

Partners

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Objectives

- Strengthening multidisciplinary linkages and bridges between academics, researchers, policy makers, practitioners, international agencies and other stakeholders
- Better understanding the concept of environmental resilience from the perspectives of SIDS in order to bring these perspectives more firmly into the wider international debates and discourse about resilience
- Generating user engagement around the findings from multiple projects carried out by members of the partnership, including raising awareness of regional data repositories or resource and training centres where they already exist and exploring the possibility of developing these where needed
- Developing new research and development projects across a range of disciplines designed to contribute to sustainable development and Education for Sustainable Development in SIDS
- Strengthening good and effective practice in ESD through the enhancement of school, post-secondary and tertiary education capacity (development of contextualised curricula and exposure to appropriate climate smart technologies and science)
- Exploring development of education, training and skills for the blue economy, including: sustainability of coastal livelihoods/ sustainable coastal urbanisation; disaster resilience; renewable energy and energy efficiency; raising awareness of health and lifestyle issues.

This partnership builds upon existing collaboration and synergies amongst members of the 20 year strong Education in Small States Research Group and participant organisations from a July 2014 Conference and Research Planning Workshop on the topic of Environmental Uncertainty in Small Island States.

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Learning from the Sharp End of Environmental Uncertainty in SIDS

A SIDS Partnership

Initiated at the international conference 'Living from the Sharp End of Environmental Uncertainty in Small Island States' at the University of Bristol, UK in July 2014

The objective of this partnership is to support a wider global process of learning from the 'sharp end' experience of SIDS in dealing with environmental uncertainty and climate change through developing a wide and inclusive network of post-secondary and tertiary education institutions, specialists, and international organisations.



A partnership with a focus on learning from the 'sharp end' experiences of SIDS and their realities of living with environmental uncertainty and climate change

Launching at the 2014 UN Conference on SIDS Apia, Samoa

Social Development, Health and NCDs, Youth and Women Multi-Stakeholder Partnership Dialogue

Commonwealth Side Event
Tuesday, 2 September
7PM, CR3

Implementation

The Partnership will be executed through involvement in a number of activities planned by members that range from seminars and training events to major international conferences.

The combination of academic institutions, policy think tanks and technical organisations provide an exciting and unique partnership for research and realisation of effective and active engagement with the challenges of environmental uncertainty and sustainable development in SIDS and learning from this collective experience for the wider world.

The partnership will draw on its members' experience and planned activities to facilitate implementation.