

Partnerships to accelerate implementation of the SDGs in Small Island Developing States



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Small Island Developing States Partnership Framework

UN Conference on
Small Island Developing States

SIDS ACCELERATED MODALITIES OF ACTION

[S.A.M.O.A.] Pathway



- A key request from the **outcome** of the 2014 Third International Conference on SIDS - **the SAMOA Pathway**
- The **SIDS Partnership Framework** designed to monitor progress of existing partnerships as well as stimulate the launch of new, genuine and durable partnerships for the sustainable development of SIDS
- Guided by a Steering Committee driven by Member States, the framework has **ensured that SIDS partnerships have remained high on the UN's agenda, providing a multi-stakeholder platform for reviewing progress made by SIDS partnerships, and for sharing of good practices and lessons learned among all stakeholders on an annual basis**

More than 500 SIDS partnerships are currently registered on the SIDS Action Platform






<http://www.sids2014.org/>

The screenshot displays the SIDS Action Platform interface. At the top, there is a blue header with the SIDS logo and the text "SIDS ACTION PLATFORM". A green button labeled "REGISTER SIDS PARTNERSHIP" is visible in the top right corner. Below the header, a large banner features a sunset over the ocean with the text: "SIDS PARTNERSHIP FRAMEWORK MONITORING AND ENSURING THE FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF PLEDGES AND COMMITMENTS THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS FOR SMALL ISLAND DEVELOPING STATES". Two buttons, "REGISTER PARTNERSHIP" and "SHARE UPDATE", are positioned below the banner. The main content area is titled "SEARCH RESULTS" and shows a grid of six partnership cards. Each card includes a blue handshake icon, a unique ID (e.g., *SIDSAction25865), and the partnership name. A left sidebar contains filters for "Progress reports available" (marked as NEW), "One year overdue", "Two years overdue", and "Tweets available". Below these are a "Keyword search" box and a "FILTER BY SAMOA PATHWAY" section with options like "Sustained and Sustainable, Inclusive and Equitable Economic Growth with Decent Work for All", "Climate Change", "Sustainable Energy", "Disaster Risk Reduction", and "Oceans and Seas". The top right of the search results area includes a "SORT BY" dropdown set to "Date Registered (Most recent fi)" and a grid view icon.

ID	Partnership Name
*SIDSAction25865	Halley Movement & PAN-Mauritius Coalition
*SIDSAction23433	Mangrove of my heart - Manglar de mi corazon
*SIDSAction23171	Commonwealth Climate Finance Access Hub
*SIDSAction23163	Partnership between IOM and the Ocean and Climate Platform (OCP)
*SIDSAction23159	Global Action Programme on Food Security and Nutrition in Small Island Developing States (SIDS)
*SIDSAction23155	Pacific Green Business Centre

Each registered SIDS partnership is asked to select priority SDGs and targets, timelines, resources, partners, deliverables, beneficiaries

- (**SMART criteria** – Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Resource-driven, Time-bound)

 SIDS ACTION PLATFORM REGISTER SIDS PARTNERSHIP    

Register Partnership for Small Island Developing States

PLEASE FILL OUT AS DETAILED AS POSSIBLE. GREEN FIELDS ARE REQUIRED.

BASIC INFORMATION

Title
Title of Partnership






Partners - list all organizations, entities, stakeholder networks that involved in this initiative
Partners

Location (City/town, Country)
Location (city/town, country)

SAMOA PATHWAY PRIORITY AREAS

YOU HAVE SELECTED: 0 PRIORITY AREAS

Please select which S AMOA Pathway Priority areas the partnerships is working towards.

-  Sustained and Sustainable, Inclusive and Equitable Economic Growth with Decent Work for All
-  Climate Change
-  Sustainable Energy
-  Disaster Risk Reduction
-  Oceans and Seas

Strengthening the Capacity of SIDS in Development, Monitoring and Reviewing Partnerships

- In September 2019, Member States will convene a one-day high-level meeting at the United Nations Headquarters in New York to **review progress made in addressing the priorities of Small Island Developing States (SIDS) through the implementation of the SAMOA Pathway**
- A robust Member States' driven preparatory process is currently underway, which will feature **three regional meetings of SIDS, as well as one interregional meeting for all SIDS**
- Under the overall guidance of the Steering Committee on SIDS Partnerships, currently chaired by Belize and Ireland, **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 project is expected to result in a *SIDS Partnership Toolbox*, which will include **an in-depth analysis of existing partnerships, identified best practices and gaps in implementation, and a set of tools for monitoring and evaluating SIDS partnerships at the regional, national, and global level**

SIDS Partnership Dialogues

The project will include a series of capacity development partnership dialogues, which will provide an opportunity to bring together relevant stakeholders from the different SIDS regions to:

- **Assess the status of partnerships for each SIDS region, identifying best practices and gaps** around which new partnerships could be forged to further drive implementation of SAMOA Pathway priority areas and SDGs in SIDS;
- **Raise the capacity of diverse stakeholders to develop genuine and durable partnerships for SIDS;**
- **Strengthen the review and monitoring process of SIDS partnerships**



AIMS Region SIDS Partnership Dialogue

- The first partnership dialogue will be held from **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) region
- Will focus on best practices and lessons learned in developing SIDS partnerships, as well as identifying development gaps that can be addressed by partnerships
- A concept note and tentative programme are available at:
<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/sids/partnerships2018>



