



Caribbean Regional Partnership Dialogue

Held in support of the Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Caribbean

6 August 2018, Belize

Concept note and programme

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 Conference¹ 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

¹ A/RES/70/202

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, 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 regional partnership dialogue for the Caribbean will be held 6 August 2018 in Belize, as part of the Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Caribbean.

Structure of partnership dialogue

The partnership dialogue will include three distinct but inter-related sessions:

1. Assessing progress with partnerships in the Caribbean – good practices and lessons learned
2. Identifying partnerships to fill the gaps in implementation of the SAMOA Pathway
3. Strengthening the review and monitoring process of partnerships for SIDS

Tentative programme of partnership dialogue

| Time | Agenda item |
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| Day 1 - Monday, 6 August 2018 | |
| Caribbean Regional Partnership Dialogue | |
| 9:00-9:15 | <i>WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS</i> |
| 9:15-10:30 | <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Session 1: Assessing progress with partnerships in the Caribbean – good practices and lessons learned</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Moderated by H.E. Ms. Lois M. Young, Permanent Representative of Belize to the United Nations, co-chair of the Steering Committee on Partnerships for SIDS</i></p> <p>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.</p> <p>This session will look at various partnerships for SIDS in Caribbean, 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.</p> <p><u>Guiding questions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What constitutes a genuine and durable partnership for SIDS? How did a 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 is the partnership structured, managed, 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 are the things that has worked best, what bright spots can be shared, and what are the critical ingredients to an impactful partnership? |

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| | <p><u>Panelists</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. Jacob James, Waitt Institute 2. Ms. Laverne Walker, Caribbean Large Marine Ecosystem 3. Mr. Hayden Redhead, Caribbean Challenge Initiative (CCI) 4. Mr. Travis Sinckler, Barbados 5. Ms. Tisa Grant, UNFPA <p style="text-align: center;">Interactive dialogue with SIDS</p> |
| 10:30-10:45 | COFFEE BREAK |
| 10:45-12:30 | <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Session 2: Identifying partnerships to fill the gaps in implementation of the SAMOA Pathway</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Moderated by Dr. Percival Cho, Belize</i></p> <p>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, as well SIDS relevant voluntary commitments from the 2017 Ocean Conference.</p> <p>This session will start off with a presentation of the initial analysis on the status of partnerships for SIDS in the Caribbean 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.</p> <p><u>Guiding questions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can partnerships best address the gaps of the SAMOA Pathway priority areas in the Caribbean region? • How can partnerships build on political commitment of SIDS national and regional priorities? • In which priority areas of the SAMOA Pathway do we need more partnerships to be forged, for the sustainable development of SIDS in the Caribbean? • What type of stakeholders, and sectors, do need to be more involved in partnership arrangements for SIDS in the Caribbean region? <p><u>Presentation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In-depth analysis of Partnerships for SIDS in Caribbean (UN DESA) |

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| | <p><u>Panelists</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ms. Fekitamoeloa Katoa 'Utoikamanu – High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States 2. Mr. Lyndon Forbes Robertson, Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA) 3. Mr. Al Binger, Caribbean Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (CCREEE) 4. Mr. Simeon Collins, Caribbean Agricultural Health and Food Safety Agency (CAHFSA) 5. Mr. Dillon Alleyne, ECLAC 6. Ms. Fiona Grant, Marine Institute of Ireland <p>Interactive dialogue with SIDS</p> |
| 12:30-1:30 | Lunch Break |
| 1:30-2:30 | <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Session 3: Strengthening the review and monitoring process of partnerships for SIDS</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Moderated by Mr. Mícheál Tierney, Counselor, representing H.E. Mrs. Geraldine Patricia Byrne Nason, Permanent Representative of Ireland to the United Nations, co-chair of the Steering Committee on Partnerships for SIDS</i></p> <p>On December 2015, the General Assembly decided², in accordance with paragraph 101 of the Samoa Pathway and in line with the priorities of SIDS, to establish the <i>SIDS Partnership Framework</i>, 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.</p> <p>The Framework consist of 1) a member States driven Steering Committee on SIDS Partnerships (currently chaired by Belize and Ireland), 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 partnership dialogues with support from the United Nations system and the international community.</p> |

² 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 can we 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?

Panelists

1. Ms. Nicola BARKER-MURPHY, Jamaica
2. Mr. Douglas Slater, Caribbean Community (CARICOM)
3. Ms. Shantal Munro-Knight, Caribbean Policy Development Centre (CPDC)
4. Mr. Mark Griffith, CaribInvest WI Ltd
5. DIGICEL (TBC)
