



SIDS Symposium UNOPS as a partner in projects in island states

Session III: What does it take for
Governments to successfully mobilize
partnerships for reaching the SDGs
and SAMOA Pathway?



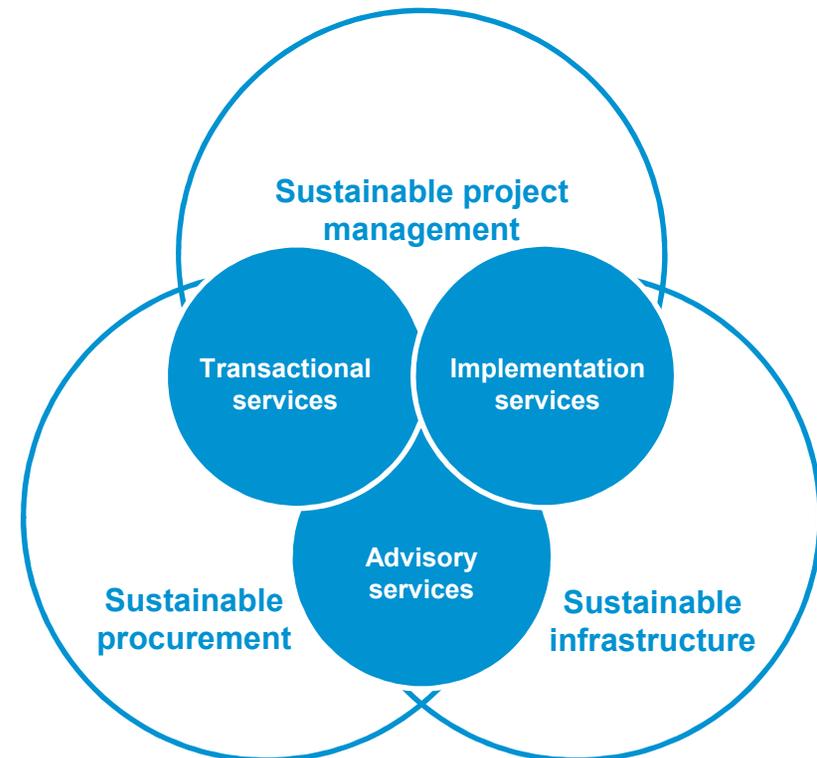
UNOPS mandate and areas of work

UNOPS focuses its operations in its core areas of expertise: project management, physical infrastructure and procurement. Within these areas, we offer three kinds of services, tailored to the needs of partners:

Advisory: Developing national capacity in our core-mandated areas of project management, physical infrastructure and procurement.

Implementation: Implementing partners' projects efficiently and effectively with the involvement of all stakeholders.

Transactional: Providing stand-alone HR management, procurement and financial services (including grant management; pooled funding; and advice and oversight in project and programme budgets) services).





UNOPS Projects in SIDS cut across SDGs (examples)

Saint Lucia



- Reconstruction of St. Jude Hospital
- Construction support for a sustainable water supply redevelopment project in Dennery.

Trinidad and Tobago



- Technical feasibility study and concept design for two laboratories.

Jamaica



- Design and construction services for the rehabilitation of an access road to the Riverton Landfill in Kingston.

Curaçao

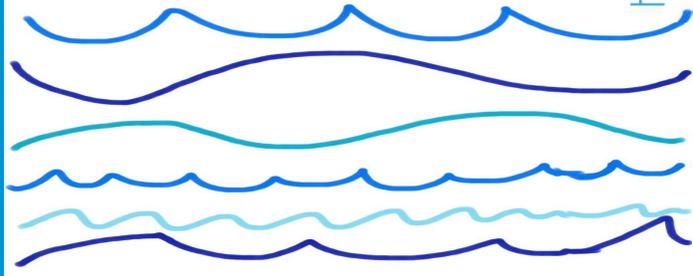


- Adapting management of infrastructure in a way that will be resilient

SAMOA PATHWAY

We call for a renewed dedication of United Nations system support for cooperation among small island developing States

With renewed political will and strong leadership, we dedicate ourselves to working in meaningful partnership with all stakeholders at all levels.



