases, the budget allocated to priorities identified in the SAMOA Pathway covers activities where some other countries are also concerned. The repartition of the budget between SIDS and the other countries is not feasible.

## Implementation of the SAMOA Pathway and Support to SIDS

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?

Several of ITU's resolutions support the implementation of the SAMOA Pathway and/or the SDGs. These include the World Conference on International Telecommunications (WCIT) Resolution Plen/1 on "Special measures for landlocked developing countries and small island developing states for access to international optical fibre networks." in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, from 3-14 December 2012 which adopted a new resolution on connectivity for SIDS. The resolution called on all countries to optimize the power of ICTs as a pillar for sustainable development. It also underlines the need for continued discussions, sharing of knowledge and best practices, and the identification of new connectivity paradigms that could be driven by effective, genuine and durable partnerships. ITU/BDT World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-2014) Action Plan, and in line with Resolution 30 (Rev. Guadalajara Plenipotentiary Conference 2014) of the International Telecommunication Union. ITU will be supporting SIDS by:

- Developing broadband infrastructure in SIDS which is also supported by the agreements signed during the Third International Conference on small island developing states 2014 in Apia.
- Supporting SIDS to mitigate and adapt to climate change challenges and to prepare them to respond better to natural disasters.
- Developing ICT policies, regulations and legislation to advance the development of ICTs in SIDS.
- Fostering and strengthening effective and durable partnerships with Member States, the private sector, academia and other stakeholders to implement activities over the next decade in accordance with the SAMOA Pathway.

Also, the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-2017) convened in Buenos Aires, Argentina, from 9 to 20 October 2017 addressed the special need of SIDS as well. In addition, the ICT Development Fund (ICT-DF) promotes sustainable development through the implementation of ICT national, regional and global development projects geared towards the SIDS. It is a seed funding initiative, that seeks partnerships with ITU's members, the public and private sector, multilateral organizations, financial institutions and development agencies to cover the total resources required for the projects. Moreover, ITU has signed agreements, with partners to overcome the challenges SIDS face. ITU alone has financed many projects, programmes, and jointly with partners for the benefit of SIDS in implementing the SAMOA Pathway and the 2030 agenda for sustainable development.

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).

Please find some of the ITU's activities in the table below.

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				
Pacific capacity building on telecom/ICT policy and regulation			Marshall Islands	Infrastructure support for Pacific connectivity development	Capacity development	12000 CHF
Rural e-market platform for Papua New Guinea			Papua New Guinea	System architecture and application concept were developed for a rural e-market; platform can be further developed and implemented in PNG (in conjunction with e-agriculture project) and in other countries.	Platform and application design	10.000CHF
E-government policy development for Asia-Pacific			Vanuatu	Vanuatu E-government assessment report	E-services and applications	10.000CHF
Asia-Pacific digital innovations			Fiji, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea,	A new project has been formulated for "cybersecurity in		20000 CHF

			Samoa, Tonga, Vanuatu	Pacific Islands countries" which will be implemented in 2018 and will benefit Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Tonga, and Vanuatu		
Technical assistance in designing and provision of equipment for emergency communication in Tonga			Tonga	Study of satellite connectivity for the Pacific and emergency telecom in Tonga was conducted		7000CHF
Emergency communication for Pacific			Vanuatu	Contributed to the Pacific workshop on national emergency telecommunication	Facilitate national emergency telecommunication plans, development and human capacity building.	7000 CHF
Concentrated assistance and regional seminar: establishment of disaster management system, provision of IT equipment such as early warning systems, radio and GPS and other essential peripherals.			Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, British Virgin Islands, Dominica, Grenada, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and		Capacity building in cyber-security	20000 CHF

			Tobago			
Single ICT network space for the Caribbean: establishment of community centres in the Caribbean region			Antigua and Barbuda, Guyana, Saint Kitts and Nevis	Provided computers for rural community centres to help bridge the digital divide and getting persons in rural communities connected to and use of the internet for educational and other developments purposes	Assist rural communities and capacity building	30.0000 CHF
Management of top level domain name			Maldives	Enhanced awareness and capability of Maldives to enable planning, deployment, operation and maintenance of sustainable, accessible and resilient ICT networks and services		15000 CHF
Cyber-security and disaster reduction programme			Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Rep., Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines,	Products and services in building confidence and security in the use of telecommunications , such as reports and to contribute to the implementation of national and global initiatives	Emergency telecommunications	10.000CHF

			Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago			
Enabling environment for ICT development, regulation and policy for Caribbean countries, update of national ICT plans, broadband plans, smart projects, accessibility and affordability			Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Rep., Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago	Strengthened capacity of member states and implement telecommunication policies and strategies into nationwide ICT policy plans; enhanced cooperation, information exchange, knowledge transfer and dialogue among member states and with relevant players " on topical ICT issues; improved capacity of countries understanding of competition and regulations; development or update of national ICT plans	Telecommuni cation policy and regulations	70.000 CHF
Emergency telecommunication and climate change for Caribbean countries, including applications, equipment, early warning systems and e-waste activities			Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and	Purchase of emergency telecommunications equipment; improved response to deal with disasters; increased awareness and sharing of emergency related information with other disaster response teams	Emergency telecommunic ations, e-services and applications	50,000 CHF

			the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago			
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**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?

ITU

- The SAMOA Pathway set out new modalities to address the challenges and vulnerabilities of SIDS, including in the areas of economic growth, climate change, access to ICTs, connectivity and disaster risk reduction, create an enabling environment and be an early adopter of ICT to deliver effectively.
- In many SIDS, ICT access and uptake remains relatively low, and ICT prices relatively expensive. Please see also reference to ICT Development Index and the link to the data visualization for further information.<sup>1</sup>Challenges encountered include funding, monitoring, risk management, greater information sharing and data collection, data security, access to ICTs, effective use of emergency telecommunications in the immediate aftermath of disasters in rescue operations in a coordinated manner, infrastructure development just to name few.
- Potential solutions include strengthening effective and genuine partnerships with all stakeholders to overcome challenges. The partnership provides technical expertise, building institutional and human capacity, infrastructure development, financial resources, narrow the gap of digital divide, help tackle climate change adaptation, disaster, access, develop ICT policies, regulations and legislation to accelerate the development of SIDS, particularly in the liberalization of the telecommunication sector and broadband.

ITU has made tremendous efforts in bridging the digital divide by assisting SIDS through connectivity projects that provide them access to ICTs. For example, during the 3<sup>rd</sup> conference on SIDS, ITU concluded a connectivity agreement with all the eleven Pacific Islands and with industry partners to make broadband not only accessible, but affordable to all the citizens in the Pacific Islands, the implementation is undergoing. ITU also signed an agreement with ITSO, Intelsat, Inmarsat, and Kacific to support the project on the connectivity of SIDS in the Pacific.

Indeed, ITU considers public private and people centred partnership as a powerful means to drive the sustainable development of SIDS as well as potential solutions to be adopted to address, to overcome the challenges SIDS face and achieve to a larger scale.

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

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.itu.int/net4/ITU-D/idi/2017/index.html>



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.
2. For the year 2017, please describe any key results achieved because 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.

ITU:

For the year 2017, ITU implemented many projects and activities in different areas that include the following:

#### Capacity building, policies and regulations

- Capacity building on telecom/ICT policy and regulation to assist Pacific Islands countries in infrastructure development and connectivity to build both institutional and human capacity of the SIDS.
- Regional forum for the Pacific to assist regional meetings/forums with regional partners in the Pacific region. Ten SIDS benefited from this assistance, namely, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu for knowledge sharing, best practices and lessons learned.
- Management of top level domain name: enhanced awareness and capability of Maldives to enable planning, deployment, operation and maintenance of sustainable, accessible and resilient ICT networks and services.
- ITU interactive map for long distance optical fibre cable system (terrestrial). Beneficiary countries included Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago.
- Support on cross border frequency co-ordination for Central America countries, Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago.
- Development and or roll-out of relevant applications and services/Ad-Hoc assistance: including: emergency e-waste policy development and national ICT plans using Internet of Things. Beneficiary countries were Guyana, and Jamaica.  
Delivered satellite phones to Dominica and Antigua and Barbuda following hurricane Irma, Jose, Maria to restore communication for Trinidad and Tobago for wider use by the Caribbean.

