

# **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 Pathway<sup>1</sup>**

UN Environment Programme does not have a SIDS sub-programme or Strategy. UN Environment Assembly Resolution 2/4 however serve as the basic document for the implementation of the SAMOA Pathway and based on this Resolution, UNEP already incorporated priority SIDS activities within its seven Sub-Programmes. Financial resources for the implementation of the priority activities for SIDS are provided under the seven Sub-Programmes.

### **2. Financial Arrangements**

As discussed above, UNEP does not have a sub-programme for SIDS and an overall accounting system for budgets dedicated to SIDS. Therefore, no figure can be presented in this section.

<b>Priorities</b>	<b>Investment (USD)</b>	<b>Budget Allocation</b>	<b>FY/ Cycle/ Period</b>
Sustainable, inclusive and equitable economic growth			
Climate Change			

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

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.			
<b>Total</b>			

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

In A/RES/74/3, UNEP is called “to further strengthen support to small island developing States, including through dedicated programmes”. UNEP had established several programmes already dedicated to supporting the Small Island Developing States. Some of these programmes include non-SIDS member states to establish south-south, north-south and triangular cooperation. UNEP intends to develop such programmes further to better address the needs of SIDS.

UNEP has extended its Green Finn programme to include more SIDS. The governments of Dominican Republic, Antigua & Barbuda, Maldives, Singapore and Palau are all implementing Green Fins activities for sustainable SCUBA diving tourism. Green Fins was originally initiated under UNEP and the Regional Seas Programmes as part of an effort to increase public awareness and management practices that will benefit the conservation of coral reefs and reduce unsustainable tourism practices. It is now the only global environmental certification standard for SCUBA diving tourism and has a mission “to protect and conserve coral reefs by establishing and implementing environmentally friendly guidelines to promote a sustainable diving and snorkelling tourism industry”.

UNEP functions as custodian or co-custodian agency for a number of SDG indicators. In fulfilling this function, UNEP includes SIDS and provides support tailored to the data management situation in SIDS.

#### **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**).

UNEP Financial Initiative, European Commission and World Wildlife Fund established the Sustainable Blue Economy Finance Principles (<https://www.unepfi.org/ecosystems/sustainable-blue-economy-finance/>) and are moving towards supporting the member States including SIDS to adopt and apply them.

UNEP has introduced innovative financing (Landscape financing initiative, coral reef small scale financing, etc.) to selected SIDS countries and regions. One example of such an initiative is to support the development of coral reef insurance scheme for the Caribbean against future possible damages caused by natural disasters.

#### **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**)

Based on the UN Environment Assembly Resolution 4/13, UNEP and the Global Coral Reef Monitoring Programme organised a series of regional workshops to collate information and data to produce regional coral reef reports. These regions included SIDS regions, such as the Caribbean, Pacific, Western Indian Ocean, South Asia, and East Asia. Based on the same Resolution, UNEP is working with International Coral Reef Initiative to produce a global summary report.