



## **Regional Partnership Dialogue for AIMS**

22-23 May 2018, Maritim Resort and Spa, Balaclava, Mauritius

Held in support of the Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Atlantic, Indian Ocean, Mediterranean and South China Sea (AIMS)

### **Concept note**

#### **Background**

The Third International Conference on Small Island Developing States (SIDS Conference) was held from 1 to 4 September 2014 in Apia, Samoa under the overarching theme of “*The sustainable development of small island developing States through genuine and durable partnerships*”. The Conference resulted in an intergovernmental agreed outcome document – the SAMOA Pathway - and the announcement of 300 multi-stakeholder partnerships devoted to the sustainable development of SIDS.

A key outcome of the SIDS Conference<sup>1</sup> was the establishment of the *SIDS Partnership Framework* which is designed to monitor progress of existing, and stimulate the launch of new, genuine and durable partnerships for the sustainable development of SIDS.

The Framework consist of 1) a member States driven Steering Committee on SIDS Partnerships 2) the organization of an annual action-oriented and results-focused Global Multi stakeholder SIDS Partnership Dialogue, 3) a standardized partnership reporting process of all stakeholders, and 3) the organization of regional and 4) national SIDS multi-stakeholder partnership dialogues with support from the United Nations system and the international community.

In September 2019, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 72/217, Member States will convene a one-day high-level meeting at United Nations Headquarters to review progress made in addressing the priorities of SIDS through the implementation of the SAMOA Pathway. A robust member States driven preparatory process is currently underway, with three regional meetings of SIDS in their respective regions, as well as one interregional meeting for all SIDS.

#### **Regional Partnership Dialogue**

With generous funding support provided by the government of Italy, and under the overall guidance of the Steering Committee on SIDS Partnerships, currently chaired by Belize and Ireland,

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<sup>1</sup> A/RES/70/202

UN DESA is undertaking a capacity development project to support the work of the SIDS Partnership Framework and the preparatory process related to the SAMOA Pathway mid-term review.

The overarching goal of the project is to contribute to advancing the implementation of the SAMOA Pathway and the 2030 Agenda in SIDS by increasing the capacity of all stakeholders in forging new, genuine and durable multi-stakeholder partnerships to help drive implementation on the ground and strengthen the monitoring and review process of partnerships in SIDS.

The project will include a broad consultative process with relevant stakeholders in SIDS, including a series of partnership dialogues which will be organized in the margins of the regional SAMOA pathway mid-term review preparatory meetings.

These partnership dialogues will provide an opportunity to:

- Assess the status of partnerships for each region, identifying best practices and gaps around which new partnerships for driving implementation of SAMOA Pathway priority areas and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in SIDS can be forged;
- Raise the capacity of stakeholders in developing genuine and durable partnerships for SIDS;
- Strengthen the review and monitoring process of SIDS partnerships;

The first partnership dialogue will be held 22-23 May 2018 in Port Louis, Mauritius, as part of the Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Atlantic, Indian Ocean, Mediterranean and South China Sea (AIMS).

## **Structure of partnership dialogue**

### **Session 1: Developing genuine and durable partnerships – good practices and lessons learned**

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development provides an immense opportunity for all stakeholders to work collaboratively across sectors and thematic areas, forging genuine partnerships for supporting implementation of the SDGs and the SAMOA Pathway. It is therefore imperative to examine what it is that makes a partnership genuine, durable, and most impactful for SIDS.

This session will look at various partnerships for SIDS in AIMS, examining how they have been developed, how the partnerships are governed, what are the leadership roles and partnership evaluation methods, and any challenges in implementation.

#### Guiding questions

- How did the partnership start? Where did the idea come from? Who is taking the lead? What process did they go through to develop and set up the partnership?
- What are the main stakeholders involved? What are the target beneficiaries?

- How are the partnerships structured and managed? How is it governed and funded? What role, if any, does a secretariat play?
- What are the biggest challenge to the implementation of the objectives of the partnership?
- What is the thing that has worked best, what bright spots can be shared and what are the critical ingredients to an impactful partnership?

### **Session 2: Identifying and addressing gaps through partnerships for SIDS**

As part of the support to the SAMOA mid-term review preparatory process, UN DESA has conducted an initial in-depth analysis, including assessment of gaps, of partnerships that were announced in the context of the SIDS Conference in 2014.

This session will start off with a presentation of the initial analysis on the status of partnerships for SIDS in the AIMS region and provide an opportunity for SIDS to discuss how to address gaps in the SAMOA Pathway priority areas and the SDGs through new genuine and durable partnerships needed for the region.

#### Guiding questions:

- How can partnerships best address the gaps of the SAMOA Pathway priority areas?
- In which priority areas do we need more partnerships to be forged, for the sustainable development of SIDS in the AIMS region?
- What type of stakeholders, and sectors, do need to be more involved in partnership arrangements for SIDS in the AIMS region?

### **Session 3: Strengthening the review and monitoring process of partnerships for SIDS**

On December 2015, the General Assembly decided<sup>2</sup>, in accordance with paragraph 101 of the Samoa Pathway and in line with the priorities of SIDS, to establish the *SIDS Partnership Framework*, to monitor and ensure the full implementation of pledges and commitments through partnerships for SIDS in order to promote the effective and efficient follow-up to the existing partnerships, in particular new partnerships launched at the Third International Conference on Small Island Developing States, and to encourage new, genuine and durable partnerships for the sustainable development of SIDS.