- Capacity building in international internet governance in Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago.
- Assessment on ICT policies, legislations and regulations, statistics and digital inclusion including Internet of Things and smart initiatives to support the development of a Bahamas smart island, Trinidad and Tobago. The impact will help fast forward the ICT sector/agenda for socio-economic development for the Bahamas and Trinidad and Tobago.
- Spectrum management: using the latest generation tools. Beneficiary countries were Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Dominica, Grenada, Haiti, Jamaica, Montserrat, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Turks and Caicos Islands.
- Regional center ICT accessibility for persons with disabilities to support countries in their efforts to promote ICT accessibility for persons with disabilities in Bahrain and Comoros. The center will promote the development of accessible ICT tools for Arabic speaking people with disabilities, promote internationally adopted standards in the region, and develop skills and knowledge in the areas of ICT accessibility.
- Implementing the climate change adaptation component of the satellite communications capacity, and emergency communication solutions for the small island developing states of the Pacific. This project supports the ongoing “development of satellite communications capacity and emergency communications solutions” for 11 Pacific Island countries.

#### E-Commerce

- Rural e-market platform for Papua New Guinea to design and develop a prototype of rural e-market platform for Papua New Guinea. A system architecture and application concept were developed which can be further developed and implemented in conjunction with e-agriculture projects in other countries.

#### E-Governance

- E-government policy development for Asia-Pacific to support Tuvalu in developing an e-government policy. An e-government assessment report was developed.

#### Innovations

- Asia-Pacific digital innovations to promote digital innovations including social entrepreneurship and start-ups in the Asia-Pacific region. The beneficiary countries were Fiji, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Tonga, and Vanuatu to take advantage of innovative solutions for their sustainable development.
- Organized a forum on smart cities and digital innovations in Tonga. Through assistance in country assessment and coordination with partners, a new project has been formulated for "cybersecurity in Pacific Islands countries" and will be implemented in 2018 for Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Tonga, and Vanuatu.

#### Disaster risk management and emergency telecommunications

- Provided technical assistance in designing and provision of equipment for emergency telecommunications in Tonga to support the ITU’s project on satellite connectivity for emergency telecommunications.

- Implemented emergency communications for the Pacific to facilitate national emergency telecommunication plans, development and human capacity building in Vanuatu.
- Establishment of disaster management system, provision of IT equipment such as early warning systems, radio and GPS and other essential peripherals. Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, British Virgin Islands, Dominica, Grenada, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago benefitted from this concentrated assistance.
- Development of satellite communications capacity and emergency communications solutions for the Pacific Islands. This project aims to develop low cost, reliable, diverse satellite communications capacity for the socio-economic development of the Pacific Islands region utilizing un-used satellite capacity for Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu. This was an ongoing project that started from 1/10/2014 to 31/12/2017 with a financial scale of 500'000 - 1'000'000

### Cybersecurity

- Provided Caribbean cyber security workshop and cyber drill to assist SIDS in enhancing confidence and security in the use of ICTs. The beneficiary countries included Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Haiti, Jamaica, Montserrat, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago. It strengthened the capacity of Member States to incorporate and implement cyber security policies and strategies into nationwide ICT plans, as well as appropriate legislations; enhanced their ability to respond to cyberthreats in a timely manner and fostered greater dialogue among Member States on cyber security.
- Enhanced confidence and security in the use of telecommunications/ICTs in Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, British Virgin Islands, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Montserrat, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago.
- Cybersecurity in Pacific Island countries to strengthen the national cybersecurity incident response capability in the Pacific with special emphasis on establishment of computer incident response team (CIRT), computer security incident response team (CSIRT) with national responsibility, building human and institutional capacity to address cyber threats and enhancing regional cooperation. This is an ongoing project that began from 10 January to 31 December 2018 with a financial scale from 100'000 - 500'000 CHF.

### Connectivity

- Set-up single ICT network space for the Caribbean: establishment of community centres in the Caribbean region that included Antigua and Barbuda, Guyana, Saint Kitts and Nevis. Computers were provided to rural community centres in each country to help bridge the digital divide and getting persons in rural communities connected to and use of the internet for educational and other developments purposes.

All the above activities have positive impacts on SIDS to fast forward their sustainable development and towards the implementation of the SAMOA Pathway and the 2030 agenda for sustainable development.

