

**Expert Group Meeting to Consider a Comprehensive Framework  
for the Mainstreaming and Monitoring of Mauritius Strategy Implementation**

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## Biodiversity

<b>1. Support for control of the primary pathways for potential invasive alien species</b>	
FAO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Recommend legislation and regulation to strengthen compliance with international agreements regarding alien plant species, particularly the International Plant Protection Convention</li> <li>▪ Strengthen national plant protection services to reduce the introduction and spread of pests, of quarantine significance</li> </ul>
UNDP / GEF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Support SIDS, particularly those in the Pacific, in addressing the problem of Alien Invasive Species that threaten small islands, much of the native biodiversity, and the traditional institutions, businesses and way of life that depend of it</li> </ul>
<b>2. Support for the development of local capacities to protect and effectively use traditional knowledge</b>	
FAO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Support the sustainable conservation and use of genetic resources for food and agriculture</li> </ul>
UNDP / GEF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Help SIDS to develop capacity, in particular through education, training and policy, legal, regulatory and institutional reforms, to better manage foreign access to their genetic resources</li> <li>▪ Help SIDS to better negotiate the effective sharing of benefits derived from commercial development of indigenous biodiversity products</li> </ul>
UNESCO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Support the participation of SIDS in the Convention for the Protection of the World's Natural and Cultural Heritage and the World Network of Biosphere Reserves</li> <li>▪ Support SIDS participation in the World Heritage Programme for Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and the World Heritage Marine Programme</li> <li>▪ Support the creation of SIDS' biosphere reserves that foster local-level sustainable use of biodiversity and preserve traditional knowledge</li> <li>▪ Raise awareness about the role of sacred sites, cultural landscapes and intangible heritage in ecosystem management and the sustainable use of biodiversity</li> </ul>
<b>3. Educate and build community capacity to protect and conserve indigenous species and their habitats</b>	
FAO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Assist SIDS in implementing the Global Plan of Action and the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture</li> </ul>
UNESCO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Minimize biodiversity loss through research and capacity building for ecosystem management</li> <li>▪ Promote environmental sustainability through use of Biosphere reserves</li> <li>▪ Support environmental knowledge sharing through support and establishment of university networks and internet forums</li> </ul>
<b>4. Support the development in SIDS natural resource accounting systems</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪</li> </ul>

## Capacity Development and Education

<b>1. Support national strategies to promote comprehensive access to primary education</b>	
FAO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Support SIDS use of Information Management Resources Kit (IMARK) and e-learning materials on information management</li> </ul>
UNESCO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Support monitoring and data collection through EFA Global Monitoring Report and Education for All programme</li> </ul>
<b>2. Support programmes for on-the-job training and adult education</b>	
UNESCO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Hold workshops on education for journalists and inclusive education, especially in the Pacific</li> </ul>
<b>3. Support regional and national programmes to promote technical and vocational education</b>	
UNESCO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Support the establishment of intra and inter regional university networks and internet forums</li> <li>▪ Support regional education initiatives through workshops and conferences on Education for Sustainable Development (EDSD) under the EDSD Decade</li> <li>▪ Work, along with the Commonwealth of Learning (COL), to promote entrepreneurship in the Pacific informal economy</li> <li>▪ Support partners including, International Institute for Educational Planning (IIEP), University of the West Indies in Mona (Jamaica), and UNESCO International Institute for Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean (IESALC) to improve all aspects of education</li> </ul>
<b>4. Strengthen distance learning arrangements</b>	
UNESCO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Work to help SIDS improve opportunities for distance learning, vocational education, and to design policies that promote education for sustainable development</li> <li>▪ Provide technology support for distance education</li> <li>▪ Promote gender equality in education and distance education developments for all SIDS</li> <li>▪ Support, through UNESCO's Participation Programme, the computerization of libraries and enhancement of distance education</li> <li>▪ Re-launch Caribbean Universities Project for Integrated Distance Education (CUPIDE), with an aim to improving distance education programmes using ICTs</li> </ul>
<b>5. Improve teacher training programmes</b>	
UNESCO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Prepare workshops, training manuals, and various other educational tools</li> </ul>
<b>6. Explore the establishment of/participation in Regional Centers of Excellence</b>	
<b>7. Support for the SIDS University Consortium Initiative</b>	
UNESCO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Provide support, along with the University of West Indies, to University Consortium of SIDS</li> </ul>
<b>8. Development of programmes to engage the human, technical and financial support of the SIDS Diaspora</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪</li> </ul>	
<b>9. Support programmes to strengthen SIDS national and regional NGO networks and civil society structures</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪</li> </ul>	

