

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](#)¹ prepared following the 3rd International Conference on Small Island Developing States.

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) in absolute values for the period January 2015 to December 2018 or the most relevant period following the onset of the SAMOA Pathway.

<i>SAMOA Pathway Priorities (by GEF Focal Area)</i>	<i>Investments* (USD) in SIDS during July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2018</i>
Biodiversity	327,460,290
Climate change mitigation	172,565,085
Climate change adaptation (including disaster risk management)	74,562,975
International Waters	18,998,940
Land degradation	35,517,621
Chemicals and waste management	14,851,070
Multi-focal area (cross-cutting)	270,869,394

** These figures include some regional and global projects that include non-SIDS countries in addition to SIDS.*

¹ 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.

n/a

- 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?

n/a

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

In July 2018, the GEF introduced a new GEF Results Architecture that builds on the learning captured from systems and approaches developed over the past two decades. The GEF Results Architecture is designed to generate more relevant and more reliable data and information on results, while promoting integration, multiple benefits, and simplification. Specifically, the Results Architecture aims to better capture the value of synergies across the GEF's different areas of work, while simultaneously allowing standardized reporting on results across the GEF focal areas. It also enables the GEF to begin to capture more systematically the socio-economic co-benefits of its projects and programs. The new Results Architecture is based upon eleven core indicators and associated sub-indicators that span all five GEF focal areas (Biodiversity, Climate Change, International Waters, Chemicals and Waste, and Land Degradation). The core indicators have been developed by the Secretariat in close consultation and collaboration with Agencies and other stakeholders as well as incorporating input from Participants and Observers in the GEF-7 Replenishment process. Each of the GEF programming priorities is expected to contribute towards global environmental benefits across one or more core indicators and sub-indicators as they are used to gauge GEF progress toward a set of ambitious targets. See <https://www.thegef.org/council-meeting-documents/updated-results-architecture-gef-7-0> for details.

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.

Pacific Islands Ridge to Reef (R2R) National Priorities: Integrated Water, Land, Forest & Coastal Management to Preserve Ecosystem Services, Sequester Carbon, Improve Climate Resilience and Sustain Livelihoods

This is an integrated regional GEF program in 14 Pacific SIDS, supported by an \$88 million GEF grant that includes a suite of national projects as well as a cross-cutting regional project. The R2R promotes the governance and management of land, water, forest, biodiversity and coastal resource management in a manner that can contribute to enhanced livelihoods, reduce poverty and increase resilience. The program is currently under implementation.

Additional examples of projects approved or under implementation in the reporting period:

Name of project or program	Grant size (USD million)
Promoting Energy Efficiency in the Pacific (Cook Islands, Samoa, Tonga, Vanuatu)	5.25
Strengthening National and Regional Capacities to Reduce the Impact of Invasive Alien Species on Globally Significant Biodiversity in the Pacific	6.25
Caribbean Regional Oceanscape Project	6.3
Third South West Indian Ocean Fisheries Governance and Shared Growth Project	10.3
Land Degradation Neutrality Target Setting Project (which included 17 SIDS countries)	3

4. 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 the covers SIDS.

The following publications either exclusively or largely highlight GEF programming in SIDS:

- **Small Island Developing States and the GEF: Building Lasting Partnerships**
https://www.thegef.org/sites/default/files/publications/GEF%20and%20SIDS%20October%202018_r2.pdf

- **Innovative Financing for Healthy Oceans**

<https://www.thegef.org/sites/default/files/publications/BlueBond-infographic-web.pdf>

- **Blue Economy: Community Solutions**

https://www.thegef.org/sites/default/files/publications/SGP-Blue%20Economy%20Community%20Solutions-Publication-Digital%20%281%29_0.pdf

Additional publications of relevance to SIDS include:

- From Coast to Coast

https://www.thegef.org/sites/default/files/publications/From_Coast_to_Coast_-_Celebrating_20_years_of_Transboundary_Management_of_our_Shared_Oceans_2.pdf

- From Ridge to Reef: Water, Environment and Community Security

https://www.thegef.org/sites/default/files/publications/GEF_RidgetoReef2015_r2_Final.pdf

- Water for our Future: GEF Action on Water, Environment and Sustainable Livelihoods

https://www.thegef.org/sites/default/files/publications/GEF_IWSecurity_WaterFutureApril2015_r2_1.pdf

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

Yes. Please see: <https://www.thegef.org/topics/small-island-developing-states>