



**National Focal Points  
Survey - 2023**



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*supporting*  
**Least Developed Countries**  
**Landlocked Developing Countries**  
**Small Island Developing States**

# Lessons Learned from Implementing the SAMOA Pathway



**Rather than a standalone document, the SAMOA Pathway and SDGs have been incorporated into development plans, sectoral plans and strategic documents to ensure integration and avoid duplication.**



**The SAMOA Pathway facilitated knowledge sharing with other SIDS**



**Regional cooperation is important to the process and has worked but has the potential to be expanded.**



**In relation to tracking progress “The absence of these specific metrics [comprehensive monitoring and evaluation framework] resulted in more qualitative rather than quantitative reporting on the [SAMOA] Pathway.”**

# Challenges You Have Experienced as a SIDS National Focal Point

“Coordination efforts among various government ministries and agencies to align with the priorities of the SIDS Programme of Action can be challenging.”

“Raising public awareness and garnering support for sustainable development goals may require extensive communication and engagement strategies.”

“Ministries and agencies sometimes have competing priorities, as well as limited manpower and resources. Difficult trade-offs would therefore have to be made.”

“Beyond the Pacific - it has been difficult to connect with other SIDS regions.”

“There is still lack of clarity on the roles of the UN agencies that have mandates to work with SIDS.”

“The need for the Network to be stronger in terms of its advocacy of SIDS priorities and challenges in all fora (sub-regional, regional and international).”

“The Network should have an annual work programme focused on different thematic areas which would inform the advocacy required. There is a need for greater technical and scientific support to inform evidence-based advocacy.”

# Substantive Inputs You Intend to Contribute to the Inter-Regional Preparatory Meeting

Connectivity, sargassum and solid waste management

Build resilience in food, water, and energy supplies

Innovative Financing that aligns with Blue Bonds

Limited or No Fiscal space for investment in sustainable development

Pursue the 1.5 degree C promise of the Paris Agreement

Access to and mobilisation of climate finance

A just transition to a fossil fuel free Pacific

Support the Pacific Resilience Partnership

Early warning systems for disaster preparedness

Plastic pollution

Protect biodiversity

SIDS Coalition for Nature


Adopt the MVI

Improve data and statistical systems

Promote sustainable and resilient tourism development

Promote accessible and affordable technological services

Strengthen regional institutions and partnerships

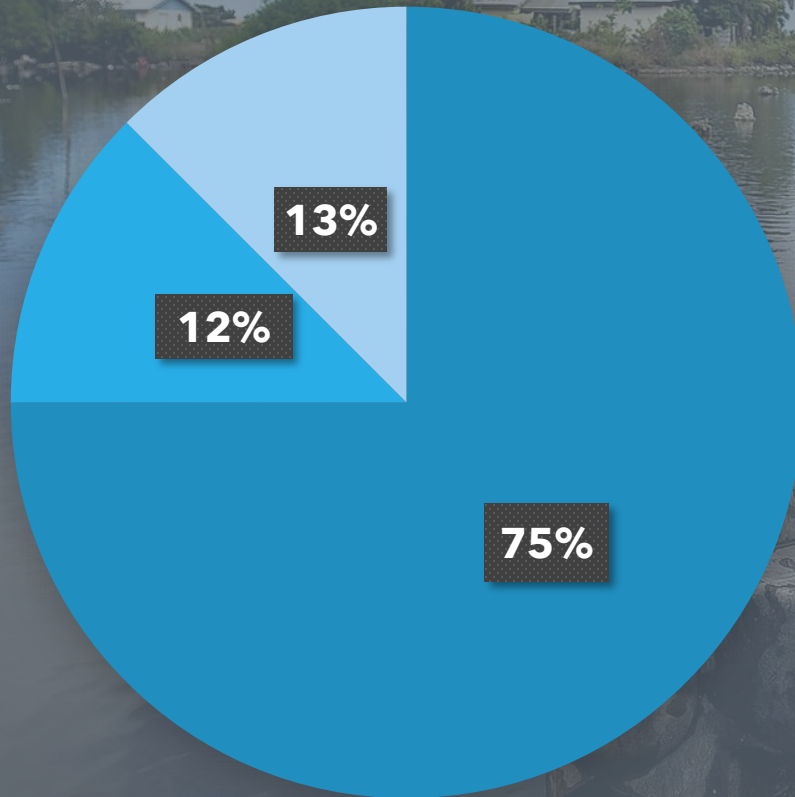


# How National Focal Points can Support Implementation of the Next Programme of Action

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- 1. Promote inclusion of next PoA in national and regional development strategies.**
- 2. Sensitize key stakeholders, including private sector, public, to the new PoA.**
- 3. Promote the PoA at relevant regional and international fora.**
- 4. Foster strong inter-ministerial coordination and collaboration to ensure all relevant government departments are involved in implementation.**
- 5. NFPs should support preparation of Voluntary National Reviews given linkages with SIDS Programme of Action.**

# Satisfaction with collaboration and knowledge sharing within the SIDS National Focal Points network



- **Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied**
- **Somewhat Dissatisfied**
- **Somewhat Satisfied**

# How National Focal Points Can Improve Engagement with Stakeholders at the National Level, such as Government Agencies, Civil Society and the Private Sector

- Work through existing co-operation mechanisms such as our Joint SDG and Human Rights Task Force chaired by Foreign Affairs.
- Create a dedicated national platform or working group that brings together representatives from government agencies, civil society organizations, the private sector, academia, and other relevant stakeholders.
- Conduct awareness campaigns and outreach programs to raise public awareness.
- Acknowledge and respect local knowledge and traditional practices, incorporating them into development planning.
- The Network should have a communication strategy targeted at various stakeholder groupings to facilitate sustained and interactive engagement.

A coastal landscape featuring a rocky shoreline in the foreground, blue water in the middle ground, and a cloudy sky in the background. The rocks are light-colored and piled up along the edge of the water. The sky is filled with large, grey clouds, with some blue patches visible. The overall scene is serene and natural.

# Feedback on Engagement Strategy for the NFP Network

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- Data.
- Focus on gaps identified by SIDS in the implementation of the current PoA.
- Country ownership should be supported.
- Partnerships update - what works.
- Capacity building - advantages and disadvantages.
- Institutional linkages within countries.