## Climate Change

<b><u>1. National and regional initiatives on adaptation to climate change</u></b>	
UNDP/GEF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Support the development and implementation of national adaptation strategies to climate change</li> <li>▪ Improve access to funds/resources used to address adaptation priorities, including ecosystem resilience and climate-resilient development</li> <li>▪ Develop National Adaptation Programmes of Action (NAPA) in seven SIDS</li> <li>▪ Improve SIDS' capacity to address urgent and immediate adaptation needs</li> <li>▪ Provide assistance to encourage mainstreaming climate into national sustainable development policies</li> </ul>
UNESCO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Improve monitoring through the Global Ocean Observing System (GOOS) and the Global Sea Level Observing System (GLOSS).</li> <li>▪ Host workshops addressing sea-level rise</li> </ul>
<b><u>2. Support the development and or transfer of appropriate technology to address climate change adaptation and mitigation</u></b>	
UNDP/GEF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Through the Pacific Islands Greenhouse Gas Abatement through Renewable Energy (PIGGAREP) project, reduce the growth rate of GHGs from fossil fuel use in Pacific SIDS</li> <li>▪ Remove barriers to the widespread use of renewable energy technologies</li> <li>▪ Remove barriers to renewable energy use in the Caribbean through the Caribbean Renewable Energy Development Project (CREDP)</li> </ul>
<b><u>3. Support the formulation and implementation of CDM Projects</u></b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪</li> </ul>

## Coastal Marine Resource Management

<b>1. Support national efforts to complete the delimitation of maritime boundaries</b>	
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<b>2. Support the completion of Continental Shelf Claims</b>	
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<b>3. Programmes to strengthen the monitoring, reporting, enforcement and control of fishing vessels, so as to reduce the incidence of IUU fishing</b>	
FAO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Provide guidance on supporting legal frameworks for Monitoring, Control and Surveillance (MCS) and enforcement</li> <li>▪ Provide guidance on cost-effective use of MCS assets and technologies</li> <li>▪ Provide guidance on cooperation between fisheries and maritime control agencies on vessel registration</li> <li>▪ Conduct a study on registration of fishing vessels</li> <li>▪ Provide guidelines on electronic data exchange</li> </ul>
<b>4. Acquisition and installation of surveillance and monitoring systems</b>	
FAO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Provide guidance on supporting legal framework for Vessel Monitoring System (VMS), as appropriate</li> <li>▪ Conduct a workshop to establish VMS institutional, legal, and technical requirements</li> <li>▪ Define an appropriate VMS system</li> <li>▪ Contract process for supply, installation and implementation of VMS system</li> </ul>
UNESCO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Support the implementation plan for the Global Earth Observation System of Systems (GEOSS)</li> </ul>
<b>5. Support efforts for early ratification of/accesion to relevant Fishing Agreements</b>	
FAO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Provide guidance in support of ratification and implementation of relevant agreements</li> </ul>
<b>6. Support the design and implementation of integrated policies for the management of MPA , coral reefs and related marine ecosystem</b>	
FAO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Develop integrated policies in support of the ecosystem approach to fisheries management</li> <li>▪ Provide guidance for legal frameworks in support of integrated policies for Marine Protected Areas (MPA), coral reefs and related ecosystem management</li> </ul>
UNESCO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Collaborate in holding various courses, dialogues, education initiatives in the area of coastal resource and freshwater management</li> <li>▪ Create a handbook of indicators on coastal area management field experience and testing</li> <li>▪ Through the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC), support the coordination of major scientific programmes and projects, support is provided to Member States in building-up capacities and in the design and implementation of policies for the ocean and coastal zones</li> </ul>

