

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 UK has been reviewing its policy approach towards SIDS since last year and is developing its ongoing strategy to reflect the recent challenges around COVID19. There is not a single “SIDS strategy” document however.

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
Sustainable, inclusive and equitable economic growth			

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.

Climate Change			
Sustainable Energy			
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			

Nil response

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)

The UK is focussed in particular on addressing the challenges SIDS face around access to concessional finance. This work will be centred around a conference which is currently scheduled for September 2020 (though this is under review due to the Covid 19 crisis).

The UK remains committed to the issues and priorities raised in the Resolution. The UK already allocates significant development funds to SIDS in the Caribbean and Pacific regions and will continue to do so. Going forwards the UK will consider how it

can continue to support SIDS to manage their response to Covid 19. We are also considering how we can best assist SIDS around capacity building and resource pooling among others.

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)**

In follow-up to paragraph 19 – as mentioned above, the UK aims to chair a conference on concessional finance and to lead work to ensure that the rules around access to concessional finance are fair to SIDS and recognise their particular challenges.

In follow-up to paragraph 20 – the UK continues to support the development of blue and green bonds, including through the potential use of the London Stock Exchange for launch of future financial instruments of this type.

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)**

N/A

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)**.

See above.

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)**.

See above

5. Climate Change and Disaster Risk Resilience

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

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**)