

**Name of the Partnership/Initiative:** "SIDS 2015 - Developing capacities to reduce vulnerability to natural disasters"

**Expected date of initiation:** January 2003

**Expected date of completion:** January 2015

**Partners Involved:**

SIDS governments, academic institutions, private sector, multilateral organizations, IFI's, regional development banks, regional organizations, professional associations, foundations, insurance sector, civil society organizations, national and international NGO's.

The leading partners will be SIDS governments supported by 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 Program (UNEP).

**Main objectives of the Partnership/Initiative:**

To provide technical assistance and build the capacities of SIDS for the integration of comprehensive risk management including disaster prevention, mitigation and preparedness into sustainable development planning and help relieve the consequences of disasters, extreme weather events and other emergencies.

The partnership will address the special requirements of SIDS, recognized in Agenda 21, particularly through capacity development, in line with Agenda 21's Chapter 37.

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.

**Expected results:**

Sustainable Development Plans prepared and implemented to reduce vulnerability to natural disasters generally and in key sectors such as agriculture, tourism and fisheries.

Greater use of financial instruments and incentives for risk reduction.

Necessary legislation, planning, building and development standards and codes established and systematically enforced.

Public education and awareness improved, including the development of participatory approaches to disaster reduction planning and activities.

Regional networks strengthened including sharing data, best practice examples, early warning, coordinated emergency response systems and other co-operation mechanisms.

Enhanced inter-regional co-operation and information and technical expertise exchange.

SIDS vulnerability to hazards fully incorporated into environmental, social and economic vulnerability indexes and indicators.

A special SIDS fund established to support incorporating disaster mitigation, preparedness into sustainable development planning and to ensure better emergency response and co-ordination of donor support to activities.

**Targets:**

Necessary planning process developed including participatory approaches and frameworks, developed (within 6 months)

Disaster risk reduction incorporated in sustainable development plans generally, and in strategies of key sectors including agriculture, tourism and fisheries. (within 10 years)

Greater use of financial instruments and incentives for disaster risk reduction agreed in conjunction with insurance sector and governments and necessary legislative and enabling environments established (within 5 years)

Necessary risk maps, legislation, planning, building and development standards and codes revised or established, and systematically enforced. (within 5 years)

Public education and awareness improved, including the institutionalization of participatory approaches to disaster reduction planning and activities. (within 2 years)

Regional networks strengthened including sharing data, best practice examples, early warning, co-ordinated emergency response systems and other co-operation mechanisms. (within 5 years)

**Co-ordination and Implementation mechanism**

The partnership will be coordinated globally by the UNDP and implemented regionally and nationally by national governments and regional organizations of SIDS in collaboration with other relevant parts of the UN such as ISDR, UNCHS, OCHA, UNEP, private sector, academic and professional organizations, civil society and international partners.

Functional partnerships and networks will be developed, linking SIDS and their communities with national, regional and international partners that can provide technical assistance and support in local capacity development to reduce vulnerability to natural 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.

### **Arrangements for funding**

The budget will come from bilateral and multilateral organizations and foundations at the global level and member governments and private sector partners for specific initiatives at regional, national and community levels.

### **Arrangements for capacity development and technology transfer**

The program 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:

- Capacity development as an ongoing process of transformation owned by local and national actors who define their own needs and implement their own solutions.
- Careful integration of urgent short-term poverty concerns as well as longer-term sustainability issues.
- Genuine participatory processes in the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of social, economic, and environmental policies, plans programmes and practices.
- A universal but flexible approach, with different emphases in response to varying sustainable development priorities among different communities, countries and regions.
- Work through partnerships and alliances, emphasizing networking for knowledge acquisition and sharing of experiences.
- Capacity development includes developing necessary enabling environments at all levels.
- Building on existing capacities instead of replacing them, and respecting cultural identities and values.

### **Links of Partnership/Initiative with on-going sustainable development activities at the international and/or regional level (if any)**

The partnership will build on successes and lessons learned in implementation of the Barbados Plan of Action by SIDS since 1994.

### **Monitoring Arrangements:**

The overall global partnership and 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 by UNDP, including regular scheduled case studies, surveys / interviews and monitoring of indicators. This will generate information on results and lessons learned that will be shared regularly with the global SIDS community via SIDSnet and other forums.

**Other relevant information:**

Utilize SIDSnet electronic network developed with the support of UNDP and UNDESA as well as electronic network of other relevant UN agencies, regional bodies and NGOs that are already in place .

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