## Culture

<b><u>1. Assist SIDS efforts to strengthen national policies an legislative frameworks to support and protect cultural industries</u></b>	
UNESCO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Provide assistance to develop cultural policies in SIDS</li> </ul>
<b><u>2. Support capacity building to promote cultural industries in music, art, festivals, theatre, film and cultural tourism among others</u></b>	
UNESCO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Hold regional workshops to identify sites in the pacific, with a view to strengthening cultural industries</li> </ul>
<b><u>3. Support of development of measures to improve institutional capacity for marketing cultural products</u></b>	
UNESCO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Within the framework of the Global Alliance, carry out poverty reduction projects based on cultural industries</li> </ul>
<b><u>4. Support the development of capacity in SIDS for rights management and for patent, trade mark and copyright administration to protect all forms of creative innovation</u></b>	
UNESCO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Strengthen cultural industries by promoting respect for intellectual property rights and encouraging public-private partnerships</li> <li>▪ Hold a series of World Heritage National Strategy Workshops on biodiversity rights and protection of indigenous knowledge</li> </ul>
<b><u>5. Assist SIDS in implementation of legislation to protect indigenous intellectual property</u></b>	
UNESCO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Hold regional meetings for the Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage</li> </ul>
<b><u>6. Support programmes to protect natural, tangible and intangible cultural heritage, including public-private partnerships</u></b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪</li> </ul>
<b><u>7. Encourage community based participation in policy-making to safeguard cultural heritage</u></b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪</li> </ul>
<b><u>8. Assist SIDS in the preservation of local language through locally develop curricula</u></b>	
UNESCO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Support and encourage SIDS participation in and ratification of the, Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage, the Intangible Cultural Heritage, and the Diversity of Cultural Expressions</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪</li> </ul>
<b><u>9. Assists SIDS strategies to improve the management and maintenance of cultural and natural heritage sites</u></b>	
UNESCO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Support Museum partnerships in the Indian Ocean region</li> <li>▪ Take actions to help the preservation of documentary heritage, including the digitization of the sound archives</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪</li> </ul>
<b><u>10. Support programmes to record traditional knowledge and preserve customary cultural values, traditions and practices</u></b>	
UNESCO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Hold workshops to examine serial and transboundary cultural heritage themes and sites in SIDS</li> <li>▪ Conduct workshops for cultural and natural heritage professionals</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪</li> </ul>

**11. Support the development of programmes to teach and transmit traditional community values to infuse basic education with local and indigenous knowledge**

UNESCO	▪ Promote the role and importance of culture in the sustainable development process
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**12. Programmes to support strategies to attract increased venture capital for small and medium sized cultural enterprises and to promote the establishment of culture support funds in SIDS**

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## Natural and Environmental Disasters

<b>1. Support SIDS effort to built human, technical and managerial capacities for disaster reduction and prevention</b>	
FAO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Maintain Emergency and Rehabilitation Division</li> </ul>
UNESCO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Prepare various educational materials on disaster preparedness</li> </ul>
<b>2 Strengthen national capacity for natural disaster preparation, response, mitigation and rehabilitation</b>	
UNESCO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Advocacy for disaster preparedness</li> <li>▪ Strengthening of scientific infrastructures</li> </ul>
<b>3. Review regional mechanisms and establish / strengthen early warning capacity</b>	
UNESCO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Work toward bolstering the Indian Ocean Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System (IOTWS)</li> <li>▪ Design and setting up of reliable early warning systems D</li> <li>▪ Support plans for other early-warning regional systems for tsunamis and other ocean-related hazards that are being developed</li> </ul>
<b>4. Increase public education and awareness on disaster preparedness and mitigation measures</b>	
UNESCO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Dissemination of mitigation measures, and proper information education and public awareness.</li> </ul>
<b>5. Design and implement interdisciplinary, inter-sectoral partnership in national environment management plans</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪</li> </ul>
<b>6. Mainstream risk management in the planning process</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪</li> </ul>
<b>7. Support SIDS review and reform of the insurance sector to strengthen response to natural disaster</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪</li> </ul>

## Fresh Water

<b><u>1. Support capacity development in water quality and water demand management</u></b>	
FAO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Provide advice on water use and efficiency in agriculture, and on land and water quality management</li> <li>▪ Provide Advice an options for water abstraction policies and programmes</li> </ul>
UNDP-GEF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Partner with UNEP-GEF, CAR/RCU, CEHI, SOPAC and Abidjan/Nairobi Conventions in supporting three regions in the development and implementation of National Integrated Water Resources Management and Water Use Efficiency plans</li> <li>▪ Support preparation and initial implementation of the Strategic Action Program (SAP) for Pacific SIDS through the International Water Projects(IWP)</li> <li>▪ Support Cuban government in restoration of the highly degraded Havana Bay through construction of a wastewater treatment plant using</li> </ul>
UNESCO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Maintain and strengthen partnerships between the International Hydrological Program (IHP), the UNESCO International Centre for Water Education (UNESCO-IHE) and SIDS regional organizations</li> <li>▪ Collaborate and hold various courses, workshops, dialogues, education initiatives in the area of coastal resource and freshwater management, including Hydrology Training Programme, surface water and groundwater management</li> <li>▪ Support postgraduate studentships in SADC countries, mainly in hydrology</li> <li>▪ Assist and support mapping and monitoring aquifers, semi arid zones, and groundwater in SIDS</li> </ul>
<b><u>2. Programmes to improve infrastructure for water catchments, storage and distribution</u></b>	
UNDP-GEF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Support strengthening of SIDSNet by improving the collection, organization and dissemination of information on good practices to address biodiversity conservation, climate change response and international water management issues among AOSIS Member States</li> </ul>
<b><u>3. Programmes to strengthen sanitation and sewerage system</u></b>	
UNESCO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Develop training manuals to advance waste water management</li> </ul>
<b><u>4. Design and implementation of strategies to contain pollution, including through public awareness campaigns</u></b>	
UNESCO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Support international dialogues on strategies for water management</li> <li>▪ Developed a training manual to advance waste water management</li> </ul>

