

## **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.**

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.

**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?**

In support of risk-informed development, as a key means to attain the disaster risk reduction commitments of the Samoa Pathway (Section 52), UNISDR supported the Governments of Cabo Verde and Guinea-Bissau in developing disaster loss accounting systems. These databases are not only the basis for risk-informed planning, but are also a key input into the Sendai Framework and SDG monitoring.

UNISDR has included Praia, the capital of Cabo Verde, in a major project that aims to enhance the local level resilience through understanding community-level risks and develop local resilience action plans. The city authorities participated in the project kick-off workshop and developed a work plan for project implementation.

UNISDR also convened a Training of Trainers Workshop for the Implementation of the Sendai Framework in Mauritius. The workshop aimed at providing an orientation to government staff in development of risk reduction strategies and plans and a pilot testing of draft Sendai Framework indicators at the national level.

**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.**

The Sixth Session of the Africa Regional Platform was convened from 22-24 November 2016, hosted by the Government of Mauritius, in cooperation with the African Union Commission, the Southern African Development Community (SADC) and UNISDR. This was the first time that an Africa Regional Platform was organised in a SIDS country. Some 700 delegates from 47 African countries, including 19 ministers, intergovernmental organisations, IOs, development partners and stakeholder groups participated over the week.

The conference resulted in (1) Programme of Action for the implementation of the Sendai Framework in Africa. It outlines specific areas of work within given timeframes, and the lead organisation responsible for implementation and coordination; and (2) The Mauritius Declaration, adopted by African Ministers, reaffirming their commitment to implement the Sendai Framework in Africa, guided by the Programme of Action.

A key highlight of the conference was a special session on Tsunami Awareness that outlined the challenges and achievements of the SIDS countries in Africa.

The annual *Pacific Platform for Disaster Risk Management* was held in Suva, Fiji from 24 to 26 October 2016 with more than 180 stakeholders from 22 countries and all development sectors attending including the private sector. The meeting's outcome statement reaffirmed political commitment to the *Sendai Framework for DRR* and its related regional *Framework for Resilient Development in the Pacific* (FRDP) with countries pledging to step up and further integrate their efforts to strengthen disaster resilience.

Pacific Leaders recently endorsed the new FRDP in September 2016. This is the first regional framework of its kind that integrates disaster and climate risk management and will assist in the implementation of the Sendai Framework for DRR, the SAMOA Pathway and Paris Agreement on Climate Change working towards sustainable development. The Pacific Platform outcome statement acknowledges the key role of the FRDP to guide implementation of the Sendai Framework.

The Platform allowed for stakeholder consultations for the forthcoming *Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction* in May 2017 and allowed for country consultations regarding the propose Sendai Framework indicators and reporting mechanism.

The Platform also held a range of important side events promoting knowledge management and use of science to inform evidence based policies and activities including use of early warning systems, building back better techniques and a specific session on capacity building and need to make greater use of science and technology.

The outcome statement recommended the creation of a Pacific Science and Technology Advisory Group (P-STAG) to help coordinate science and evidence base sharing for implementation in the region. This proposed P-STAG would sit under the UNISDR Global Science and Technology Advisory Group (STAG) and help improve stakeholder and policy developers understanding of climate and disaster risk as well as contribute to the overall implementation of the *Sendai Framework for DRR* and sustainable development in the region.

Building on the political support achieved for disaster risk reduction, three sub-regional DRR strategies (the Comprehensive Disaster Management Strategy –CDM- in the Caribbean, the Central American Policy of Comprehensive Risk Management –PCGIR- in Central America and UNASUR in South America), initiated processes for aligning their regional frameworks with the Sendai Framework priorities and global targets. In the Caribbean, the alignment involved the harmonization of the monitoring framework of the CDM regional strategy with the Sendai targets and SDGs indicators reporting mechanisms.

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.