

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?

PARIS21 has a support programme for SIDS managed by the PARIS21 Secretariat Deputy Manager and the Regional Programme Coordinator for SIDS. Both are responsible for the implementation of the SIDS-related programs and activities at global, regional and country levels. The programs and activities of PARIS21 for SIDS support the implementation of the SAMOA Pathway and the SDGs.

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? Not applicable to PARIS21
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:

Priorities identified in the Samoa Pathway	Budget Allocation
Sustainable, inclusive and equitable economic growth	
Climate Change	
Sustainable Energy	
Disaster Risk Reduction	
Oceans and seas, water and sanitation, biodiversity	
Waste management	
Health	
Gender equality	

Social development	
Means of implementation (including partnerships and institutional support)	100% of the budget allocated for PARIS21 SIDS program are used to support countries and regions in strengthening statistics.
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?

PARIS21 has an annual Programme of Work and Budget that is approved by the PARIS21 Board during its April Board meetings. It contains the proposed and planned activities for SIDS during the year that aligns and/or supports the implementation of the SAMOA Pathway and the SDGs. PARIS21 partners with SIDS countries, in particular national statistical offices as focal agencies/partners at the country level in the implementation of activities.

Further, PARIS21 has strong partnership and collaboration with regional intergovernmental bodies (i.e., Caribbean Community, Pacific Community, Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States, Indian Ocean Commission, African Union, AfriStat), regional organizations (i.e., UNESCAP, UNECLAC, UNECA), and some bilateral agencies to implement national and/or regional level activities in SIDS. At the global level, PARIS21 partners with relevant international agencies (i.e., UNOHRLLS, UNDESA, OECD) in facilitating a platform for discussion of SIDS-related issues/agenda.

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).

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	Samoa Pathway	SDGs				
1. NSDS Guidelines for SIDS 2018 (2017- 2018)	Means of implementation		All SIDS	Guidelines document for the development of national statistical strategies/plans	Technical guidance	

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	Samoa Pathway	SDGs				
2. Formulation of the CARICOM Regional Strategy for the Development of Statistics (2017-2018): Strategic Planning Workshop; Assessment of the Caribbean regional statistical system	Means of implementation		Caribbean region	Recommendations for strengthening regional statistics cooperation and development in Caribbean (Assessment Report) Regional statistical strategy and implementation plan	Technical and financial assistance, capacity development	
3. Assessment of Grenada National Statistical System (2017)	Means of implementation		Grenada Caribbean region	Recommendations for strengthening Grenada National Statistical System (Assessment Report) Capacity development (through training) on National Strategy for the Development of Statistics	Technical and financial assistance, capacity development	
4. Review and updating of the Grenada Statistical Legislation (2017)	Means of implementation		Grenada Caribbean region	Recommendations for the Revision of the Statistical Legislation; Draft revised statistical law	Technical guidance and financial assistance	
5. Assessment of Jamaica National Statistical System (2017)	Means of implementation		Jamaica Caribbean region	Recommendations for strengthening Jamaica National Statistical System (Assessment Report) Capacity development (through training) on National Strategy for the Development of Statistics	Technical and financial assistance, capacity development	

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	Samoa Pathway	SDGs				
6. Maldives NSDS Training and Launching (2017)	Means of implementation		Maldives AIMS/Asia- Pacific region	Capacity development (through training) on National Strategy for the Development of Statistics	Technical and financial assistance, capacity development	
7. Formulation of Fiji NSDS: Assessment of Fiji National Statistical System; Strategic Planning Workshop (2017)	Means of implementation		Fiji Pacific region	Recommendations for strengthening national statistical system (Assessment Report) NSDS Strategic Framework Capacity development (through training) on National Strategy for the Development of Statistics	Technical and financial assistance, capacity development	
8. 4 th NSDS Regional Training Course in Asia- Pacific (2017)	Means of implementation		Maldives, Timor Leste AIMS/Asia- Pacific region	Capacity development in NSDS and SDGs	Capacity development	
9. Statistical Leadership Training for Heads of NSOs in Asia- Pacific	Means of implementation		Timor Leste Asia-Pacific region	Enhanced leadership skills	Capacity development	
10. Maldives sector statistics assessment (2018)	Means of implementation		Maldives AIMS/Asia- Pacific region	Recommendations for improving sector statistics and administrative data systems towards identifying core national development indicators	Technical and financial assistance, capacity development	
11. Jamaica NSDS development (2018)	Means of implementation		Jamaica Caribbean region	National statistics strategy and implementation plan	Technical and financial assistance, capacity	