## Governance

<b>1. Support for the design and implementation of National Sustainable Development Strategies in SIDS</b>	
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<b>2 Support for efforts to strengthen community involvement in decision-making, planning and program development</b>	
FAO	▪ Maintain the Rural Institution and Participation Service
<b>3. Support for programmes enhancing a participatory approach to sustainable development with civil society</b>	
UNESCO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Improve the knowledge, skills and capacities of people in governmental and non-governmental agencies and organizations in the use of ICTs</li> <li>▪ Assist in the launch official government websites</li> <li>▪ Organize training activities and courses on local e-governance in collaboration with University of the West Indies Distance Education Centre (UWIDEC)</li> </ul>
<b>4. Support SIDS strategies to enhance the representation of women in decision-making at all levels</b>	
	▪ Maintain the Gender and Population Programme
<b>5. Programmes to more actively engage corporate and other private sector actors in sustainable development. Promotion of public-private partnerships</b>	
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<b>6. Strengthen regional mechanisms in support of sustainable development of SIDS</b>	
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<b>7. Identify/design programmes for SIDS-SIDS, South-South cooperation, particularly in sharing of best practices, capacity development and transfer of appropriate technology</b>	
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# **UN-HABITAT**

## **PROGRAMME TO OPERATIONALIZE THE MAURITIUS IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY**

1. Theme: Programmes on Training, Response and Recovery. Supporting SIDS participation.
2. Implementing Agency: UN-Habitat

### **Summary of Implementation Activities**

#### **1. UN-Habitat adoption of resolution 20/9 entitled Small Island Developing States**

To assist SIDS in areas relating to disaster preparedness, land registration, urban planning guidelines, hurricane-resistant housing and the developing of a training programme for local authorities and community development groups on the administration and sustainable development of cities and other human settlements, as well as to strengthen cooperation with relevant United Nations agencies, funds and programmes related to SIDS to ensure the effective implementation of the human settlements elements contained in the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for Sustainable Development of SIDS.

- In collaboration with the Commonwealth Local Government Forum a training programme for locally elected leaders was held for the Pacific islands representing the eight island States of Fiji, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu.
  - A direct result of this programme has been the creation of a pool of resource persons in the region who can design and deliver leadership training for elected local leaders.
  - Participants have developed country-specific and institutional action plans to implement country specific training and capacity-building programmes, including local adaptation of the training materials.
- As part of its overall response to the Tsunami, a \$23.5 million Shelter Response and Recovery Programme is being implemented with the United Nations Development Programme and the Government of the Republic of the Maldives.
- UN-Habitat financed the participation of delegates from Antigua and Barbuda, Fiji, Jamaica, Papua New Guinea, Saint Lucia, the Solomon Islands, Tuvalu and Vanuatu to the third session of the World Urban Forum in Vancouver, Canada, in June 2006.

## Health

<b>1. Review/strengthen strategies to control HIV/AIDS and other communicable diseases</b>	
UNESCO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Develop a blueprint for the Caribbean region educational sector response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic</li> <li>▪ Raise HIV awareness through support the Graffiti Wall initiative at the University of Technology Jamaica and other initiatives</li> <li>▪ Cooperate with the Caribbean Publishers Network in the publication and diffusion of instructional materials in response to HIV/AIDS.</li> <li>▪ Support HIV/AIDS Response Teams in the Ministry of Education of Jamaica</li> <li>▪ Hold workshops to design new web-based discussion and learning portal on HIV/AIDS for Caribbean youth</li> <li>▪ Support HIV/AIDS Coordination and School Health Unit in UNESCO-Bangkok</li> <li>▪ Support review of national experiences in planning and implementing communication and advocacy strategies for adolescent reproductive and sexual health</li> </ul>
<b>2 Support the pursuit of partnerships for programmes to combat HIV/AIDS</b>	
UNESCO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Bring together UNAIDS co-sponsors, Member States, civil society partners and the private sector, to the fight against HIV/AIDS and integrate preventive education into the global development agenda and national policies</li> </ul>
<b>3. Support the enhanced data collection on demographic and epidemiological trends</b>	
UNESCO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Support creation of HIV/AIDS Clearinghouse site to provide access to Caribbean-related resources and facilitates sharing of information</li> </ul>
<b>4. Support public health strategies and public awareness campaigns to reduce incidence of non-communicable diseases and enhance immunization programmes</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪</li> </ul>
<b>5. Programmes to support the development/ appropriate use of traditional medicines</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪</li> </ul>