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<sup>2</sup> A/70/472/Add.2

The session will provide an opportunity to discuss how the processes of the SIDS Partnership Framework related to monitoring progress of existing, and stimulate the launch of new, genuine and durable partnerships for the sustainable development of SIDS, could be strengthened.

#### Guiding questions

- How to ensure an action-oriented and results-focused annual Global Multi stakeholder SIDS Partnership Dialogue, in line with the priorities of SIDS;
- How can the current process related to monitoring progress of existing partnerships be improved?
- How do we ensure the full participation of relevant stakeholders in the monitoring of existing partnerships, while ensuring no one is left behind?
- How do we encourage the forging and launching of new, genuine and durable partnerships for the sustainable development of SIDS?
- How can the regional/international community best support SIDS partnership approaches?

## Tentative programme of partnership dialogue

TIME	SESSION
<b>Day 1 - 22 May 2018</b>	
04.15 PM – 04.30 PM	<p><b>Opening remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- H.E. Ms. Lois M. Young, Permanent Representative of Belize to the United Nations, co-chair of the Steering Committee on Partnerships for Small Island Developing States</li> <li>- H.E. Mr. Brian Flynn, Deputy Permanent Representative of Ireland to the United Nations, representing of H.E. Ms. Geraldine Byrne Nason, co-chair of the Steering Committee on Partnerships for Small Island Developing States</li> </ul> <p><b>Outline of meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr. Ola Goransson, Partnerships Coordinator, Division for Sustainable Development Goals, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA)</li> </ul>
04.30 PM – 06.00 PM	<p><b>Session 1: Developing genuine and durable partnerships – good practices and lessons learned</b></p> <p><b>Moderated by</b> Mr. Darian Stibbe, Director, The Partnering Initiative (TPI)</p> <p><u>Panelists:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ms. Birguy Lamizana Diallo, Programme Officer, <a href="#">Global Wastewater Initiative</a>, United Nations Environment (UNEP)</li> <li>2. Ms. Khalissa, Ikhlef, <a href="#">SANDWATCH - a Global Observatory of Changing Environments in SIDS based on citizen science</a>, UNESCO</li> <li>3. Ms. Kate Brown, <a href="#">Global Island Partnership (GLISPA)</a></li> <li>4. Mr. Daniel Nzyuko, <a href="#">Atlantic and Indian Ocean SIDS Integrated Water Resources Management Project</a></li> <li>5. Ms. Karuna Rana, Co-Founder and Executive Director, <a href="#">SIDS Youth AIMS Hub</a></li> </ol> <p><b>Interactive dialogue with SIDS</b></p>
<b>Day 2 - 23 May 2018</b>	
09.00 AM – 10.45 AM	<p><b>Session 2: Identifying and addressing the gaps through partnerships for SIDS</b></p> <p><b>Moderated by:</b> Ms. Kate Brown, Global Island Partnership (GLISPA)</p>

	<p><b>Presentation:</b> <i>In-depth analysis of Partnerships for SIDS in AIMS (Mr. Sylvester Clauzel, Consultant for UN DESA)</i></p> <p><u>Panelists:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ms. Isabel Monteiro, Counselor, Permanent Mission of Republic of Cabo Verde to the United Nations</li> <li>2. Mr. Raj Mohabeer, Indian Ocean Commission (IOC)</li> <li>3. Mr. Patrice Talla (PhD), Representative of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in Madagascar, Comoros, Mauritius and Seychelles, Atlantic and Indian Oceans Coordinator for the implementation of the <a href="#">Global Action Programme (GAP) on Food security and Nutrition in Small Island Developing States (SIDS)</a></li> <li>4. Mr. Paul Holthaus, World Ocean Council, <a href="#">Ocean Industry Leadership and Collaboration for Ocean/SIDS Sustainable Development</a></li> <li>5. Mr. Leighton Waterman, Programme Officer, <a href="#">SIDS Lighthouses Initiative</a></li> </ol> <p><b>Interactive dialogue with SIDS</b></p>
10:45 AM – 11:00 AM	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>
11.00 AM – 12.45 PM	<p><b>Session 3:</b> <i>Strengthening the review and monitoring process of partnerships for SIDS</i></p> <p><b>Opening/Moderated by</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. H.E. Ms. Lois M. Young, Permanent Representative of Belize to the United Nations, co-chair of the Steering Committee on Partnerships for Small Island Developing States</li> <li>2. H.E. Mr. Brian Flynn, Deputy Permanent Representative of Ireland to the United Nations, representing of H.E. Ms. Geraldine Byrne Nason H.E. Ms. Geraldine Byrne Nason, co-chair of the Steering Committee on Partnerships for Small Island Developing States</li> </ol> <p><b>Presentation</b> <i>SIDS Partnership Framework (Presentation by UN DESA)</i></p> <p><u>Panelists:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Azeema Adam, Special Envoy of the Maldives on Financing for Development</li> </ul> <p><b>Interactive dialogue with SIDS</b></p>
12.45 PM – 01.00 PM	<b>Wrap Up &amp; The way Forward</b>

