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Interoffice Memorandum

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Regional Director

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Approved

Date: 14 August 2014

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Subject: **Request for approval of Direct Implementation Modality for the project 'SIDS and Post 2015 Agenda (SaPA)' Atlas Award ID 81819**

I am attaching for your consideration and approval, the regional project "SIDS and Post 2015 Agenda (SaPA)"

The objective of this project is to enable the Caribbean Community Secretariat (CARICOM), civil society and Caribbean governments to effectively participate in Third International Conference on Small Island Developing States, and contribute to the positioning of SIDS priorities in the Post 2015 Development Agenda.

The project will provide:

1. **Technical Support** for identifying and positioning regional priorities: Past experiences, both from the Mauritius Strategy on Implementation + 5 (MSI+5) preparations, and in the lead-up to Rio+20 have highlighted capacity gaps that may hinder effective participation and success of the 2014 Conference.
2. **Meeting Support and Caribbean Visibility:** A major challenge for Caribbean SIDS in the lead-up to the Samoa conference is to ensure that the Caribbean is planning collectively for its participation in the conference, and developing coordinated positions. This challenge is due to funding constraints to bring together representatives from island nations across the Caribbean at the regional level. Another interlinked challenge relates to ensuring that the Caribbean is well represented in Samoa both in terms of multi-stakeholder delegations and visibility against a background of highly indebted public finances across the Caribbean States
3. **Capacity Development and Knowledge Sharing:** UNDP would provide technical support to the Caribbean to document and systematise its experiences in climate change mitigation and adaptation, Disaster Risk

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Management and development of green economies through low carbon, climate resilient development strategies.

4. Post Samoa and the Post 2015 Development Agenda

UNDP will provide bridging support to ensure that the agreed outcomes and priorities of the SIDS conference are prominently placed on the national, regional and global agendas.

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Based on the foregoing, and the need to deliver project within a very short-time frame, I write to seek your endorsement for the Regional Bureau of Latin America and the Caribbean to implement the project "SIDS and Post 2015 Agenda (SaPA).

Thank you for your consideration and kind regards.

Attached: Project document, PAC minutes.

Best regards.

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