# **International Telecommunications Unit (ITU)**

## **PROGRAMME TO OPERATIONALIZE THE MAURITIUS IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY**

Theme: Telecommunications

Implementing Agency(ies): International Telecommunications Unit

### **Summary of Implementation Activities**

#### Programme for Least Developed Countries, Small Island Developing States, and Emergency Telecommunications

- The Programme was established in March 2006 to specifically deal with the special needs of SIDS. This initiative constitutes one of the five programmes contained in the Doha Action Plan adopted by ITU's World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC) held in Doha, Qatar in March 2006. A group of 6 SIDS has been selected to benefit from concentrated assistance for a period of two-years before moving on to the next group of countries. The Programme covers the following:

#### **1. Universal Access**

- Design and implement well conceived projects aimed at making low-cost, affordable and appropriate technologies accessible to all populations in urban, semi-urban and rural areas.
- Promote tele-working to allow citizens, particularly in the SIDS, to live in their societies and work anywhere, and to increase employment opportunities for women, and for those with disabilities.
- Special attention should be given to strategies promoting job creation and the retention of the skilled working force.

#### **2. Rehabilitation and Reconstruction of Telecommunications Infrastructure for Countries in Special Needs**

- Without concentrated assistance coming from the BDT and other partners, it would take decades to restore the level of development to where they were before the disasters. Direct Assistance, Bilateral and Multilateral sources of financing will be used for this purpose.

#### **3. Emergency Telecommunications**

- Promote technical cooperation and enhance the capacity of SIDS, in utilizing ICT tools for disaster early warning, preparedness, response and relief including dissemination of understandable warnings to those at risk.
- Promote regional and international cooperation for easy access to and sharing of information for disaster management, and explore modalities for the easier participation of SIDS.
- Work in close cooperation with ITU0F towards the establishment of standards-based monitoring and worldwide early-warning systems linked to national and regional networks and facilitate emergency disaster response all over the world, particularly in high-risk regions.
- Ensure that disaster resilient features in all telecommunications network and infrastructure projects are incorporated at all the stages of project management.

## Land Management

<b>1. Programmes and legislation to improve land management and strengthen land tenure</b>	
FAO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Review and recommend policies and legislation on land use and land tenure</li> <li>▪ Support land tenure institution building</li> </ul>
UNDP/GEF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Support 21 SIDS through the LDC-SIDS Target Portfolio Project for Capacity Building and Mainstreaming of Sustainable Land Management.</li> <li>▪ Assist countries that have not yet completed their National Action Programmes (NAP) to Combat Desertification, in order to develop individual, institutional and systemic capacity for sustainable land management</li> <li>▪ Assist countries with sustainable development land management projects, notably in Madagascar, Antigua &amp; Barbuda and Cuba. Total committed funding from the GEF to the SIDS through these projects is about \$26million, with an additional \$30million from other co-financing sources.</li> </ul>
UNESCO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Support various scientific programmes and projects to boost capacity building activities at different levels</li> </ul>
<b>2 Programmes to reduce watershed and land degradation</b>	
FAO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Maintain programme on integrated land, water and plant nutrition policies, planning and management</li> </ul>
UNDP/GEF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mitigate land degradation through the adaptation of sustainable land management (SLM) practices.</li> </ul>
UNESCO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Promote integrated ecosystem approaches to the conservation and sustainable management of land, water and biodiversity through the programme on Man and the Biosphere (MAB) and its World Network of Biosphere Reserves</li> </ul>
<b>3. Implement sustainable forest management strategies to reduce forest degradation and loss</b>	
FAO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Advising on regulatory strategies for improved forest management</li> </ul>
<b>4. Support strategies to enhance food security and promote agricultural diversification</b>	
FAO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Maintain regional programmes and national projects on food security</li> </ul>
<b>5. Support national and regional researches initiatives in the use of appropriate technology, particularly for small farmers</b>	
FAO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Provide advice and technical assistance in value-added food chains, including organic agriculture</li> </ul>
<b>6. Strengthen agricultural extension services</b>	
FAO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Agricultural extension and training services</li> </ul>
<b>7. Support the development of aquaculture</b>	
FAO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Provide guidance in legal frameworks to support aquaculture</li> <li>▪ Assist with developing policies and strategies for aquaculture development</li> <li>▪ Provide technical advice on development of aquaculture and resources management at national and regional level</li> <li>▪ Provide technical assistance to donor supported field projects on aquaculture development</li> <li>▪ Hold workshops/seminars to assist in capacity building at national and regional levels</li> </ul>
<b>8. Support the development of early warning system to monitor food security</b>	
FAO	Global information and Early Warning (GIEWS), FIVIMS and other programmes

