

CONCEPT NOTE: SPOTLIGHT 11

Principles for Improved Impact in Small Island Developing States

Wednesday, 14 December 2022, 10:00 – 11:00 AM CET

Background:

This spotlight session will launch the Principles for Improved Impact in Small Island Developing States (SIDS). In supporting SIDS, the international community has been guided since 2014 by the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway – an international framework for achieving sustainable development in SIDS – and the four Busan effectiveness principles of the GPEDC.

The Principles for Improved Aid Impact in SIDS aim to complement and contribute to these efforts by adding a layer of more specific detail tailored to the unique challenges of SIDS. The Principles identify a number of priority areas for engagement with SIDS and provide high-level advice for both development co-operation actors and SIDS themselves to drive development progress. The Principles offer concrete policy solutions, based on evidence and analysis produced by bilateral development partners and multilateral institutions, and enriched by the perspectives of SIDS themselves.

Development cooperation has an important role to play in supporting SIDS to build resilience while working toward achieving the SDGs and recovery from COVID-19. Recognising this, the Principles were commissioned by the COVID19 Contact Group of Development Ministers, working with SIDS and multilaterals. The Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS), the United Kingdom (UK) and Canada co-chair this effort, working closely with a Technical Advisory Group made up of SIDS, development partners, the OECD, UN DESA, UN OHRLLLS, UNDP, and the World Bank to develop guiding principles.

Objectives:

1. To improve development cooperation, aid impact and the quality of finance in the SIDS through a new set of Principles for Improved Impact in Small Island Developing States (SIDS)
2. Strengthen partnerships for sustainable development in states where development effectiveness has been particularly weak, with high programme failure rates

Expected Outcomes:

1. Agreement on a path to improve development effectiveness in SIDS through uptake of the Principles
2. Development partnerships strengthened, further supporting SIDS to build resilience while working toward achieving the SDGs and recovery from COVID-19

Deliverables:

1. Launch of the Principles for Improved Impact in SIDS