Pacific plastic pollution: A system for regional grassroots solutions



- By The Sustainable Coastlines Charitable Trust (NGO)
- Working with **leaders within Pacific communities**, the program focuses on enhancing human capacity through in-country and regional training programs, ensuring that community members and leaders have open access to the best practice tools for reporting on, removing and preventing litter
- Provides **ongoing support and training**, with a long-term aim of **creating employment opportunities** around the region for implementing this critical work
- Upcoming deliverables: **Design and roll out of litter data collection methodology and educational intervention in Hawaii and Papua New Guinea** (October 2018)

Partnerships with SIDS for floating solar energy at sea

By Swimsol GmbH (private sector) commits to seek new partnerships with Small Island Development States in order to advance floating solar energy at sea, which will make clean energy possible for small islands beyond the limitations of land



Atlantic and Indian Ocean SIDS Integrated Water Resources Management Project

- The Global Environment Facility (GEF) has funded a large project to support 6 participating Small Island Developing States, 2 in the Atlantic Ocean (Cape Verde and Sao Tome & Principe) and 4 in the Indian Ocean (Comoros, Maldives, Mauritius and Seychelles). The partnership is also supported by UNEP, UNDP, and UNOPS
- Objective to **strengthen the commitment and capacity of the participating countries to implement an integrated approach to the management of freshwater resources, with a long-term goal of enhancement of the capacity of the countries to plan and manage their aquatic resources and ecosystems on a sustainable basis**
- Deliverables:
 - Develop national indicator and monitoring framework in all 6 countries
 - Policy, legislative, and institutional reforms in all countries
 - Capacity building, learning, knowledge exchange & replication of best practices from pilot projects



Engaging Civil Society in the delivery of the Caribbean Large Marine Ecosystem plus Strategic Action Programme Implementation

- By Caribbean Natural Resources Institute (CANARI) (Civil society organization)
- CANARI works directly with the full range of stakeholders in the islands of the Caribbean in order to facilitate **avenues for their equitable and effective participation in decisions about the use and management of marine resources**
- Stakeholders include people in rural communities, community based organisations, non-governmental organisations, media, academic institutions, donors and technical assistance organisations, governmental and intergovernmental agencies, and the private sector
- Committed to **developing the Caribbean Large Marine Ecosystem Civil Society Action Programme** (improving the management of shared Living Marine Resources) and corresponding **Small Grants Coordinating Mechanism** aimed at promoting broader participation of, and contributions from civil society organisations and small and micro enterprises to the overall set of actions aimed at achieving the long-term vision for the region (**by August 2019**)



Global Wastewater Initiative (GW2I)

- The GW2I is a multi-stakeholder platform comprised of UN agencies, international organizations, governments, scientists, the private sector, industries and Major groups and stakeholders to **provide the foundations (including information, tools and policy mechanisms) for partnerships to initiate comprehensive, effective and sustained programmes addressing wastewater management**
- Carried out through the creation of demonstration projects for sustainable wastewater reuse
- Includes capacity building and training for public and private sector stakeholders at local, regional and national levels



Demonstration Projects:

- Reducing Pollution in the Black Sea- WECF;
- Demonstration of Effective Use of Treated Wastewater in the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden- PERSGA;
- Demonstrating Decentralized Wastewater in Tanzania- BORDA, UN-Habitat

Communities of Ocean Action

- To follow-up on the implementation of ocean-related voluntary commitments and partnerships, UN DESA and the UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy for the Ocean, Ambassador Peter Thomson, have launched **nine thematic multistakeholder Communities of Ocean Action** to spur further action in the area of Goal 14, and to maintain momentum until the next Ocean Conference, anticipated to be held in 2020
- Each **Community of Ocean Action** is coordinated by a set of **designated focal points** drawn from representatives from the UN system and civil society, including UN Environment, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), UN Office of Legal Affairs (OLA), International Maritime Organization, Ocean Conservancy, Global Environment Facility (GEF), Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), among other entities and organizations.



Communities of Ocean Action



- The nine multi-stakeholder Communities of Ocean Action are:
 1. Mangroves
 2. Coral reefs
 3. Ocean acidification
 4. Marine and coastal ecosystems management
 5. Sustainable fisheries
 6. Marine pollution
 7. Sustainable blue economy
 8. Scientific knowledge, research capacity development and transfer of marine technology
 9. Implementation of international law as reflected in United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea
- All stakeholders committed to Ocean Action for advancing Sustainable Development Goal 14 are welcome to join the Communities of Ocean Actions by registering a voluntary commitment or partnerships.
- Full list of Voluntary Commitments, Communities of Ocean Action, designated focal points, and Voluntary Commitment registration form can be found at <https://oceanconference.un.org/>

Recommendations

- [Review of Partnerships for Small Island Developing States](#) – advance copy just released!
- **Gap Analysis identifies major areas** which require attention if the priorities of the SAMOA pathway are to be better realized:
 1. More projects related to **youth and community empowerment** (strong in the Pacific region, can be emulated in other regions)
 2. The need to **increase the engagement of the private sector in many partnerships**, as this is currently lacking
 3. The **environmental costs of unsustainable tourism management**, and the need to address this issue through partnerships
 4. The importance of **documentation and developing baselines to enable improved monitoring and support for policy decisions**



Thank you!

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