**9. Programmes to improve food processing, marketing, product development and quality control**

FAO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Provide advice on regulation for food quality and safety</li><li>▪ Enhance food quality and safety by strengthening handling, processing, and marketing in the food chain</li><li>▪ Support agribusiness development targeted to small and medium post-production enterprises</li><li>▪ Provide policy and institutional support for fostering competitive agro-industries</li><li>▪ Support project development on post-harvest tourism linkages under the Global Post-Harvest Initiative</li></ul>

## Renewable Energy

<b>1. Programmes to enhance energy efficiency and further develop renewable energy options. Focus on solar, wind, biomass, OTEC</b>	
UNESCO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ With the Global Renewable Energy and Training Programme (GREET), undertaken concrete projects dealing with energy, such as the installation of solar photovoltaic systems in Barbados and technical assistance to grid-connected wind power on Niue.</li> <li>▪</li> </ul>
UNIDO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Promote sustainable energy in SIDS by supporting the development of sustainable energy policies</li> <li>▪ Assistance in the development and implementation of renewable energy and energy efficiency projects</li> <li>▪ Continue project in AIMS Region, The Pilot Community Development Centers (CDC) that is powered by a renewable energy hybrid system (solar PVs and wind turbine)</li> </ul>
<b>2 Support the formulation and implementation of integrated and interdisciplinary bioenergy policies and programmes.</b>	
FAO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Maintain Bio-energy Programme</li> </ul>
UNIDO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Promote the transition of SIDS nations toward cleaner and more sustainable energy development</li> </ul>
<b>3. Promote public/private partnership and market oriented approaches in diversifying energy sources. Enlist support of regional development banks.</b>	
UNIDO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Advance the development of clean energy investments that demonstrate the potential for wide-scale utilization, including commercial use, in SIDS</li> <li>▪ Establish financing mechanisms to support the expansion of renewable energy and energy efficiency market</li> </ul>
<b>4. Implement public awareness programmes in communities and among stakeholders groups on the impact of fossil fuel based energy use on the environment</b>	
UNIDO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Continue projects that foster dialogue, communication and outreach activities to raise awareness of the benefits of renewable energy technologies and energy conservation</li> </ul>
<b>5. Support training programmes to change traditional attitudes in the use of energy, to promote wider use of renewable energy sources</b>	
UNESCO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Promote sustainable energy in Pacific SIDS, with a focus on training and research in engineering science and technology</li> <li>▪ Build capacity through the Global Renewable Energy and Training Programme (GREET). Support the development of ‘solar villages’ and other high priority national projects on renewable energy</li> <li>▪ Elaboration and test a toolkit of learning and teaching materials on solar photovoltaics, and geothermal energy</li> </ul>
UNIDO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Support institution building and appropriate policy, R&amp;D linkages and capacity-building through training for large-scale adoption and replication, and information dissemination</li> <li>▪ Promote south-south cooperation by exchange of information between entrepreneurs, managers, researchers and planners focusing on technology transfer and training</li> <li>▪ Support the Caribbean Solar Financing Programme (CSFP), which focuses activities in the areas of training of leading personal, provision on long-term credit and consumer awareness campaign</li> </ul>

