

UNEP experience on Partnerships for the implementation of the SDGs and the SAMOA Pathway

Bahamas Symposium

Implementing the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda in Small Island Developing
States: equipping public institutions and mobilizing partnerships



UN Environment approach to supporting SIDS through partnerships

1. Using the existing and ongoing global/regional partnerships which UN Environment convenes or in which it participates for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the SAMOA Pathway, such as the Regional Seas Programme.
2. Developing SIDS relevant outputs or SIDS sub-network under the UN Environment global/regional partnerships
3. United Nations Environment Assembly Resolution on SAMOA Pathway and SDGs (May 2016), calling for incorporation of SIDS activities within the UNEP Mid-term Strategy and Programme of Work.
4. Establishing the interrelated nature between the SAMOA Pathway implementation and the 2030 Agenda and SDGs implementation and updating existing partnerships to reflect this interrelation.
5. Strengthening regional presence: subregional office for Pacific and for the Caribbean.

Example: Climate Change

- Under the **Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN)**, three regional workshops included SIDS national focal points, who were trained for deployment of and financing for climate technologies.
- Supporting some SIDS through **Ecosystem-based Adaptation** and through GEF or SCCF adaptation projects.
- Under the **Global Adaptation Network (GAN)**, SIDS are actively participating in three regional networks (Asia and the Pacific, Latin America and the Caribbean, and Africa).
- Under the **Global Coral Reef Partnership**, regional coral reef reporting and assessment of climate change impacts on coral reefs (warming and acidification).
- Supporting some SIDS to develop readiness for accessing Green Climate Fund.

Blue Economy

- UN Environment helps countries shift to greener, more inclusive economy.
- Blue economy – offers an innovative approach to conserving the oceans, while securing their benefits in a more equitable and sustainable way.



Example: Oceans and Seas

- Information exchange platform among the four regional seas being developed with initial focus on blue economy and marine litter under the **Regional Seas Programme**.
- A Caribbean regional node established and a Pacific regional node under development for Global Partnership on Marine Litter.
- Under the **Global Partnership on Nutrient Management**, a Caribbean Nutrient Platform was established.

Challenges and opportunities to increase effectiveness in implementation

Improve knowledge management and increased commitment to share information

Ensure engagement of all relevant stakeholders to ensure ownership and commitment and long-term sustainability.

Regional and subregional partnerships are effective in considering specific conditions and should be strengthened.

Recommendations

There are so many Small Island Developing States relevant partnerships registered before, during and after the Samoa Conference. Small Island Developing States are encouraged to use the same partnerships to advance the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals

SAMOA Pathway implementation reporting should be harmonised with the SDG reporting processes attached to the High-level Political Forum

Thanks

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