

Outreach and Communications Branch, Division for Sustainable Development Goals, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs

Terms of Reference for Consultant for Partnerships for Small Island Developing States

Background / Rationale

The Third International Conference on Small Island Developing States (SIDS Conference) was held from 1 to 4 September 2014 in Apia, Samoa, resulting in an intergovernmental agreed outcome document – the SAMOA Pathway - and the announcement of 300 multi-stakeholder partnerships, aimed at driving sustainable development in SIDS.

In September 2019, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 72/217, 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 - the outcome of the 2014 SIDS Conference. 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, chaired by Belize and Ireland, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA), through the Division for Sustainable Development Goals (DSDG), is undertaking a capacity development project to support the work of the SIDS Partnership Framework and the preparatory process related to the SAMOA Pathway high-level review.

The project will include a series of capacity development partnership dialogues, to be organized in the margins of the preparatory meetings as part of the SAMOA Pathway mid-term review. The partnership dialogues 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.

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 national, regional and global level.

The purpose of the consultancy is to assist in developing and putting together relevant material stemming from the partnership dialogues, and assist in preparing the SIDS Partnership Toolbox.

Work assignment

1. Using available data, collect and finalize SIDS partnership analysis
2. Identify gaps and challenges for partnerships for SIDS, and areas where further collaboration is required;
3. Develop tools for monitoring and evaluating SIDS partnerships at national, regional and global level;
4. Assist in outreach efforts towards engaging stakeholders from multi-stakeholder partnerships in advancing the sustainable development goals in SIDS, as required.

Expected qualifications

- Knowledge about Small Island Developing States, partnerships and means of implementation, the SAMOA Pathway priority areas, and 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its 17 Sustainable Development Goals.

Education

- Advanced university degree (Master's degree or equivalent degree) in sustainable development, economics, public policy, public administration, finance, natural resources management, engineering, law, social sciences or related field is required. A first-level university degree in combination two (2) additional years of qualifying work experience may be accepted in lieu of the advanced university degree.

Work Experience

- A minimum of five (5) years of progressively responsible experience on sustainable development issues including three years at the international or regional levels is required. Experience in policy-oriented work in sustainable development issues is required. Experience in preparing written outputs on sustainable development issues is required.

Duration of Contract

The contract will be for a total of 80 days during the period June 2018 – November 2018.

Duty Station and Travel

The work will be done remotely. Some travel might be applicable for this assignment.