<b>6. Support training programmes to change traditional attitudes in the use of energy, to promote wider use of renewable energy sources</b>	
UNESCO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Support national energy policy and strategic action plans</li> <li>▪ Organize workshops in partnership with International Scientific Council for Island Development (INSULA)</li> </ul>
UNIDO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Promote and support SIDS efforts in transitioning away from energy consumption and supply patterns based on conventional fossil fuels and towards renewable energy technologies and more efficient energy use</li> <li>▪ Continue working towards the development of energy projects/programmes aimed to support Pacific SIDS in reducing the enormous deficit of energy affordability</li> </ul>
<b>7. Support the establishment of regulatory frameworks and supportive public policies regarding the development and use of renewable energy</b>	
UNIDO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Support the development and consolidation of national energy policies that increase renewable energy and energy efficient technologies</li> </ul>

## Trade and Finance

<b><u>1. Provide technical assistance in support of SIDS efforts to prepare for WTO accession</u></b>	
UNCTAD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Continue to provide technical assistance with activities ranging from training and sensitization of national officials dealing with accession, to advisory services aimed at strengthening relevant national capacities to carry out accession negotiations beneficially</li> <li>▪ Emphasize the importance of the link between sector-specific development strategies and relevant negotiating positions and proposals</li> </ul>
<b><u>2. Assists SIDS in analyzing the impact of trade liberalization, with a view to implementing appropriate adjustment strategies and enhancing their competitiveness in international markets</u></b>	
UNCTAD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Support SIDS efforts to gain specific recognition in the WTO through the Work Programme on Small Economies.</li> </ul>
<b><u>3. Support product diversification and the development of niche markets</u></b>	
UNCTAD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Help SIDS embrace a wide range of sector-specific insights as they relate to a number of sectors such as “environmentally preferable products” (including commodities conducive to “biofuels”), organic farming, international tourism, offshore investment services, and cultural industries.</li> <li>▪ Strengthen investment promotion capacities especially SIDS diversification potential in international services.</li> </ul>
<b><u>4. Support through research and analysis SIDS advocacy towards ensuring that their environmental vulnerability is appropriately taken into consideration by the multilateral trading system</u></b>	
UNCTAD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Support SIDS, within the multilateral trading system, in their work of advocacy on grounds of vulnerability</li> </ul>
<b><u>5. Support the development and strengthening of legal, regulatory and physical infrastructure to assist SIDS in promoting a domestic environment conducive to entrepreneurship</u></b>	
UNCTAD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Promote an enabling environment for foreign investors as well as domestic entrepreneurs</li> <li>▪ Emphasize an “Investment Policy Review” (IPR) as a main tool to identify the specific areas of desirable action, particularly legal and regulatory aspects.</li> </ul>
<b><u>6. Support the design and implementation of measures to strengthen the private sector and promote micro-enterprise</u></b>	
UNCTAD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Subsumed in #5, plus “including through the development of micro-credit facilities”.</li> </ul>
<b><u>7. Support the establishment of innovative financial mechanisms to respond to the structural disadvantages of SIDS</u></b>	
UNCTAD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Advocate special treatments of SIDS as a highly desirable response to the permanent problems of these countries, both on the financial front and in the multilateral trading system.</li> </ul>
<b><u>8. Capacity-building to strengthen SIDS participation in international trade negotiations at the national and regional levels</u></b>	
UNCTAD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Provide training and sensitization activities as well as relevant advisory services based on analytical evidence.</li> </ul>
<b><u>9. Strengthen SIDS institutional capacity to develop trade-related policies and relevant regulatory measures</u></b>	
UNCTAD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ This has generally taken place in relation to the context of accession to the WTO, or institutional capacity-building for WTO members or regional trade integration beneficiaries.</li> </ul>

<b><u>10. Assist in the analysis and formulation of policies and the development of infrastructure required to address issues relating to sanitary and phytosanitary measures (SPS) and technical barriers to trade (TBT)</u></b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Support SIDS capacity-building in the area of national trade policy.</li> </ul>
<b><u>11. Support research and analysis toward re-examination of the criteria for graduation from LDC status, taking into consideration the special vulnerabilities of SIDS</u></b>	
UNCTAD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Support the argument that no country should be considered for graduation from LDC status if it has not met the graduation threshold under the economic vulnerability criterion</li> <li>▪ Advocate a reform of the graduation rule for SIDS cases</li> <li>▪ Support understanding of the “island paradox” or how SIDS can demonstrate the relative prosperity in terms on income and social performance while remaining economically highly vulnerable and therefore in need of a “safety net” of concessionary treatment to prevent domestic instability resulting from external shocks.</li> </ul>
<b><u>12. Analysis of SIDS debt sustainability to support effective debt management</u></b>	
UNCTAD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Assist several SIDS towards more effective debt management (DMFAS) programme.</li> </ul>
<b><u>13. Analysis of SIDS in the design and implementation of programmes to encourage foreign investment and facilitate remittances</u></b>	
UNCTAD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Subsumed in #12.</li> </ul>

