### SIDS Partnership Framework in 2018

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**Partnership Dialogues**

**Global Partnership Dialogue**
- **Date:** 12 July during HLPF
- **Theme:** Partnerships for sustainable and resilient societies in Small Island Developing States

**Regional and inter-regional SIDS Partnership Dialogues**
- Held in support of midterm review process in Mauritius, Tonga, Belize, and Samoa

**Key messages**
- Successful partnerships depend on ownership, mutual trust, respect, transparency and accountability
- Partnerships must be inclusive of all stakeholders, and an effort must be made to include marginalized groups so as to leave no one behind.
- Fostering better stakeholder engagement is important (engagement of private sector, civil society and academia). Partnerships must also work and cooperate with government and government entities throughout the lifetime of the partnership.
- There is a need to better understand and define what is meant by a durable and genuine partnership—this lead to elaboration of Partnership norms based on the SMART criteria.
- Many partnerships face similar challenges—dialogues provided opportunities to share solutions and experiences.
- Learning from successful partnerships is important—agreement on need to widely disseminate lessons learned and best partnership practices.

**Key figures:**
- 104 partnership focal points participated in dialogues
- 23 new partnerships launched

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Partnership Analysis

- Steady rise in the number of partnerships since 2014. 261 new partnerships launched
- The Pacific region the most partnerships, followed by the Caribbean, and AIMS/IAS.
- Relatively large number of partnerships have to date been completed, and many more will come to an end shortly
- Main entities leading partnerships include governments, regional organizations and United Nations organizations.
- At the global level, the majority (52%) of partnerships are led by United Nations organizations
- Regional organizations and/or governments generally lead the majority of partnerships in the Caribbean and the Pacific
- In AIMS region, governments lead the majority of partnerships
- IGOs, NGOs and civil society participate, but lead minority of partnerships. Highest in Pacific
- Participation by the private sector and by academia was generally lower than that of NGOs and civil society

Analysis made on over 500 partnerships for SIDS
Partnership Analysis

Across all regions

- Aspects of social and economic development, in particular addressing inequality: income inequality, marginalized groups, youth employment
- **Multiple dimensions of poverty**: Sustained investments in human capital, such as education and health, and food and nutrition security
- **Sustainable transportation**: low-carbon, low cost options for communities on remote islands.
- Water, wastewater and sanitation
- Health and NCDs - assisting countries with their NCD-related activities
- Gender considerations - income equality, women’s participation in the workforce, and women’s leadership
- **Integrated ecosystem management focusing on whole islands**: terrestrial connections to watershed and the sea; livelihoods
- **Sourcing development finance for SIDS** – Innovative financing
Partnership Analysis

Insights

- All Samoa Pathway priority areas addressed, but in an uneven way
- In most regions, oceans and seas, climate change well addressed
- Many partnerships had tangible on-the-ground impacts, furthering implementation of SAMOA Pathway

**Large number of completed partnerships**
- Opportunity for new generation of partnerships to address under-represented areas
- Learning from completed partnerships important
- Potential to extend and scale up successful completed partnerships?

**Strengthening existing partnerships**
- Improving internal monitoring and review
- Better understanding impacts of partnerships on their intended beneficiaries
- Better understanding what makes a genuine and durable partnership - capacity

**Improving information flow between partnerships and the global level**
- Incentives for reporting to the SIDS Action Platform – value added
- Close collaboration with regional organizations
- Mining other data sources and existing reporting process
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Criteria & Norms

- Stems from discussions during regional partnership dialogues, the need better understand, and define, what is meant by a durable and genuine partnership
- Outlines elements based on SMART

SMART:

- SIDS-Specific
- Measurable and monitorable
- Achievable & Accountable
- Resource-based & results focused
- Timeline for implementation & transparency by all parties
Partnership Toolbox

The Toolbox

- Policy tools for monitoring and reviewing partnerships for SIDS
- Based on analysis, case studies and discussion & input from dialogues in 2018

Tools to include:

- Reporting to global partnership dialogues
- Engaging stakeholders around SAMOA Pathway priority areas
- Setting up partnership governance framework
- Internal monitoring programme
- Access to financing
Partnership Case Studies

- Conducted through interviews with focal points
- Part of Toolbox
- Addressing issues such as:
  - Advantages of a partnership approach and potential challenges
  - What is a genuine? What is a durable? What is an effective? (Partnership)
  - What does SMART actually mean for partnerships? Real examples for SMART

Insights to date:
- Focal points find SMART useful in reviewing their partnership
- Information online is limited
- Partnership vs Project, advantages and challenges
- Capacity building is crucial, but takes time
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SIDS Action Platform

- To include more best practices, case studies, partnership innovations, challenges, and learning material
- Archive completed partnerships
- Making it searchable by country and region, and by SDG (in addition to by SAMOA Pathway priority area)
Where do we need more partnership?

Partnership Analysis

Webinars around gap areas, creating momentum connecting partners

Announcement of new partnerships in gap areas
Launch event

• 11 April 2019, Conference Room 11, at 08.15 AM – 09.15

Objective

• Building partnering skills and competencies of organizations to develop and implement partnerships for the SDGs

• Support effective Action Networks for SDGs - Research and direct support of effective multi-stakeholder partnership platforms and mechanisms for engaging business and other stakeholders, and catalyzing new partnerships

Questions

• How can the Accelerator programme support SIDS? Please attend the event.