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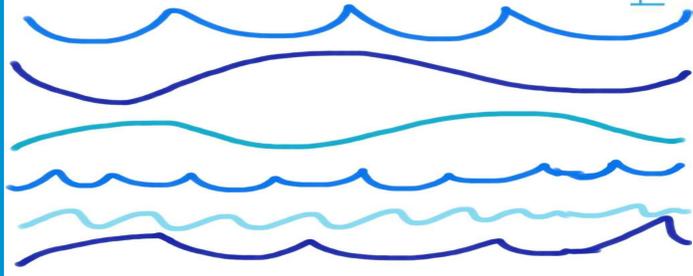
Implementing Projects in Atlantic and Indian Ocean SIDS

- UNOPS **executing water resources management projects for Partners:** GEF Trust Fund through UNEP and UNDP.
- Focus countries: Cabo Verde, Comoros, Maldives, Mauritius, São Tomé & Príncipe and Seychelles.
- UNOPS value addition cuts across in Project managements, capacity development and institutional strengthening.
- **Key lessons:**
 - Stakeholder empowerment and capacity development is key to success and sustainability of interventions in SIDS and a fundamental approach by UNOPS.

SAMOA PATHWAY

We underscore the need for adequate and coordinated support from the United Nations system

We call upon the United Nations system, in collaboration with other stakeholders, to strengthen its coordination and support of small island developing States that want to pursue green economy policies



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Implementing Projects in Atlantic and Indian Ocean SIDS (results)

Cabo Verde



- 500 low-income households / families provided with connection to sewerage facilities

Maldives



- Established an integrated water supply system in Aa. Thoddo Island (**100% household connection realised in 2016**)

Mauritius



- Established comprehensive groundwater monitoring system to monitor and manage the twin risks of **contamination and salt water intrusion**

Sao Tome and Principe



- Watershed management for the Provaz River basin developed for improved management of water resources

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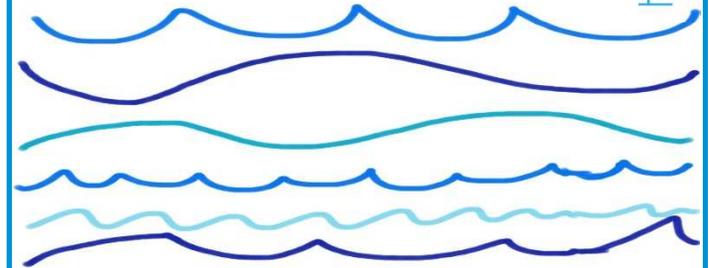
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Attracting new sources of capital for development

- Challenge is not lack of capital. The challenge is to make the commercial and political risk acceptable to investors.
- UNOPS seed capital investment facility aims at making UNOPS a pioneering impact investment partner.
- Pipeline of projects underway.
- St Lucia, water treatment and drinking water plants project also opportunity for private capital investments.
- Opportunity for SIDS to join.

SAMOA PATHWAY

Attract more public and private investment in building and maintaining appropriate infrastructure, including ports, roads, transportation, electricity and power generation

Promote and foster an environment conducive to increased public and private sector investment

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Access to funding for SIDS projects

The Caribbean Development Bank



- Agreement that provides a framework to improved cooperation between the two entities.
- The signing took place on February 7, 2017.

Green Climate Fund



- UNOPS accreditation, in an advanced stage.
- UNOPS expect to assist the GCF Secretariat in Readiness programme, which aims at empowering countries and strengthen capacity to access GCF funding.

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- Proposal preparation capacity to produce finance ready projects for National Appropriate Mitigation Action (NAMAs) and National Adaptation Plan action (NAP action).

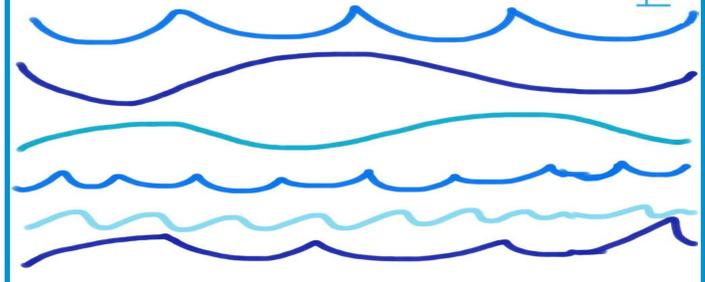


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We note the views expressed by SIDS that the financial resources available to date have not been adequate to facilitate the implementation of climate change adaptation and mitigation projects

We recognize that, at times, complex application procedures have prevented some small island developing States from gaining access to funds that are available internationally

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Next steps: Land-based pollution

- UN Conference to Support the Implementation of SDG 14.
- SG note: 80 percent of marine pollution and litter comes from land-based sources.
- Land-based infrastructure (water, sanitation, ports) and capacity building.
- Infrastructure advisory and management capacity with emphasis on climate resilience.
- Partnering with UNEP.
- Opportunity for SIDS to work with UNOPS – currently we are exploring how to work with PSIDS.

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Address marine pollution by developing effective partnerships, including through the development and implementation of relevant arrangements, such as the United Nations Environment Programme Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities

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