

QUESTIONNAIRE

Implementation of the SAMOA Pathway and the MSI, BPOA for the Sustainable Development of SIDS

Please note that **strict word limits** have been established for each question. The Secretariat is unable to consider any information beyond these established word limits. In this regard, you are requested to report only on new, updated or on the *most critical/noteworthy* information. Information conveyed in previous surveys will also not be considered. Previous surveys can be accessed at <https://sidsnetwork.org/> under reports.

1. Legal/Policy/Institutional Arrangements for SIDS and/or the implementation of the SAMOA Pathway¹

Does your entity/organization/government have a SIDS Strategy? If not, are there any plans to establish one, including with the appropriate resources for implementation. **(1000 words)**

The current strategic framework for Austrian development policy (Three Year Programme 2019-2021) establishes priority areas for cooperation with LDCs and SIDS. Those strategic priorities include water supply and sanitation, renewable energy and rural development for increased food security. The Austrian Development Agency (ADA) does not have a specific SIDS Strategy and there are no plans to establish one.

2. Financial Arrangements

Please give an indication of the budget allocated to SIDS SAMOA Pathway programme areas in your government/organization/entity, if applicable, for the period Jan. 2019 to Jan. 2020 or the fiscal cycle that best fits this period. If the priority areas cannot squarely fit this chart, please report as closely as you can.

| Priorities | Investment (USD) | Budget Allocation | FY/ Cycle/ Period |
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¹ This question seeks to examine the extent to which each respondent mainstreamed SIDS and the Samoa Pathway into co-operation frameworks, programmes and activities, national development plans etc, to ensure effective follow-up and implementation at regional and national levels in SIDS.

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| Sustainable, inclusive and equitable economic growth | | | |
| Climate Change | | | |
| Sustainable Energy | 2,134,000 | | 2018 |
| | 1,760,000 | | 2019 |
| Disaster Risk Reduction | | | |
| 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. | | | |
| Total | 3,894,000 | | |

Comment ADA: Some sustainable energy related data in the table above refer to global or regional investments that include investments in SIDS, but are not specifically dedicated to SIDS. Data to compute the budget allocation share are not available.

3. Implementation of the SAMOA Pathway and Support to SIDS over the remaining life of the SAMOA Pathway

Based on the call for action and other priority areas contained in on A/Res/73/4, please provide an indication of your entity's/organization's/government's proposed focus in the remaining life of the SAMOA Pathway. What outcomes are you seeking to achieve? (1500 words)

ADA: The focus remains on supporting access to modern energy and increased energy efficiency in line with SDG #7. In particular, ADA pursues to further strengthen the

collaboration with CARICOM and the Pacific Community on developing the capacities and achievements of their respective Centres for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (CCREEE and PCREEE respectively).

What specific actions, if any will your entity/organization/government take to address any of the gaps and challenges identified in the political outcome (paras 15 ~29), section on “Call for Action” in the document A/RES/74/3²? **(1500 words)**

ADA takes strong actions to empower women and girls and promote gender equality in all its cooperation programmes and projects. A.o, the Global Network of Sustainable Energy Centres (GN-SEC), a platform that also benefits CCREEE, PCREEE, ECREEE, has embarked on developing gender tools with ADA’s support.

Besides, Austria provides considerable support through the Foreign Disaster Fund to SIDS in case of an emergency.

Data and statistics remain a significant challenge for SIDS. It hinders the ability of SIDS to report on key international commitments. Most SIDS are currently able to report on less than 50% of the SDG indicators. Please give an indication of any proposed targeted action at national or sub regional levels, to address this area in SIDS **(1000 words)**

ADA: No specifically targeted action

4. Financing for Sustainable Development in SIDS

Access to low cost development financing is a longstanding concern and priority for SIDS. Please indicate any plans or approaches which your entity/organization/government may have to support or enhance SIDS access to concessional finance, including the broadening partnerships, to address capacity constraints and enhance SIDS ability to mobilise, manage and spend financial resources from a wider array of sources **(1500 words)**.

ADA: No specific plan or approaches

Please elaborate on any specific plans or programmes at national and or sub regional levels to support SIDS to explore approaches and financial instruments that can help SIDS maximise resources for sustainable development from a broader array of resources, in particular through innovative financial instruments such as green bonds, blue bonds, and blending arrangements **(1500 words)**.

² The document can be accessed at <https://undocs.org/en/A/RES/74/3>

ADA: No specific plan or approaches

5. Climate Change and Disaster Risk Resilience

Please elaborate on any specific or planned programmes which your entity/organization/government intends to engage to support SIDS to build climate resilience, including building back better in the aftermath of disasters? (**1000 words**)

ADA: No specific or planned programmes. However, Austria's Foreign Disaster Fund allows to swiftly respond to support SIDS in case of climate change related disasters.