

**Five Year Regional Review of the Implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (MSI+5)**

**AIMS Regional Meeting**

**Malé, Maldives, 9-10 March 2010**

**Background**

The high-level review of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation (MSI) of the Barbados Programme of Action (BPOA) for the Sustainable Development of SIDS, pursuant to resolution A/RES/62/191 will “review progress made in addressing the vulnerabilities of small island developing States through the implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for Implementation at the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly”. GA resolution 64/199 provided guidance for the review process and stressed “that the review should provide the international community with an opportunity to conduct a thorough assessment of the progress made, lessons learned and constraints encountered in the implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for Implementation and agree on what needs to be done to further address the vulnerabilities of SIDS.”

The starting point of the review process is at the national level with National Assessment Reports (NAR) that SIDS prepared. Non-SIDS donor countries, intergovernmental regional organizations, major groups, and UN funds, programmes and specialized agencies were also asked to submit inputs to inform the review process. Both NARs and other assessment reports were consolidated and synthesized at the regional level to highlight common constraints and lessons learned, and analyzed progress in addressing vulnerabilities of SIDS within each region.

The AIMS regional meeting will provide an opportunity for SIDS and all relevant stakeholders in the region to identify achievements, challenges and lessons learned in the MSI implementation thus far, based on the assessment at the regional level of NARs and other available information, with a view to identify priorities, emerging issues and next steps to further advance the implementation. The outcome of the AIMS review meeting, along with those of the Pacific and Caribbean regional meetings, will be then channeled to an inter-regional meeting, followed by the SIDS Day of the eighteenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD-18), which will serve as a preparatory committee for the high-level review at the GA in September 2010.

**Objectives**

- To undertake critical assessment of the implementation of the MSI over the last five years.
- To assess progress in addressing vulnerabilities across SIDS within the region within the framework of the MSI.
- To analyze common constraints and lessons learned in order to identify priority areas to further address the vulnerabilities of SIDS within the region.

## Provisional Work Programme

	<b>Day 1 – Tuesday, 9 March 2010</b>
8.15 – 9.00	<b>Registration</b>
9.00 – 10.30	<p><b>Opening Session</b></p> <p><b>Welcome and Opening of the Meeting:</b> Representative of the Government of the Maldives (tbc)</p> <p><b>Statements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• President of the Maldives (tbc)</li> <li>• UNDESA</li> <li>• UN Resident Coordinator</li> </ul> <p>Election of the Meeting Chair Appointment of Drafting Committee for Outcome Document</p> <p><b>MSI of the BPOA 5-year Review Objectives (DESA)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Highlight review focus on addressing vulnerabilities.</li> <li>• Challenges in monitoring and evaluation of progress in addressing vulnerabilities.</li> </ul>
<b>10.30 – 11.00</b>	<b>Morning Tea</b>
11.00 – 11.30	<b>Introduction of Regional Report (IOC)</b>
11.30 – 13.00	<p><b>Session 1: National and Regional Enabling Environment*</b></p> <p>Facilitated discussions for AIMS SIDS delegates on national and regional activities, including progress with National Sustainable Development Strategies or the like, in further advancing MSI implementation, including governance and inter-agency coordination.</p>
<b>13.00 – 14.00</b>	<p><b>Lunch</b></p> <p><b>Side Events (tbc)</b></p>
14.00 – 15.30	<p><b>Session 2: Assessments of MSI Implementation in addressing vulnerability in the AIMS Region – Focus on Climate Change*</b></p> <p>Facilitated discussions for AIMS SIDS delegates on MSI implementation, focusing on climate change and sea-level rise, and natural and environmental disasters.</p>
15.30 – 16.00	<b>Afternoon Tea</b>
16.00 – 17.30	<p><b>Session 3: Assessments of MSI Implementation in addressing vulnerability in the AIMS region – Focus on Natural Resources*</b></p> <p>Facilitated discussions for AIMS SIDS delegates on MSI implementation, focusing on coastal and marine, freshwater, land, biodiversity and energy resources.</p>

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\* Interventions from observers from Regional and International Organisations and Major Groups will be integrated into these discussions.

<b>Day 2 – Wednesday, 10 March 2010</b>	
9.00 – 10.30	<p><b>Session 4: Assessments of MSI Implementation in addressing vulnerability in the AIMS region – Focus on Infrastructure, Tourism and Planning*</b></p> <p>Facilitated discussions for AIMS SIDS delegates on MSI implementation, focusing on tourism resources, transportation and communication, sustainable consumption and production, management of wastes, and health.</p>
<b>10.30 – 11.00</b>	<b>Morning Tea</b>
11.00 – 12.30	<p><b>Session 5: Inter-linkages and cross-cutting issues including means of implementation of particular significance in MSI Implementation*</b></p> <p>Facilitated discussions for AIMS SIDS delegates on cross-cutting issues, including science and development and transfer of technology; graduation from LDC status; trade; capacity development and education for sustainable development; knowledge management and information for decision-making; and financial resources.</p>
<b>12.30 – 13.30</b>	<p><b>Lunch</b> <b>Side Events (tbc)</b></p>
13.30 – 15.00	<p><b>Session 6: Recent trends and emerging issues*</b></p> <p>Facilitated discussions for AIMS SIDS delegates on measures adopted by SIDS to address the adverse impacts of recent multiple crisis, including the global financial crisis, the 2008 food and energy crisis, and including progress with the MDGs.</p>
15.00 – 15.30	<b>Afternoon Tea</b>
15.30 – 17.30	<p><b>Session 7: Consideration of A Way Forward; (Endorsement of Outcome Document and Regional Report)</b></p> <p>Facilitated discussions for AIMS SIDS delegates on priority actions for the region in further advancing MSI implementation, including policy options, partnerships, etc.</p>
<b>17.30 – 18.00</b>	<b>Closing Session</b>

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