

<p><b>INITIATIVE TO DEVELOP CAPACITIES IN SIDS TO MANAGE VULNERABILITY AND BUILD RESILIENCE PARTICULARLY TO DISASTERS.</b></p> <p>[NB - The Pacific initiative on this theme has now been combined with similar initiatives from other partners, SIDS regions and relevant UN bodies]</p>
<p><b>Expected date of initiation:</b> January 2003  <b>Expected date of completion:</b> January 2015</p>
<p><b>Partners Involved:</b></p> <p>SIDS governments, academic institutions, private sector, multilateral organisations, IFI's, regional development banks, regional organisations, professional associations, foundations, insurance sector, civil society organisations, national and international NGO's.</p> <p>The leading partners will be SIDS governments supported by regional organisations, the UNDP, and other relevant parts of the UN such as International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (ISDR), Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), UN Centre for Human Settlements (UNCHS), UN Environment Programme (UNEP).</p>
<p><b>Main objectives of the Partnership/Initiative:</b></p> <p>To provide technical assistance and build the capacities of SIDS to manage vulnerability and build their resilience through integration of a comprehensive hazard and risk management approach into sustainable development planning. This will include development and operationalisation of measures of vulnerability, hazard identification and assessment, disaster prevention, mitigation and preparedness as well as strengthen disaster response and recovery actions.</p> <p>The partnership will address the special requirements of SIDS, recognised in Agenda 21, particularly through capacity development, in line with Agenda 21's Chapter 37, BPoA and the Johannesburg Plan of Action (Chapter 4 &amp; 7).</p> <p>The partnership will contribute to achieving several of the Millennium Development Goals, including eradication of extreme hunger and poverty, ensuring environmental sustainability, and developing a Global Partnership for Development as well as completing vulnerability indices in accordance with the Millennium Declaration on SIDS (paragraph 17).</p>
<p><b>Expected results:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sustainable Development Plans prepared and implemented to reduce vulnerability and build resilience to disasters generally and in key sectors such as agriculture, tourism and fisheries.</li> <li>• Greater use of financial instruments and incentives for risk reduction.</li> <li>• Necessary legislation, planning, building and development standards and codes established and systematically enforced.</li> <li>• Public education and awareness improved, including the development of participatory approaches to disaster management planning and activities.</li> <li>• Regional networks strengthened including robust risk management tools, sharing data, best practice examples, early warning, coordinated emergency response systems and other co-operation mechanisms.</li> <li>• Enhanced inter-regional co-operation and information and technical expertise exchange.</li> <li>• SIDS vulnerability to natural disasters fully incorporated into environmental, social and economic vulnerability indices and indicators.</li> <li>• A special SIDS fund established to support incorporating disaster management into sustainable development planning and to ensure better emergency response and co-ordination of donor support to activities.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Targets:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vulnerability indices and measurement frameworks fully developed and tested (within 5 years)</li> <li>• Necessary planning process developed including participatory approaches and risk management frameworks (within 2 years)</li> <li>• Risk management integrated into sustainable development planning and in development strategies of key</li> </ul>

<p>sectors including agriculture, tourism and fisheries (within 10 years)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greater use of financial instruments and incentives for disaster management agreed in conjunction with insurance sector and governments and necessary legislative and enabling environments established (within 5 years)</li> <li>• Essential risk maps, legislation, planning, building and development standards and codes revised or established, and systematically enforced. (within 10 years)</li> <li>• Public education and awareness improved at all levels particularly within local communities including the institutionalisation of participatory approaches to vulnerability reduction activities (particularly to disasters). (Within 2 years)</li> <li>• Regional, national and local networks strengthened including sharing data, best practice examples, early warning, co-coordinated emergency response systems and other co-operation mechanisms. (Within 5 years)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Co-ordination and Implementation mechanism:</b></p> <p>The partnership will be coordinated and implemented regionally and nationally by national governments and regional organisations of SIDS including SOPAC and CDERA, in collaboration with other relevant parts of the UN such as ISDR, UNCHS, OCHA, UNEP, private sector, academic and professional organisations, civil society and international partners.</p> <p>Functional partnerships and networks will be developed, linking SIDS and their communities with sub-national, national, regional and international partners that can provide technical assistance and support in local capacity development to reduce vulnerability to disasters. The approach will be proactive and innovative to ensure strong synergies are achieved among capacity development initiatives, particularly those related to poverty reduction strategies and sustainable development strategies.</p>
<p><b>Arrangements for funding:</b></p> <p>The budget will come from bilateral and multilateral organisations and foundations at the global level and member governments and private sector partners for specific initiatives at regional, national and community levels.</p>
<p><b>Arrangements for capacity development and technology transfer:</b></p> <p>The programme will develop a wide range of individual, institutional, sectoral and societal capacities within individual SIDS, as well as the capacities of regional and SIDS-wide institutions such as the SIDSnet. Guiding principles include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Capacity development as an ongoing process of transformation owned by local and national actors who define their own needs and implement their own solutions.</li> <li>• Careful integration of urgent short-term poverty concerns as well as longer-term sustainability issues.</li> <li>• Genuine participatory processes in the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of social, economic, and environmental policies, plans, programmes and practices.</li> <li>• A universal but flexible approach, with different emphases in response to varying sustainable development priorities among different communities, countries and regions.</li> <li>• Work through partnerships and alliances, emphasising networking for technology transfer, knowledge acquisition and sharing of experiences.</li> <li>• Capacity development includes developing necessary enabling environments at all levels.</li> <li>• Building on existing capacities instead of replacing them, and respecting cultural identities and values.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Links of Partnership/Initiative with on-going sustainable development activities at the international and/or regional level:</b></p> <p>The partnership will build on successes and lessons learned in implementation of the Barbados Plan of Action since 1994 and the Barbados + 10 review process to be completed by 2004.</p>
<p><b>Monitoring Arrangements:</b></p> <p>Participating states and communities will be expected to take part in designing and implementing a rigorous programme of participatory monitoring and evaluation, following methodologies jointly defined, including regular scheduled case studies, surveys / interviews and monitoring of indicators. This will generate information on</p>

results and lessons learned that would be shared regularly via SIDSnet and other relevant mechanisms.

**Other relevant information:**

Rapid technological advances in information communication technologies will for the first enable a global initiative such as this to be highly cost effective. SIDSnet could provide the hub for this communication network.

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