



Multi-stakeholder Partnership Dialogues at the Third International Conference on Small Island Developing States

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Session 3: Social development in SIDS, Health and NCDs, youth and women

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CONCEPT NOTE

BACKGROUND

1. The overarching theme of the Third International Conference on Small Island Developing States is “*The sustainable development of small island developing States through genuine and durable partnerships*”.
2. The Conference will serve as a forum to build on existing successful partnerships as well as to launch innovative and concrete new ones, to advance the sustainable development of small island developing States, and will include six *multi-stakeholder partnership dialogues*, held in parallel with the plenary meetings.
3. The six high-level multi-stakeholder partnership dialogues are expected to provide, inter alia, an opportunity for:
 - (a) **Recognizing** successful partnerships and initiatives in support of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable

Development of Small Island Development States, the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States and the outcomes of the Conference;

- (b) **Launching** innovative and concrete partnerships and initiatives between Governments, international and regional organizations, multilateral institutions, major groups, the organizations of the United Nations system, non-governmental organizations, the private sector and civil society to support the advancement of the sustainable development of small island developing States;
- (c) **Interactive** and focused discussions on key priorities related to small island developing States.

TIMING & VENUE

- 4. The multi-stakeholder Partnership Dialogue session on “*Social development in SIDS, Health and NCDs, youth and women*” will be held on **Tuesday, 2 September 2014, 3 to 6 p.m.**, at the Savaii Partnerships Hall, Apia, Samoa.

PARTICIPANTS

- 5. The Partnership Dialogue will be open for all accredited participants to the SIDS Conference.
- 6. The room designated for the Partnership Dialogues, Savaii Partnerships Hall, can accommodate up to 240 participants at table. The Partnership Dialogues will have open seating with areas designated for States, inter-governmental organizations, associate members of the regional commissions, United Nations system and representatives of Major Groups.

CRITERIA & PARTNERSHIPS PLATFORM

- 7. The following SMART criteria for selecting Partnerships for the Multi-stakeholder Partnerships Dialogues should be followed, as agreed by the Preparatory Committee of the Conference:
 - **SIDS-SPECIFIC**
 - **MEASURABLE & MONITORABLE**
 - **ACHIEVABLE & ACCOUNTABLE**
 - **RESOURCE-BASED & RESULTS FOCUED**, with
 - **TIMELINES** for implementation & **TRANSPARENCY** by ALL PARTIES
- 8. The SIDS 2014 Partnerships Platform has been developed for the Conference and is available at www.sids2014.org/partnerships. It is devoted to recognizing of existing and launch of innovative partnerships towards to SIDS 2014 Conference, as well serves as a broader “SIDS partnerships database”, for those not able to attend the Conference.

9. Stakeholders wishing to participate in the interactive dialogue of the multi-stakeholder Partnership Dialogue in Samoa were requested to register its SIDS specific partnership, following the outlined criteria, in the SIDS 2014 Partnerships Platform.

OBJECTIVE

10. The session will focus on “*Social development in SIDS, Health and NCDs, youth and women*” and its interrelated and complementary issues as to bring out the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development, as well as cross-cutting issues, such as the enabling factors of financing, capacity building, technology transfer, technical cooperation and institutional development.
11. The session will be grouped in three sub-clusters:
 - a) Social development in SIDS
 - b) Health and NCDs
 - c) Youth and Women

GUIDING QUESTIONS FOR THE SUB-CLUSTERS

12. The interactive discussion in the sub-clusters will be guided respectively by the following questions:
 - a) Social development in SIDS: What types of partnerships are most effective in enhancing social protection and inclusion, improving well-being, and guaranteeing opportunities for the most vulnerable and disadvantaged?
 - b) Health and NCDs: What types of partnerships are most effective in supporting national actions of SIDS in addressing communicable and non-communicable diseases?
 - c) Youth and Women: What types of partnerships are most effective in promoting gender equality and women’s empowerment and the full realization of human rights for women and girls? What types of partnerships are most effective in promoting education and employment for youth and girls with a focus on the most vulnerable?

STRUCTURE

13. Facilitated by a moderator, the session will start off with stage setting remarks by the Chair of the sessions, followed by key note presentations by experts in each sub-cluster. Panellists would be expected to draw on their knowledge of and refer to actual partnerships for SIDS, rather than play a representational role or expound deeply on the substance of the thematic cluster.
14. At the end of each key note presentation, a moderator will guide the dialogue and invite participants to make brief interventions, keeping in mind the overarching objective of the multi-stakeholder Partnership Dialogues to:

- (a) discussing key priorities for SIDS in the priority cluster area of “*Social development in SIDS, Health and NCDs, youth and women*”
- (b) recognize successful partnerships
- (c) announce the launch of new innovative partnerships

15. The Partnership interventions should:

- (d) Be concisely descriptive of the partnership being recognized or launched
- (e) Address the corresponding leading questions – and other issues raised by moderator/key note presenters
- (f) Be solution driven and forward looking, i.e. how can the Partnership, which is being recognized/launch, address the challenges raised?

16. Depending on the number of requests for interventions, each intervention should be limited to 3 minutes or less. Interventions should refer to pre-registered partnerships in the SIDS Partnerships Platform. The relevant partnership page from the SIDS Partnerships Platform will be projected on the screen during the intervention, in order to minimize the “descriptive” part of the intervention.

17. The session will conclude with closing take away messages by the chairperson, and a set of *recommendations and opportunities* for partnerships in advancing the sustainable development of “*Social development in SIDS, Health and NCDs, youth and women*”.

18. A brief report of the outcome of the Partnership Dialogue session will be reported to the next Plenary meeting (Wednesday, 3 September from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.) through the President with a fuller report of the session to be reported with the outcome of the other Partnership Dialogues to the closing plenary meeting of the Conference by the Chairs to be included in the final report of the Conference.

19. Partnerships, both new and existing, registered towards the SIDS Conference in the SIDS Partnerships Platform will be listed in an annex to the report of the Conference. Registered partnerships meeting the criteria indicated above will be included in the annex, even if not mentioned explicitly in interventions in the dialogue.