

## QUESTIONNAIRE

(UN System and Other Relevant Entities)

### **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 Secretary-General report in 2019.**

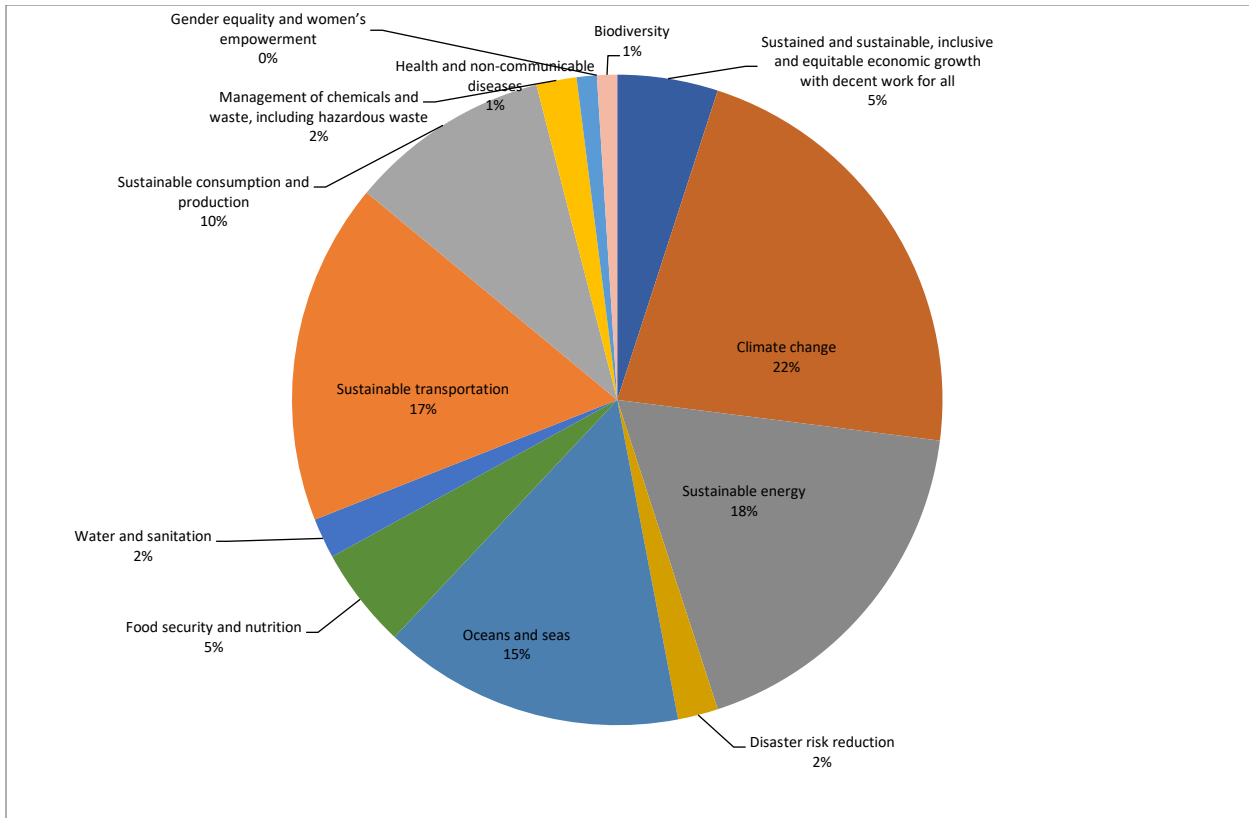
This report is being prepared in accordance with paras 5 and 6 of A/RES/72/307. The report will (i) serve to support the intergovernmental consultations on the Outcome Document of the Mid Term Review of the SAMOA Pathway and (ii) be considered by the UNGA 74. The report will review progress on SAMOA Pathway implementation for the period January 2015 to present.

