

## 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 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.

*The Attached Annex provides examples of the preferred level of detail for responses.*

- 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 SAMOMA Pathway specific SIDS programme areas, for the period January 2015 to December 2018 or most relevant period. Please provide your responses in the Table in **Annex 1, no1.**

See Annex 1, no1.

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

- a. With reference to the SAMOA Pathway thematic areas listed in Annex 1, No 1 (where relevant or possible), please indicate the percentage achievement at the national level. Regional institutions should report against ongoing or completed programmes. Please support your answers with quantitative evidence (progress indicators, delivery rate of programme/project funds, etc.) as appropriate. Indicators tied to existing National Development/Sustainable Development Plans may also be used where relevant/appropriate.

N/A for ADA

- b. Are there any other indicators used by your government to assess progress on implementation of the SAMOA Pathway thematic areas? If the SDG goals and targets are used, please explain how current progress measures against these indicators/targets?

N/A for ADA

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

N/A for ADA

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

On 17th March 2014 the SIDS Sustainable Energy and Climate Resilience Initiative (SIDS DOCK), the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), and the Government of Austria signed a

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to assist Small Island Developing States (SIDS) in Africa, Caribbean, Indian Ocean and Pacific in the creation of a network of regional sustainable energy promotion centres.

The partnership was officially launched during a side event at the Third International Conference for SIDS which took place in September 2015 in Apia, Samoa. In this context, the following partnerships were registered as official SDG partnerships:

Laudable progress has been achieved since then (further updates are available on the partnership sites). The sub-network or regional sustainable energy centres for Small Island Developing States (SIDS) is fully operational and the technical processes to establish the centres were finalised successfully. The centres lie in the ownership of the respective regional organisations. The Caribbean Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency ([www.ccreee.org](http://www.ccreee.org), CCREEE) is operating in Bridgetown, Barbados, the Pacific Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency ([www.pcreee.org](http://www.pcreee.org), PCREEE) in Tonga and the ECOWAS Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency ([www.ecreee.org](http://www.ecreee.org), ECREEE) in Praia, Cape Verde.

Under the umbrella of the Global Network of Regional Sustainable Energy Centres (GN-SEC) platform, the centres will work jointly on SIDS energy issues and solutions. More specifically, the centres design and implement regional programmes, projects and activities in five outcome areas:

1. Effective regional sustainable energy promotion agency is created and efficiently managed
2. Enabling policy, legal and incentive frameworks are created and under implementation
3. Effective sustainable energy qualification, innovation, certification and accreditation frameworks for sustainable energy are created and under implementation
4. Effective knowledge and data management, as well as awareness raising and advocacy activities are implemented
5. Investments in sustainable energy infrastructure, and manufacturing and servicing industries are mobilized.

UNIDO in partnership with SIDS DOCK provides technical support for the establishment and operation of the regional centres. Financial support is provided by the Austrian Development Cooperation (ADC) through the Austrian Development Agency (ADA) and the Austrian Federal Ministry for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs (BMEIA), UNIDO, as well as the Spanish Government. Please refer to Annex 1 for the ADA contribution.

The “**Island Women Sustainable Energy and Climate Resilience Network**” is a first flagship initiative which was launched at the 2015 Vienna Energy Forum. The initiative promotes gender mainstreaming in the sustainable energy sector of Small Island Developing States in the Pacific, Caribbean, Africa and Indian Ocean.

As a core donor of these regional sustainable energy centres, ADA coordinates with the centres and UNIDO on institutional aspects as well as on the design and implementation of the technical programme and portfolio of projects.

The ADA-supported project on “Strengthening regional disaster risk reduction strategies and capacities for resilience in the Caribbean” is implemented by UNISDR in several focal countries in the Caribbean, most of which are SIDS.

4. *(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 Focal Point for the support to the implementation of the SAMOA Pathway is the Department of International Programmes and Projects. The Austrian Development Cooperation Act and the Three-Year-Programme of the Austrian Development Cooperation provide the policy and legal framework guiding the priorities of the work programme Austrian Development Agency. For SIDS, the policy framework emphasis support to interventions linked to the Water-Energy-Food Security Nexus.

5. *(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:

In 2018 programmes and projects invested into the SAMOA Pathway thematic priorities of sustainable energy and disaster risk reduction accounted for 1,47% of the total operative budget of ADA. Other priorities identified in the SAMOA Pathway were addressed in a nexus perspective.

## 6. Addressing Gaps and Challenges:

- a. From among the programmes/projects that have been implemented by your government over the reporting period, please elaborate on any implementation challenges that have been encountered (**Word Limit for responses: 2500**).
- 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)?

## 7. Outreach/Publications

- a. Please include a link to the annual progress reports prepared on development/sustainable development. If present, please identify the sections relevant to SIDS/SAMOA Pathway implementation. Please also add any other relevant publication issued by your government that covers SIDS issues.

Progress on the work of the Regional Centres for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency can be found under the following links:

- <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/partnership/?p=7639>
- <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/partnership/?p=7504>
- <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/partnership/?p=7498>
- <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/partnership/?p=7510>

Publications on the Austrian Development Agency including its annual reports as well as the ODA reports for Austria can be accessed on <http://www.entwicklung.at/en/media-centre/publications/reports/>

**8. 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 government 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 elaborate.

No

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

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

## **ANNEX 1**

### **1. Financing**

Priorities identified in the Samoa Pathway	Investments (USD)	Budget Allocation	FY/ Cycle/ Period	(Optional) specify SAMOA Pathway Paragraph
Sustainable, inclusive and equitable economic growth				
Climate Change				
Sustainable Energy	4,970,000	27,4 %	2015-2018	
Disaster Risk Reduction	565,000	19 %	2015-2018	
Oceans and seas				
Food Security and Nutrition				
Water and Sanitation				
Sustainable Transportation				
Sustainable Consumption and Production				
Chemical and Waste management				
Health and NCDs				
Gender equality				
Social development				
Biodiversity				
Means of implementation				
Etc.				
<b>Total</b>				

2. Please report using the table below. If the intervention was reported in 2018, please skip the table, mention merely the name of the project and elaborate on the rest of the question (I, II, III)

<https://sidsnetwork.org/secretary-general-report-samoa-pathway/>

Name of Project/ Programme/ Activity	Main Themes/ Goals addressed		Target Countries, Regions, Sectors	Goals	Intervention Type  (Tech transfer, Capacity development etc.)	Total Budget (US\$)	Implementation  Period
	Samoa Pathway	SDGs					
CCREEE - start-up and first operational phase	Sustainable Energy	SDG 7, 9, 13	CARICOM Member States/ Energy Sector	Goals and expected outcomes are described in the annual work plans and strategic/business plans		960,000	
Secondment to CCREEE - Sustainable Energy Expert with focus on Energy Efficiency	Sustainable Energy	SDG 7, 9, 13	CARICOM Member States/ Energy Sector	Contribution to the successful implementation of the annual workplan and capacity development		384,000	
PALCEE III - Latin American and Caribbean Energy Efficiency Program (Phase III)	Sustainable Energy	7, 9, 13	OLADE members countries, Energy Sector	Strengthening the energy efficiency institutional framework and capacity building		336,000	
Capacity building support for the ECOWAS Centre for RE and EE (ECREEE) - Phase II	Sustainable Energy	7, 9, 13	ECOWAS Member States/ Energy Sector	Assisting the ECOWAS Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (ECREEE) to adapt technically and institutionally to the new requirements of the Strategic Plan covering the period 2017 to 2021		1,140,000	