**CONCEPT NOTE SUMMARY**

***Enhancing SIDS’ capacities in the frame of the*** ***post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework
By supporting a SIDS Biodiversity Coalition & a SIDS 10-year capacity development Roadmap
 In view to strengthen SIDS’ means of implementation to achieve the CBD.***

**Summary (1 pager)**

Considered as the possible “*Paris Agreement for Biodiversity”* due to its foreseen historic importance, the upcoming Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework (under the Convention on Biological Diversity -CBD) would offer a unique window of opportunity for SIDS – Big Ocean States- to catalyze financial and technical support to address their unique environmental challenges and opportunities, in line with the S.A.M.O.A Pathway.  Paragraph 90 of the S.A.M.O.A Pathway highlights the intrinsic link between SIDS and nature, and strongly supports “the efforts of small island developing States to access financial and technical resources for the conservation and sustainable management of biodiversity.”

The objective of this strategic initiative is to support SIDS’ capacities in the frame of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and the S.A.M.O.A Pathway through the promotion of a SIDS 10-year capacity development Roadmap. This proposal has been developed with the following 10-year vision: SIDS biodiversity-related needs and priorities are addressed by 2030 through enhanced structural frameworks, capacity building initiatives and sustainable financial support (means of implementation) to SIDS for the implementation of the Biodiversity Convention.

The support provided is divided into **4 outcomes** to be delivered in two phases as follows:

**Phase 1 (2021)**

**Outcome 1 – SIDS Biodiversity Coalition & Momentum Building:** A SIDS Biodiversity Coalition is established as a single, unified body in order to amplify the voices of SIDS within the ongoing and subsequent biodiversity related negotiations -before, during and after CBD COP 15 in 2021.

**Outcome 2 – Inter-regional Technical Support and Common SIDS Position:** Increased SIDS Government capacities at inter-regional level to agree on a common set of SIDS’ specific gaps, challenges, constraints in terms of means of implementation to be addressed in order to successfully achieve CBD related targets under the post-2020 Biodiversity Framework.

**Outcome 3 - Mainstreaming and Advocacy:** Increased SIDS’ capacities to channel their voice as “one” to mainstream common key messages and ensure that (i) SIDS needs and priorities are reflected in the language of the COP 15 negotiations and that (ii) SIDS related momentum is gained in the frame of the post-2020 Biodiversity Framework.

**One of the major results of Phase 1** could be e.g. **the integration by SIDS Parties to the CBD of 1 sentence into the CBD subsidiary bodies texts such as:** e.g. “*Requests the Executive Secretary to develop a draft capacity development roadmap for small island developing States (SIDS) to support the implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and to provide this draft for consideration at a future meeting of the Subsidiary Body”*

**Phase 2 (2022+)**

**Outcome 4 – SIDS Capacity Development Roadmap Development and Implementation:** Increased SIDS’ capacity to develop and implement a SIDS Capacity Development Roadmap in order to guide specific technical and financial resources for SIDS in line with the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework to ensure proper implementation of the Biodiversity Convention.

Phase 1 will be instrumental to initiate support to SIDS in laying down the foundational work behind a possible 10-year SIDS capacity development Roadmap for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework implementation. Once developed in 2022 and adopted by COP 16, the SIDS Roadmap would institutionally trigger dedicated financial and technical support to SIDS. UNDESA has mobilized the resources for technical and advocacy support needed under Phase 1.

For Phase 1, UNDESA will work in close synergies with the CBD Secretariat and in partnerships with CBD National Focal Points as well as with Regional Frameworks and Technical partners ([SPREP](https://www.sprep.org/) Secretariat for the Pacific SIDS [CEP](https://www.unep.org/cep/) Secretariat for the Caribbean SIDS, [Nairobi Convention](https://www.unep.org/nairobiconvention/) Secretariat for the African SIDS in the Atlantic Ocean, [Abidjan Convention](https://abidjanconvention.org/) Secretariat for the African SIDS in the Indian Ocean). Phase 2 will be shaped by the outcomes of phase 1 and will be a larger multi-stakeholder process.