*In all responses, and as far as is possible/practical, UN system and other relevant entities should refer to the [UN System Implementation Matrix](#)<sup>1</sup> prepared following the 3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference on Small Island Developing States.*

- 1. Financial Support:** Please provide information on annual financial allocation(s)/investment(s) (i) in absolute values and (ii) as a percentage of the total annual budgets for SIDS programme areas, for the period January 2015 to December 2018 or the most relevant period following the onset of the SAMOA Pathway. Please provide your responses in the Table in **Annex 1, no. 1.**

Priorities identified in the Samoa Pathway	Investments (USD)	Budget Allocation	Financial Year Period
Sustainable, inclusive and equitable economic growth	98,146	5%	2016-2018
Climate Change	431,842	22%	2016-2018
Sustainable Energy	353,325	18%	2016-2018
Disaster Risk Reduction	39,258	2%	2016-2018
Oceans and seas	294,438	15%	2016-2018
Food Security and Nutrition	98,146	5%	2016-2018
Water and Sanitation	39,258	2%	2016-2018
Sustainable Transportation	333,696	17%	2016-2018
Sustainable Consumption and Production	196,292	10%	2016-2018
Chemical and Waste management	39,258	2%	2016-2018
Health and NCDs	19,629	1%	2016-2018
Gender equality	0	0%	2016-2018
Social development	0	0%	2016-2018
Biodiversity	19,629	1%	2016-2018
Invasive Species	0	0%	2016-2018
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,962,919</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2016-2018</b>

<sup>1</sup> [http://www.sids2014.org/content/documents/612SAMOA%20Pathway%20implementation%20matrix\\_UN%20system.pdf](http://www.sids2014.org/content/documents/612SAMOA%20Pathway%20implementation%20matrix_UN%20system.pdf)



**2. Measuring the Progress/Implementation Status of SAMOA Pathway thematic areas:**

- a. With reference to the assigned areas contained within the UN Implementation Matrix, where relevant or possible, please indicate the percentage achievement of the thematic areas contained within the SAMOA Pathway. Please support your answers with quantitative evidence (progress indicators, delivery rate of programme/project funds, etc.) as appropriate.

Since PIDF is not a UN agency, it is not included in the SAMOA Pathway UN Implementation Matrix.

- b. Please report on any other targets/indicators used by your organization to assess progress on implementation of the SAMOA Pathway? If the SDG goals and targets are used please explain how current progress measures against these indicators/targets?

PIDF’s Strategic Plan 2019-2030 makes reference to the use of SDG indicators to measure programme progress. Pacific Island countries are in the process of identifying the SDG indicators they will use to measure their own progress. To avoid burdening members with collecting other indicators, PIDF will make use of the SDG indicators they collect in PIDF’s areas of activity to measure its own impact as contribution towards

these goals. PIDF also collects output indicators which measure progress of its initiatives, and not necessarily impact.

- c. If no specific indicators/targets are used by your organization please indicate how your organization measures progress in lieu of targets and indicators?

Besides the output indicators and the SDG indicators, PIDF also collects anecdotal evidence from the target beneficiaries of its initiatives.

**3. Successful Examples** – This section examines best practices and successful interventions that have made significant impact on the ground. (**Word Limit for responses: 2500**).

- a. From among the programmes/projects that have been implemented by your organization over the reporting period, please elaborate on a few of the most successful. Please provide your responses in the Table in **Annex 1, no. 3**.