**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>
World Telecommunication Conference WTDC-2017	To discuss the latest trends in telecommunication on ICT development, consider relevant topics, projects and programs; set strategies, objectives; and to adopt the Buenos Aires Declaration that highlighted the main conclusions and priorities established	1368	The Conference addressed the specific needs of SIDS	Final report

	by the conference			
Caribbean Cyber security Workshop and Cyber drill - Suriname	To assist LDCs Countries -Haiti and Guyana- and SIDS to enhance confidence security in the use of ICTs	- 53 participants trained on the establishment of a National CIRT - AMPARO training in the Cybercrime/cyber-drill Workshop -99 attendees representing 8 Countries participated in the Cyber-drill. -8 Countries participated in the Cyber-drill	Enhanced confidence and security of SIDS in the use of ICTs	
Support for Regional Forum for the Pacific	Support regional meetings/forums with regional partners in the Pacific region.	- Two events supported - Over 200 participants benefited from the events - Over 10 countries participating the events	Telecommunication policy and regulations for SIDS	
Forum on smart cities and digital innovations	Promote digital innovations including social entrepreneurship and startups in the Asia-Pacific region.	- 6 SIDS/LLDCs benefited from human capacity building programme - 4 SIDS benefited for cybersecurity capacity building	Cybersecurity, E-services and applications for SIDS	Assessment report
Regional Forum on Internet of Things for Development of Smart Sustainable Cities in Arab Region	Increasing role of the Internet of Things (IoT) contributing to building smart sustainable cities with integrated ecosystems.	200 participants	Enhanced skills, exchange of expertise in the field of policy of IoT of the development of the smart, sustainable and green cities in the Arab region	
Second Multi-stakeholder Forum on the Role of Telecommunications/ICT in Disaster Management	address issues related to new technologies for disaster monitoring, early warning, mitigation, search	300 participants	Opportunity to exchange experiences and practices in the use of modern technologies for	

	and rescue, and coordination with other risk management activities		humanitarian purposes	
Regional Workshop on Prospects of Smart Water Management in Arab Region	Opportunities and challenges for expanding smart water management in the Arab region	150 participants	- Raise awareness on use of ICTs for water resources management - Raise awareness on the role of new technologies such as IoT on smart water management	

### **PART E**

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

ITU: Yes, partnerships during the year 2017 included:

- Emergency telecommunications in Asia and the Pacific between ITU and the Department of Communications and the Arts, Australia on 04/10/2017.
- Cybersecurity in Pacific Island countries between ITU and the Department of Communications and the Arts, Australia on 14/11/2017.
- Capacity building for countering misappropriation of telephone numbers in Pacific Island countries between ITU and the Department of Communications and the Arts, Australia on 12/01/2017.
- Implementing Asia-Pacific regional initiatives. These included special consideration for least developed countries, small island developing states, including Pacific island countries, and landlocked developing countries, harnessing the benefits of new technologies development of broadband access and adoption of broadband and policy and regulation. A memorandum of understanding was signed between DoCA and ITU on 12 January 2017 that governs the funding. From 1/2/2017 to 31/12/2017 with a financial scale of 500'000 - 1'000'000 CHF.
- ICT cooperation and partnership-TRA-UAE to implement projects that aim to strengthen ITU member countries capabilities, and to enhance public-private partnership to foster the development of telecommunications/ICTs of the SIDS. It is an ongoing project that started from 3/11/2015 to 31/12/2020.

### **PART F**

Please include any other information you may wish to share.

Moreover,

- The Americas regional development forum that provides a platform for reviewing the implementation of the Americas regional initiatives approved by WTDC-14, to discuss

partnerships and resource mobilization activities in the Americas, and to define priority areas in ICT development within the context of contributing to the implementation of the sustainable development goals for Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago. From 25/05/2018 - 25/05/2018.

- Enabling policy and regulatory environment in Asia-Pacific. The World Telecommunication Development Conference 2017 stipulated five priority areas of work for ITU in the Asia-Pacific region to assist member states in developing appropriate policy and regulatory frameworks, fostering innovation, enhancing skills, increasing information sharing and strengthening regulatory cooperation, thereby contributing to a supportive regulatory environment for all stakeholders. A memorandum of understanding was signed between DoCA and ITU. It is an ongoing project with a financial scale of 100'000 - 500'000 from 1/1/2018 to 1/12/2018.
- Regional regulations and policy forum on 5G, Internet of Things (IoT), m-payment – emerging technologies and eco-systems will be held from 22-26 October 2018 within the context of Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago. The impact will strengthen the capacity of Member States to identify and address current trends, incorporate and implement telecommunications policies and strategies into nationwide ICT plans.

These are an overview of ITU's work in implementing the SAMOA Pathway and the Mauritius Strategy for the further implementation of the programme of action for the sustainable development of SIDS.