## **UNOHRLLS**

### **PROGRAMME TO OPERATIONALIZE THE MAURITIUS IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY**

Theme: Advocacy and mobilization of international support and resources

Implementing Agency(ies): UN Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States

#### **Summary of Implementation Activities**

- Support the participation of the 12 SIDS Least Developed Countries participation in;
  - African LDC and Asia Pacific regional meetings (2006);
  - LDC Ministerial Meeting in Cotonou, Benin (5-8 June 2006);
  - ECOSOC events on LDCs in Geneva in July 2006;
  - UN General Assembly's Experts' meeting on 5-7 September 2006 towards preparing for the UN General Assembly's High-level Meeting for the comprehensive midterm global review of the Brussels Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries.
- Continue advocacy on behalf of the SIDS at all relevant international forums and particularly at the Second Committee of the General Assembly, and at the SIDS Day on 8 May 2006 within the context of CSD-14
- In order to effectively implement the Strategy the UN-OHRLLS stresses the following:
  - To enhance coordination within the UN system organizations, the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) of the UN system should come up with a comprehensive set of indicators for measuring implementation. The IATF should meet often and regularly. IATF can also become a valuable forum for sharing of knowledge and experience among the UN system entities in the implementation process.
  - The regional intergovernmental organizations and their Secretariats (CARICOM, PIF, and IOC) should be organically linked to the implementation process with the full support of the UN.
  - Involvement of the international financial institutions, particularly the Bretton Woods institutions, in favour of SIDS. A decision that would positively advance the MSI is the agreement on special measures for IDA assistance in favor of SIDS
- Encouraging the World Bank and the IMF to spearhead the insurance scheme proposal at the World Bank's Small States Forum last September
- Enhance understanding of the regional development banks in their resource allocations for the Mauritius Strategy activities
- Propose, that in the context of Financing for Development deliberations, a special section be added in the Secretary-General's report focusing on the special needs of the SIDS.
- Take the initiative of sensitizing the newly-established Central Emergency Relief Fund (CERF), as proposed by the Secretary-General and endorsed by the 2005 World Summit, for giving priority attention to the post-disaster needs of the small islands. The UN-OHRLLS also provided a brief to the AOSIS Chairman in this context for circulation to its members.

- Support the greater involvement and inclusion of SIDS in South-South cooperation and collaborate with the Special Unit of South-South Cooperation, UNDP
- Work with UN ESCAP and the SU/SSC of UNDP on a project to establish satellite communications for the Pacific Island SIDS in order to promote ICT in keeping with the Mauritius Strategy.

## Waste Management

<b>1. Identify cost-effective, environmentally sound waste management systems</b>	
UNESCO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Support development of a training course for wastewater management in the Pacific is jointly with UNEP's Global Programme for Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Sources of Pollution (GPA/UNEP) and UNESCO-IHE.</li> </ul>
<b>2 Explore innovative mechanisms to finance waste management initiatives</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪</li> </ul>
<b>3. Strengthen national and regional regulatory regimes</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪</li> </ul>
<b>4. Promote reduction, re-use and recycling strategies</b>	
UNESCO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Support education and planning of improved waste, including promotion of 'zero tolerance to littering' practices in SIDS</li> <li>▪ Address waste management issues in the e-publication 'Small Islands Voice' (SIV)</li> </ul>

**World Tourism Organization (WTO)**  
**PROGRAMME TO OPERATIONALIZE THE MAURITIUS IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY**

Theme: Tourism

Implementing Agency(ies): World Tourism Organization (WTO)

**Summary of Implementation Activities**

- Develop and implement sustainable tourism development plans and integrate them into national sustainable development strategies
- Enhance community based initiatives on sustainable tourism and build the necessary capacities of civil society and local stakeholders while protecting culture and traditions and effectively conserving resources
- Establish appropriate balance between tourism development and other sectors, and make appropriate linkages to other sectors
- Monitor the impacts of tourism development with national and regional authorities to ensure that its impacts accord with SIDS sustainable development goals
- Provide technical support to conduct assessments of tourism development
- Develop preventative and corrective measures to minimize the negative impacts of natural disasters
- Publish reports, including ‘Making Tourism Work for SIDS’ to elevate the importance of tourism to the achievement of the MDGs.
- Provide policy orientation, guidelines, and other tools to National Tourism Authorities on how to develop sustainable tourism that benefits the population