

Annual Project Report (APR) 2014

00090971 SIDS and Post-2015 Agenda

Project Name	SIDS and Post-2015 Agenda (SaPA)
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Expected Outcome of Regional Program:	Growth and development are inclusive and sustainable, incorporating productive capacities that create employment and livelihoods for the poor and excluded. Relevant to Outcomes
Expected Outputs of Regional Program:	National and sub-national systems enabled to achieve structural transformation of productive capacities that are sustainable and employment and livelihoods intensive.
Executing Organization: :	UNDP
Implementing Organization:	UNDP/RBLAC
Project ID Start Date: :	May 2014
Project ID End Date: ID:	October 2015
Total Project Budget (Project ID):	USD 248,000.00 (2014)
Reporting Period:	Del 14/05/2014 al 31/12/2014
Total Expenditure during the Period: US\$ (% Annual):	U\$S 207,215 (85%)

Brief Description of the Project
<p>The SIDS and Post 2015 Agenda (SaPA) initiative seeks to support Caribbean Small Island and Developing States to effectively participate in and contribute to the successful outcome of the Third International Conference on SIDS, and to support the sub-regional efforts to advance the post Samoa agreement – SAMOA Pathway. The key results being pursued are: (i) The priorities of Caribbean SIDS are comprehensively presented in the Samoa Conference, (ii) Caribbean SIDS are present and visible during the Samoa Conference, (iii) Caribbean SIDS have facilitated and brokered knowledge among SIDS on issues of Climate Change, Disaster Risk Reduction and (iv) Caribbean SIDS have post Samoa action plans to continue advocating for special attention to SIDS in the process to develop a post 2015 development agenda.</p>

General comments on the execution for 2014:

In 2014, UNDP and in particular its Regional Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean (RBLAC) provided strategic technical, and financial support to enable the Caribbean sub-region to use the Third International Conference on Small Island Developing States as a significant opportunity to position the needs of the Caribbean in the global development debate and draw attention to the specific development circumstances of the region at critical juncture when the international community was defining the new global post 2015 development agenda to succeed the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

UNDP deployed its human, financial and other resources to buttress the efforts of Caribbean Governments, Civil Society Organisations (especially youth, women and indigenous peoples), and regional institutions such as CARICOM and the Organisation of the Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) to adequately prepare for and participate in the Samoa Conference. The support provided by UNDP under this project builds on previous support to the official SIDS preparatory process, where UNDP supported intra and inter-regional SIDS consultations, held in Jamaica and Barbados, respectively.

As a result of UNDP- RBLAC support, there was a high level of Caribbean participation in the Third Samoa which translated into stronger representation of Caribbean perspectives in the official deliberations during and decision of the conference, as reflected in the SAMOA Pathway¹.

UNDP Country Offices in the Caribbean played and the Regional Service Center in Panama played an extremely important political and logistical role in engaging and support Caribbean Governments, Regional Organisations and Civil Society Organisations in preparing for and participating in the conference.

I) MAIN PROJECT ACHIEVEMENTS

1. Strong Caribbean participation in the pre, during and Post Samoa Conference. High level representation from the Caribbean funded and technically supported by UNDP-RBLAC from Governments, CARICOM, OECS, Youth, Women and Indigenous Peoples.
2. The Financing for Development needs and the severe vulnerability of Caribbean SIDS positioned as critical issues that require significant global rethink and investment. RBLAC organized and supported two high level side events that brought specific attention to the financing for development needs of Caribbean SIDS in the post 2015 era and highlighted the stellar achievement of Caribbean in South-South cooperation in the area of Disaster Risk Management, but also demonstrated the extreme vulnerabilities of Caribbean SIDS to climate related natural disasters.
3. Achieved consensus among Caribbean Governments on the key issues and positions for Caribbean SIDS leading up to the Samoa Conference.
4. Reinforced the capacity of CARICOM and OECS Secretariats to advocate for Caribbean SIDS by facilitating the participation of relevant high level participants.
5. High quality technical advice from a Caribbean perspective was provided. UNDP contributed a senior Caribbean national to assist with the preparatory activities in Samoa to ensure that Caribbean perspective is taken into account in all aspects of conference plans.

II) PROJECT PROGRESS

Output 1	The priorities of Caribbean SIDS comprehensively presented in the Samoa Conference and its declaration
Project ID	00090971
Indicator(s)	1) Extent to which Caribbean priorities are reflected in the Samoa outcome document

¹ <http://www.sids2014.org/index.php?menu=1537>

Baseline (s)	At the time of project approval, the draft declaration of priorities was still being negotiated		
Target(s) for the year	1) All priorities from the Caribbean reflected in the Samoa outcome document		
Activity	Indicator	Target (s) for the year	% of achievement
1. CARICOM Secretariat participation in preparatory probes and multi-stakeholder delegations attending SIDS conference	CARICOM Secretariat participates in SIDS PrepCom	CARICOM reps attend 2 PrepComs	CARICOM rep. attended March and June SIDS PrepComs
	CARICOM Secretariat, OECS Secretariat and Regional Civil Society representatives attend Third SIDS Conference in Samoa	Representatives from Caribbean Governments, CARICOM, OECS and Civil Society attend SIDS Conference	2 CARICOM representatives (Assistant Secretary General for Human and Social Development and Director of Sustainable Development, Director General of OECS Commission, along with 5 Civil Society representatives (youth, women, indigenous people and policy advocacy) attended conference.
Caribbean Consensus achieved on SIDS priorities in partnership with CARICOM	Consensus among Caribbean SIDS on regional priorities for Samoa	ECLAC workshop on regional priorities	Fully Achieved. Workshop was held in Jamaica. UNDP-RBLAC provided financial support.
	Extent to which Caribbean perspective influences the planning process	Caribbean perspective brought to the planning process and space provided for Caribbean specific events. UNDP Senior Technical Advisor support the UNDP Samoa CO in pre-conference planning	Fully achieved. UNDP

