



DEPARTMENT OF
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SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

SELF-ASSESSMENT SURVEY

**Institutional Arrangements to Monitor and Deliver Public Services,
in line with national priorities, for the 2030 Agenda and the SAMOA
Pathway, in Small Islands Developing States (SIDS)**



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Introduction

The United Nations Development Group (UNDG) defines **capacity** as “*the ability of people, organizations and society to manage their affairs successfully,*” and **capacity development** as “*the process whereby people, organizations and society as a whole unleash, strengthen, create, adapt, and maintain capacity over time*” to achieve their own development objectives.

DPIDG¹ as part of the activities of its Development Account Project 1819G, in collaboration with the SIDS Unit of DSDG², are strengthen the capacity of selected developing countries in Asia and the Pacific (Fiji & Vanuatu) in organizing and mobilizing their institutions and public servants to enhance effectiveness and institutional coordination, public accountability, and engagement of key stakeholders in the implementation and review of the SAMOA Pathway and the SDGs. In Fiji, the project aims to enhance interlinkages between government agencies and or bodies in monitoring SDG Indicators.

Please note that this Survey is not an evaluation and will not in any way be used by the United Nations publicly. The Questionnaire will help gather information on steps taken by the ministries/departments and relevant organisation of the Fiji Public Service to adapt the SDGs to national contexts, develop policies and action plans, mobilize and adapt their institutions, engage civil society, private sector, scientific community and people, as well as establish the framework for reviewing progress in the implementation of the SAMOA Pathway and the SDGs, in line with the national priorities.

This Survey was prepared by UN-DESA’s DPIDG and DSDG whose joint mission under this Capacity Development Project is to assist the Member States, Fiji in this regard, to foster effective, efficient, transparent, accountable, innovative and people-centred public governance, administration and services for sustainable development.

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² DSDG – UN-DESA’s Division for Sustainable Development Goals <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/about/dsd>

QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Describe briefly, the general level of awareness by the staff members of your Ministry or Department, of Fiji's 5 years & 20 years National Development Plan, the 2030 Agenda, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the SAMOA Pathway?

a) The National Development Plan

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b) The 2030 Agenda

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c) The SDGs

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d) The SAMOA Pathway

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2. Describe the mechanism, in any, currently in place in your Ministry or Department to enhance awareness of your staff members, of the alignment between the national development priorities, as per the Fiji's 5 years & 20 years National Development Plan, with the SDGs and its targets and indicators.

3. Describe how your Ministry or Department monitor and report on the progress of the implementation of Fiji's 5 years & 20 years National Development Plan and of the SDGs under your responsibility.

4. Is your Ministry or Department a part or member of an inter-agency or inter-ministerial/department co-ordination mechanism that plan, monitor and evaluate the progress of implementation of the National Development Plan and the SDGs under your responsibility?

If yes:

- (i) How often does it meet?
- (ii) What aspects of its function can it be improved?

If no:

- (i) Do you see the need for such a mechanism?

5. Do you think your Ministry/Department is sufficiently equipped to ensure an integrated and coordinated decision-making process for SDGs implementation and for strategic planning?

6. From your perspective, what are or ought to be the roles/functions of the lead government agency for coordinating the SDG implementation; and (b) how have these roles/functions been institutionalized?

(a)

(b)

7. From your best recollection, what steps has your Government taken so far to update or review its institutional set up (beyond the SDGs lead agency) in order to support the SDGs implementation?

8. Briefly describe steps, if any, taken by your Ministry or Department to engage sub-national level authorities, including provincial, district and community level authorities, in the design and implementation of policies and measures related to SDGs realization (for example by encouraging the localization of the SDGs or the design of local strategies)? If so, what initiatives have been taken in this respect and what have been the results and or challenges so far?

9. What institutional arrangements or mechanisms are in place in your Ministry or Department to engage civil society organizations, scientific community and private sector in the monitoring, review and follow-up of the SDGs?

10. Do you think there is an interest within your Ministry or Department to learn more about other countries' experiences, training, tools, partnership arrangements, peer-to-peer learning, curricula and and be a part of a global public service award system on SDGs implementation?

Details on who participated in responses provided

Please provide details and designations of person(s) concerned who were involved in providing all or (parts of) responses to the present questionnaire.

Details of contact person

Please provide details of your contact person who could be reached if any follow up to the responses in the questionnaire would be requested.

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