



Global Multi-stakeholder SIDS Partnership Dialogue

Organized by the co-chairs of the Steering Committee on Partnerships for Small Island Developing States, Italy and Maldives, in collaboration with UNDESA and OHRLLS

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4th floor Private Dining Rooms 6-8, United Nations Conference Building, UNHQ, New York

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. Over 300 partnerships devoted to the sustainable development of Small Island Developing States (SIDS) were announced leading up to, and at, the Conference.

As a direct follow up to SIDS Conference, as mandated by the SAMOA Pathway (paragraph 101), the Secretary-General prepared, in close consultation with member States, recommendations for a SIDS Partnership Framework to monitor and ensure the full implementation of pledges and commitments through partnerships for Small Island developing States, as well as encouraging new, genuine and durable partnerships for the sustainable development of SIDS. The SIDS Partnership Framework was formally established by the General Assembly in December 2015, through resolution A/70/202.

The main elements of the SIDS Partnership Framework consist of:

- A Steering Committee
- A partnership reporting template
- An annual Global Multi-stakeholder SIDS Partnership Dialogue

The Steering Committee was formed early in 2016, and is currently co-chaired by Maldives and Italy. The Steering Committee has since had two meetings on Ambassadorial level, as well one on expert level.

The meetings, and subsequent consultations and work, has resulted in the launch of the partnership reporting template, an upgraded online SIDS Action Platform for browsing and reporting on partnerships, and a SIDS partnership stock-taking event, which was held on 18 July 2016 during the 2016 High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development at the Partnership Exchange special event. The event focused on reviewing a number of existing SIDS partnerships, looking at what has worked in the

past, challenges they have faced, and how the follow up process of SIDS partnerships could be improved.

Global Multi-stakeholder SIDS Partnership Dialogue

The first annual Global Multi-stakeholder SIDS Partnership Dialogue will be held during the 71st session of the General Assembly as a High-level Breakfast Event, focusing on the launch of new partnerships devoted to SIDS, and the announcement of new commitments from existing SIDS partnerships.

In preparation for the event, the co-chairs of the Steering Committee, in collaboration with UN-DESA, have prepared a publication on Partnerships for SIDS, which will be launched at the event. The publication reviews a number of SIDS partnerships, looking at how their work is positively affecting the most vulnerable communities and beneficiaries, what their challenges are, their next steps, and what SAMOA Pathway priority areas and Sustainable Development Goals and targets they are focusing on. In addition, the publication will include a summary of progress reports that have been submitted through the newly established partnership reporting template.

Launch of new SIDS partnerships and commitments

All stakeholders are encouraged to register new partnerships devoted to the sustainable development of Small Island Developing States in the SIDS Action Platform at the following link: <http://www.sids2014.org/partnership/register/>

Partnerships should follow the S.M.A.R.T. criteria (SIDS-specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic, Timely), linked to the priority areas of the SAMOA Pathway, and the Sustainable Development Goals and its associated targets.

Participation

The event is expected to include ministerial-level participants from governments, principals of the United Nations entities, and partnership focal points, including one accompanying staff (1+1).

RSVP

Seats to this event are limited. Kindly register your participation, as well your interest to announce a new SIDS partnership at the event, through the following link by **16 September 2016**: <http://goo.gl/eyQNWx>

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