Output 2	Caribbean SIDS and other stakeholders are present and visible during the Samoa Conference		
Project ID	00090971		
Indicator(s)	# of Caribbean SIDS present at the Samoa Conference		
Baseline (s)	0		
Target(s) for the year	15 Caribbean SIDS present in Samoa conference		
Activity	Indicator	Target (s) for the year	% of achievement
1. Caribbean SIDS share their experiences in Disaster Risk Management and Climate Change with other SIDS	# of Caribbean side events held	Two side events on the issues of climate change, disaster risk reduction, and development of a low carbon economy	Fully achieved – 3 side events on the Caribbean Risk Management Initiative (CRMI) and Financing Sustainable Development in SIDS, were organised and successfully executed with strong Government participation. In the case of

			the former: 5 Caribbean Governments (Cuba, Dominican Republic, Trinidad and Tobago, Barbados and Jamaica) participated, and in the case of the latter, Right Hon. Prime Minister of Barbados and Secretary General of CARICOM participated. UNDP also organised a side event on the Sustainable Energy experience on Aruba and lessons for the Caribbean presented by Hon. Prime Minister of Aruba.
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Output 3	Caribbean SIDS have plans of actions to continue advocating for special attention to SIDS in the process to develop a post-2015 development agenda		
Project ID	00090971		
Indicator(s)	# of SIDS with Plans of action that link priorities of the post-2015		
Baseline (s)	0		
Target(s) for the year	1		
Activity	Indicator	Target (s) for the year	% of achievement
1. Post Samoa Action-Plans	Not pursued in 2014	Not Pursued in 2014	Not pursued in 2014

III) PROJECT RISKS

No.	Risk(s)	Date identified	Type
1	Resource mobilisation efforts to fund pre, during and post conference activities are not successful	March 2014	Financial
2	RBLAC supported delegates are not able to participate because of flight, visa and related difficulties	March 2014	Operational
3	RBLAC is not able to deliver post-Samoa conference programme and policy support in areas of need for the Caribbean	March 2014	Political

IV) PROBLEMS IDENTIFIED WHILE EXECUTING/IMPLEMENTING THE PROJECT.

No	Description	Date identified	Type	Measures taken
1	Inability to get timely approval from Governments in the Caribbean to approve travel of identified	July 2014		UNDP's RR and their teams' facilitated outreach and engagement with

	representatives for side events. This posed serious logistical challenges in organising travel and events.			Governments to assist in fast tracking approvals.
2	Difficulty in getting inputs from CARICOM Secretariat in planning side events	April 2014	Coordination	UNDP kept the CARICOM Secretariat informed at all stages, and conducted outreach to CARICOM PRs caucus in NY to ensure that a Caribbean sub-regional perspective was brought to the planning process and that political buy-in is achieved.
3.	Resource mobilisation efforts for Post-Samoa action plan were not realised. UNDP-RBLAC conducted outreach to Qatar, Australia and Turkey. Only Turkey made a donation of US\$100,000 towards funding participation of representatives and side events. Resources for post Samoa projects have not been forthcoming.	August 2014	Financial	UNDP – RBLAC is contributing some core financial resources to support specific capacity strengthening initiatives of CARICOM secretariat, as part of its strategy, to help the region to pursue its development priorities.

V) LESSONS LEARNT (Briefly describe the lessons learnt during the year.)

No.	Description	Application
1	UNDP had a very strong and effective presence in Samoa. Due to the support provided under this initiative, the Caribbean was able to position its financing for development challenges in a post 2015 era, while highlighting the region's exposure to exogenous shocks. This was only possible because of sustained partnerships forged internally and externally well in advance of the Samoa conference and the strong leadership UNDP brought to the Conference. As a key lesson therefore, it is therefore important that UNDP maintains and consolidates its partnership on SIDS issues with the support and visibility of senior leadership in the organisation.	A useful approach for positioning UNDP as a relevant global actor on specific issues that are close to the organisation's interest and mandate.
2	There is much value to bringing closer alignment between the work of UNDP in the anglophone Caribbean with that of the rest of the sub-region (for example Cuba, Haiti and Dominican Republic). As a result of the joint messaging, UNDP was able to demonstrate the extent to which DRR remains a formidable economic, political, and social challenge for the entire Caribbean region.	Programming in the area of DRR in the Caribbean should adopt a more holistic regional view by identifying common resilience building challenges that affect the English, Spanish, Dutch and French speaking Caribbean instead of the fragmented approach currently employed. An opportunity for regional programming in a South-South framework.