**Logical Framework: Outcomes and Outputs**

This initiative is divided into **4 outcomes** and each outcome represents a component of the initiative which contains a set of outputs. The table below succinctly presents the outcomes and associated **outputs.** The outputs below are indicative at this stage as they will depend, to a certain extent, on the establishment of the SIDS Biodiversity Coalition, COP 15 decisions and related political orientations. Under these perspectives, while outcomes 1, 2, 3 are part of phase 1 (before and during COP 15), outcome 4 will be part of a phase 2 (after COP 15) and would therefore very much depend on the results of COP 15. Below the Logical framework table below, the main outputs under phase 1 are further described.

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| **Outcomes/Components** | **Outputs** |
| **PHASE 1 (2021)** |
| **OUTCOME 1: SIDS BIODIVERSITY COALITION & MOMENTUM**A SIDS Biodiversity Coalition is established as a single, unified body in order to amplify the voices of SIDS within the ongoing and subsequent biodiversity related negotiations -before, during and after CBD COP 15 in 2021.  | **Output 1.1:** Terms of reference for the SIDS biodiversity Coalition, including objective and governance structure are developed and approved *Indicator of achievement: ToR approved***Output 1.2:** Recruitment of a National SIDS Biodiversity coordinator by DESA (based on ToR approved by the Coalition) to provide secretariat/coordination support to the Coalition (secondment)*Indicator of achievement: SIDS National Biodiversity coordinator assigned to support the Coalition***Output 1.3:** Logistical assistance provided to the Coalition executive meetings (physical or virtual) *Indicator of achievement: Coalition executive meetings reports (with list of participants)*  |
| **OUTCOME 2: INTER-REGIONAL TECHNICAL SUPPORT & COMMON SIDS POSITION**Increased SIDS Government capacities at inter-regional level to agree on a common set of SIDS’ specific gaps, challenges, constraints in terms of means of implementation to be addressed in order to successfully achieve CBD related targets under the post-2020 Biodiversity FrameworkUNDESA has already mobilized the resources for this Outcome 2 | **Output 2.1:** Preliminary Report identifying SIDS’ common challenges and opportunities, including gaps in terms of means of implementation (primarily based on literature review of existing SIDS CBD National Reports, National Capacity Self-Assessment (NCSA). *Indicator of achievement: Preliminary report available***Output 2.2:** Three workshops conducted at regional level to consult CBD national focal points and technical regional partners on preliminary report findings in light of the post-2020 Biodiversity Framework.*Indicator of achievement: Workshop reports available***Output 2.3:** Formulation of a common SIDS position paper (technical paper or policy brief) to accompany SIDS negotiators (in the frame of the Coalition) and facilitate technical consensus on joint SIDS inputs provisions -including the rationale behind the need for a SIDS Capacity development Roadmap- during the (pre-) COP negotiations.*Indicator of achievement: SIDS technical paper available* |
| **OUTCOME 3 – MAINSTREAMING AND ADVOCACY** Increased SIDS’ capacities to channel their voice as “one” to mainstream common key messages and ensure that (i) SIDS needs and priorities are reflected in the language of the COP 15 negotiations and that (ii) SIDS related momentum is gained in the frame of the post-2020 Biodiversity Framework.UNDESA has already mobilized the resources for this Outcome 3 | **Outputs 3.1:** Organization of the launch of the SIDS Biodiversity Coalition*Indicator of achievement: Coalition launch conducted (launch report and list of participants available)***Output 3.2:** Development of the SIDS Biodiversity Coalition-related website and production / dissemination of communication materials*Indicator of achievement: Communication material available***Output 3.3:** Organization of SIDS Biodiversity Coalition-related Advocacy events, including SIDS side-event at (but not limited to) the Biodiversity COP *Indicator of achievement: At least 2 advocacy events organized (with report and list of participants* |
| **PHASE 2 (2022+)** |
| **OUTCOME 4 – SIDS ROADMAP DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION**Increased SIDS’ capacity to develop and implement a SIDS Capacity Development Roadmap in line with the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework to ensure proper implementation of the Biodiversity Convention  | *The outputs of this outcome/component will be formulated in due course based on the results of COP 15 negotiations (outside of this project control) and associated discussions with partners. This said, the development of the SIDS Capacity Development Roadmap will be foreseen in 2022 and its adoption at COP 16.*  |