Name of Project/ Programme/ Activity	Main Themes/ Goals addressed		Target Countries, Regions, Sectors	Goals	Intervention Type	Total Budget (US\$)	Implementation Period
	Samoa Pathway	SDGs					
Establishment of Pacific Green Business Centre	Sustainable Consumption and Production	12	Pacific region	To promote green/blue economies and support a transition of the private sector in the Pacific to greener business models.	Technological innovation	100,000	2016 onwards
First High Level Pacific Blue Economy Conference	Oceans and seas	14	Pacific region	To provide a knowledge platform on the blue economy for the Pacific Islands and explore lessons learned, innovations and emerging industries based on ocean resources.	Convening support	300,000	2017
High Level Sustainable Transport Forum and Expo	Sustainable Transportation	11, 13, 14	Pacific region	To review the current status of the transport sector in the region, define national targets for transport emissions reductions in the 2030 and 2050 timeframes, and begin developing pathways towards achieving these targets.	Convening support	100,000	2018
Solarisation of Head of state residence or other nationally important buildings	Sustainable Energy	7	Pacific region	To facilitate the installation of solar energy infrastructure to power residences of heads of state of eleven PIDF member countries and the PIDF Headquarters to promote renewable energy in the Pacific.	Technological innovation	1.1 million	2018-2020  (2018 project development period)

Capacity building in Green Economy and Renewable Energy for resource owners			Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu	To strengthen inclusive informed decision-making by resource owners and local government officials for integration of Green Economy and Renewable Energy into local-level planning and to strengthen implementation of Renewable Energy for rural electrification.	Capacity building	1.5 million  (Implemented jointly by PIDF and GGGI)	2018-2021  (2018 project development period)
Advocacy for ambitious Climate Change targets	Climate Change	13	Pacific region	To support Pacific island countries in Climate Change advocacy and support ambitious CC targets.	Advisory support	150,000	2015 onwards

i. Why are these considered a success?

These activities and initiatives are considered a success because they laid the foundations for PIDF's future interventions in these areas. The establishment of the Pacific Green Business Centre (PGBC) has opened up a number of opportunities for PIDF with the Private Sector. The six thematic areas of focus, i.e. Blue Economy, Renewable Energy, Sustainable Agriculture, Sustainable Transport, Sustainable Tourism and Green Packaging, have become the basis of new partnerships with Private Sector companies, in conjunction with Government and Civil Society. This portal alone contributes to at least eight of the SAMOA pathway thematic areas. The Pacific Blue Economy Conference explored the potential of the sector for the sustainable economic development of Pacific island countries.

PIDF's work in the sustainable transport sector (itself a SAMOA pathway thematic area) has been instrumental in supporting the Pacific in seeking as ambitious an outcome in negotiations within the IMO (for shipping emissions) and ICAO (for aviation emissions) as we have been able to achieve, with hard work and even harder negotiations in UNFCCC. The Sustainable Transport Forum and Expo that was organized in November 2018 (<https://research.usp.ac.fj/pacific-islands-transport-forum-expo/>), bringing together a large number of partners, was the culmination of this work. The resultant declaration (signed by Marshall Islands, Samoa and Tuvalu and open for other country signatories) now serves as a guide for future action in this regard. The initiatives in Renewable Energy have attracted interest from developing and implementing partners; the Solar Head of State are an implementing partner for a project supported by India, whereas the Global Green Growth Institute are an implementing partner in a project supported by KOICA.

The combination of some of these initiatives has also been advantageous. For example the PGBC has been used to support, promote activities and

involve the private sector in the other PIDF focus areas such as the Blue Economy, Renewable Energy, Sustainable Transport, Sustainable Tourism and Climate Change.

- ii. What were the results? Please support with qualitative/quantitative evidence if possible/relevant.

These initiatives have produced a number of results and importantly are still producing results. PIDF's approach to development programme implementation (in contrast with conventional project implementation) does not revolve around ticking off a list of activities. PIDF's development initiatives are meant to empower people and local organisations to continue producing results following interventions, with the occasional injection of support by PIDF in specific areas. Some important results are the creation of a multi-stakeholder Green Packaging Steering Committee to phase out single-use plastic in Fiji (following the Pacific Blue Economy Conference), the development of a concept paper for the establishment of Blue Economy regional and national Blue Economy steering committees, think tank and knowledge hub. Interventions to revive the bamboo industry in Fiji, including the development of a Bamboo Centre and the creation of a Bamboo Association is supported by the PGBC as will be interventions related for the seaweed industry planned for late 2019. Similarly PIDF's interventions in the climate change area are closely related to the interventions related to sustainable transport and renewable energy. This interconnectedness between interventions is extremely important for PIDF, thus the establishment of only one Programme within PIDF – the One Pasifika Programme.