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					development	
12. Advanced Data Planning Tool Regional Training (2018)	Means of implementation		Caribbean region	Capacity development in data mapping and assessment for the SDGs	Capacity development	
13. Grenada NSO Institutional Strengthening (2018)	Means of implementation		Grenada Caribbean region	Recommendations for establishing the new National Statistics Institute of Grenada (a semi-autonomous body)	Technical and financial assistance, capacity development	
14. Samoa Statistics Communications Strategy (2018)	Means of implementation		Samoa Pacific region	Statistics Communication Strategy	Technical and financial assistance, capacity development	

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?

Majority of NSOs in SIDS face challenges in addressing data demands of SDGs and SAMOA Pathway. While both global development agenda has recognized the importance of statistics as one of the means of implementation, there is inadequate financing both from domestic (government) resources and from external (development partners, etc.) to support any meaningful development/improvement in national statistical systems. Majority of countries rely on external support to undertake critical statistical activities that would produce statistics for monitoring both Agenda. Furthermore, not much support and funding is allocated to build capacities of statistical systems, including strengthening statistical institutions. While PARIS21 provides support to SIDS to improve their statistical systems, these efforts would need to be sustained at the country level and therefore continuous institution building and strengthening in statistics needs to happen.

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.

Please see list of activities and achievements in Part A, table 2 which shows the achievements. PARIS21's support to SIDS contributes to attaining the goals/objectives in the "means of implementation (statistics)" in the SAMOA Pathway and SDGs. The achievements from the activities we conducted in SIDS contributed in the strengthening of their statistical systems, specifically statistical institutions such as NSOs. The activities helped improve the stature of NSOs in the overall government, facilitated enhanced cooperation and coordination between and among data producers and data users (resulting in improved engagement and in some instances strengthened partnership towards data production and use), contributed in identifying data gaps/needs related to the monitoring of the SAMOA Pathway and SDGs, and identifying priority areas for statistics development through the formulation of statistics strategy that are aligned with national development plans (and SDGs/SAMOA Pathway).

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.
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2					
3					
4					

PART E

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

PARIS21 facilitated the establishment of the annual Round Table Meeting of the Small Island Developing States in the margins of the UN Statistics Commission meetings (co-hosted by PARIS21 and the UNDESA-SIDS Unit and in collaboration with the Caribbean Community and the Pacific Community).

PART F

Please include any other information you may wish to share, including links and reports (page and sections specified)

The following are links to documents/events on SIDS supported by PARIS21:

NSDS Guidelines for SIDS <http://paris21.org/news-center/news/release-new-nsds-guidelines-sids>

Grenada NSS Assessment Report http://www.paris21.org/sites/default/files/2018-06/NSS-Grenada_Final_0.pdf

Jamaica NSS Assessment Report http://www.paris21.org/sites/default/files/2018-06/NSS-Jamaica_final.pdf

SIDS News

<http://paris21.org/news-center/events/national-stakeholder-consultation-design-national-strategy-development>

<http://paris21.org/news-center/news/jamaica-committed-develop-nsds-support-its-vision-2030>

<http://paris21.org/news-center/news/equipping-maldives-sdg-ready-nsds>

<http://paris21.org/news-center/news/prime-minister-grenada-launches-nsds-process>

<http://paris21.org/news-center/news/caricom-heads-state-endorse-rsds>

<http://paris21.org/news-center/news/caricom-rsds-be-seen-heads-government-july>

<http://paris21.org/news-center/news/paris21-participates-inter-regional-seminar-nss-reviews-sids>

<http://paris21.org/news-center/news/summary-paris21-side-event-49th-unsc>

<http://paris21.org/news-center/news/paris21-and-siap-hold-4th-nsds-regional-training-course-asia-and-pacific>

<http://paris21.org/news-centre/news/top-nso-officials-across-asia-complete-statistical-leadership-training>

https://www.oecd-ilibrary.org/development/development-co-operation-report-2017/glossary_dcr-2017-46-en

Thank you.