



QUESTIONNAIRE

Implementation of the SAMOA Pathway and the MSI, BPOA for the Sustainable Development of SIDS

Please note that strict word limits have been established for each question. The Secretariat is unable to consider any information beyond these established word limits. In this regard, you are requested to report only on new or updated information. Information conveyed in previous surveys will not be considered. Previous surveys can be accessed at XXXX under reports.

PART A

VULNERABILITY REDUCTION AND RESILIENCE BUILDING IN SIDS

1. Enhanced Support for a resilient Post COVID 19 Recovery in SIDS

Vulnerability reduction and resilience building are critical issues that must be addressed by SIDS. Briefly elaborate on any resilience building interventions or strategies (proactive or preventative) that have been or are being implemented at national or regional levels that aim specifically at improving resilience in SIDS. Please include financial resources expended in this regard, if available **(750 words)**.

Government of the Republic of Latvia has made a voluntary national contribution of 20 000 EUR (twenty thousand EUR) to the International Programme for the Development of Communication of UNESCO in 2022, in particular for the programmes to support Small Island Developing States (SIDS) engaging in projects to promote the development of free media.

Fact-based verified information during Covid-19 pandemic proved to be one of the key elements to cope with pandemic and create resilience.

2. Enhanced and Tailored Development Cooperation for SIDS

Improved, tailored development co-operation approaches, calibrated to the specific needs, capacity constraints, and economic challenges facing SIDS are necessary if SIDS are to effectively recover from the COVID Pandemic. Briefly elaborate on any planned or ongoing strategies/approaches to improve and deliver on more tailored development support to SIDS. What are the expected results from these interventions in the targeted countries. Please include indications of resource allocations if available **(850 words)**

On 4-5 April 2023, Latvia participated in the Second Edition of the UNESCO Global SIDS Dialogue around the theme of “**Transformation of Education in the Digital Age**” with the opening remarks by the Prime Minister of Latvia H.E. Krišjānis Kariņš. Latvian experts in the area of education and technology also shared best practices with SIDS - from University of Latvia and community-based initiative “Riga Tech Girls” which works on digital skills by engaging women and girls in tech sector.

Latvia shared its experience on introduction of digital tools that have increased efficiency of public governance and accessibility of public services like applying digital solutions to public administration, creation of a digital system for the development of legal acts and machine translation.

PART B

IDENTIFYING POLICY PRORITIES IN SIDS FOR THE NEW AGENDA

The SAMOA Pathway contains a number of action areas which require policy formulation, programmes or projects to implemented at national, sub regional and/or regional levels. While SIDS have made a fair amount of progress with actioning these over the last decade, a number of gaps remain. As the international community prepares for the 4th International Conference on SIDS, what are the key priority policies, programes and projects that are needed to further advance the SIDS development agenda and why? (750 words)