- iii. Please elaborate on the critical factors that contributed to the intervention's success and any key lessons learned?

In most of these activities, the critical factor was PIDF's convening ability and its ability to build multi-stakeholder partnerships that include representation from government agencies, civil society, the private sector and academia. This ensures that interventions benefit from the strengths that these different stakeholders are able to bring. The other factor is to let other partners take lead roles in these interventions and PIDF offers them the support if and when needed.

- b. Were there any other key results/outputs achieved? Describe their impacts, if any.

The output of the intervention establishing the Pacific Green Business Centre was an online portal with the aim of engaging Pacific private sector to support the development of the Green and Blue Economy in the Pacific as well as support the achievement of the SDGs and contribute to the achievement of the SAMOA Pathway thematic areas. This is and will

remain an on-going activity and slowing building into an important resource for Green Business. The Pacific Blue Economy Conference brought together for the first time all the different actors associated with this sector. It had many spin-offs and was so well received by all that it was decided to have this conference biennially with the next one to take place in late 2019. The Sustainable Transport Forum and Expo concluded with a declaration that underscored the work that needs to be taken in the sector in the coming years. The contribution of all the partners involved in the sector would be necessary to fulfil these needs.

#### 4. Addressing Gaps and Challenges:

- a. From among the programmes/projects that have been implemented by your organization over the reporting period, please elaborate on any implementation challenges that have been encountered.

As PIDF is a regional organisation, covering island countries scattered in the vast Pacific Ocean, implementation costs are relatively high. For this reason activities need to be strategically targeted to where they are mostly needed and done in ways that involve local expertise and interests and ensures continuation of activities ~~in that are~~ by these local entities following closure of projectsactivities. The creation of genuine partnerships around specific development themes (similar to or related to the SAMOA Pathway themes) is one of the most important elements of these interventions.

- b. What have been the lessons learned and how will these be taken into account for the remaining implementation period of the SAMOA Pathway? (2019-2024)?

The multi-stakeholder approach has been successful in bringing the many partners active in the region to contribute towards common goals. Building better and stronger partnerships and networks has become an even more important component of PIDF's work and the organisation is feeling the need to dedicate adequate resources (human and financial) to this important area of work. These partnerships and networks will be organised around the SAMOA pathway themes and the SDGs to ensure a more cohesive and structured delivery mechanism towards these goals.

#### 5. Outreach/Publications

- a. Please include a link to the annual progress report(s) of your organization, or any other relevant progress report(s). If present, please identify the sections relevant to SIDS/SAMOA Pathway implementation. Please also add any other publication issued by your organization that covers SIDS

Annual Report 2016: <http://greenbusiness.solutions/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/PIDF-Annual-Report-2016.pdf>

PIDF Newsletters: <http://pacificidf.org/newsletters/>

Pacific Green Business Centre Newsletters: <http://greenbusiness.solutions/newsletters/>

#### Talanoas, Symposia, Workshops and Conference Reports

Report of the Talanoa organised by PIDF in June 2018 to discuss the outcomes of the 72nd meeting of the IMO Marine Environment Protection Committee:

[http://greenbusiness.solutions/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/Post\\_MEPC72\\_Talanoa\\_Report\\_hires.pdf](http://greenbusiness.solutions/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/Post_MEPC72_Talanoa_Report_hires.pdf)

Report of the Talanoa organised jointly by PIDF and the UNOHCHR with the theme “Integration of Human Rights in the Achievement of the SDGs” held in August 2018:

[http://greenbusiness.solutions/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Talanoa-Series-03\\_Talanoa-Human-Rights-and-SDGs.pdf](http://greenbusiness.solutions/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Talanoa-Series-03_Talanoa-Human-Rights-and-SDGs.pdf)

Report of the Talanoa organised by PIDF with the theme “The potential of Bamboo as part of Green Transformation” held in August 2018:

[http://greenbusiness.solutions/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Talanoa\\_Series\\_02\\_Talanoa\\_Bamboo\\_FINAL.pdf](http://greenbusiness.solutions/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Talanoa_Series_02_Talanoa_Bamboo_FINAL.pdf)

Report of the Pacific Maritime Technical Officers Workshop on Shipping Emissions held in Suva, Fiji on 7-9 February 2018 organised by PIDF in partnership with the Fiji Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport, the Maritime Safety Authority of Fiji, USP and the Micronesian Centre for Sustainable Transportation, with the financial support of the Government of France:

[http://greenbusiness.solutions/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/PACIFIC\\_TECHNICAL\\_OFFICERS\\_WORKSHOP\\_SHIPPING\\_EMISSIONS\\_REDUCTION\\_Report\\_Lores.pdf](http://greenbusiness.solutions/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/PACIFIC_TECHNICAL_OFFICERS_WORKSHOP_SHIPPING_EMISSIONS_REDUCTION_Report_Lores.pdf)

Summary of the proceedings of the 1st High Level Pacific Blue Economy Conference that was organised by PIDF, together with many partners, in Suva, Fiji on 23-24 August 2017.:

[http://greenbusiness.solutions/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/PBEC-Conference-Summary\\_Final.pdf](http://greenbusiness.solutions/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/PBEC-Conference-Summary_Final.pdf)

Report of the Symposium entitled “SDG14 Pacific commitments – 2018 Action Agenda” organised by PIDF and held under the patronage of Ambassador Peter Thomson, the United Nations Secretary General’s Special Envoy for the Ocean on 19th December 2017:

[http://greenbusiness.solutions/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/SYMPOSIUM\\_SDG14-Pacific-commitments-2018-Action-Agenda-REPORT.pdf](http://greenbusiness.solutions/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/SYMPOSIUM_SDG14-Pacific-commitments-2018-Action-Agenda-REPORT.pdf)

#### Other.

Suva Declaration on Climate Change: <http://greenbusiness.solutions/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Suva-declaration-on-climate-change.pdf>

Report on the participation of the Pacific Islands Development Forum (PIDF) at the UNFCCC 23rd Conference of Parties (COP23) held in Bonn, Germany 6 – 17 November 2017: [http://greenbusiness.solutions/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/COP23-Report\\_Public.pdf](http://greenbusiness.solutions/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/COP23-Report_Public.pdf)

b. Does your organization manage any website dedicated exclusively to SIDS?

As an organisation with strictly SIDS (Pacific) membership our websites are exclusively dedicated to SIDS. This includes our main organisation website: [www.pacificidf.org](http://www.pacificidf.org) and the Pacific Green Business Centre ([www.greenbusiness.solutions](http://www.greenbusiness.solutions))

**6. Preparations for the Mid-Term Review** – A High-Level review of the Samoa Pathway will take place on 27<sup>th</sup> of Sept. 2019 in UNHQ, as mandated by [A/RES/72/307](#).

- a. Is your organization conducting or planning to conduct any internal review of SIDS programmes in preparation for the Mid-term review of the Samoa Pathway? If so, please provide.

There is no internal review planned specifically for the SAMOA pathway.

- b. Please elaborate on any other activities being undertaken in preparation for the High-Level Review in 2019.

PIDF is preparing a brief to report on the SDGs and SAMOA pathway themes addressed by its programme of activities. This helps demonstrate PIDF programme's relevance to the achievement of these goals.

**7. Other Matters** – Please include any other information as relevant.

**Thank you for completing the Survey!**