



Wilton Park

Concept note

OECD-DAC and AOSIS Taskforce – A New Partnership for 2024

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Summary

Developing a new partnership for resilient and sustainable development for submission to the OECD DAC and AOSIS.

Context and key policy issues

2024 will see the 4th International Conference on Small Island Developing States (SIDS4), a once in a decade opportunity for transformational change to support acutely vulnerable states. On the frontline of climate change, SIDS represent 25% of developing states, steward one third of the global ocean and protect unique but fragile biodiversity.

Currently SIDS face unique economic problems due to their narrow economies, high trade dependence, small state systems, diseconomies of scale and remoteness. This includes susceptibility to economic and natural disaster shocks.

In 2022, the OECD-DAC and AOSIS engaged in a dialogue process to deepen mutual understanding and collaboration. This process led to two substantive meetings considering the mutual challenges faced by both groups in supporting Small Island Developing States to transition from the acute vulnerability to sustainable resilience. A High-Level Meeting in the margins of the World Bank Annual Meetings in October 2022 committed to establish a new joint OECD-DAC and AOSIS Taskforce to develop a partnership for sustainability and resilience to be launched at SIDS4 in 2024.

This Event

This event is co-convened by the co-chairs and secretariat of the Taskforce process: AOSIS, Antigua & Barbuda, the OECD and the UK.

This is an invitation-only event for members of the AOSIS-DAC Taskforce, special guests and facilitators. It will take forward the work of the Taskforce through open, collaborative and supportive engagement on high priority issues for future partnership:

- Ensuring that the prioritised issues identified by the Taskforce are underpinned by a substantive understanding of areas for collaboration, action and delivery.
- Addressing the risks and challenges of collaboration and constructively building the ethos of a partnership approach.
- Enabling reporting and engagement with the parent constituencies/bodies of the two groups.

Goal and objectives

This meeting seeks to build consensus on the substance of the prioritised areas for future collaboration and partnership in accordance with the Terms of Reference of the Taskforce.

Intended outcomes

This meeting will deliver a critically important part of the overall work of the Taskforce, developing the detail of the proposal that will be shared with parent bodies on future areas for collaboration to be launched at SIDS4

Who should participate

- Members of the AOSIS-DAC Taskforce
- Special guests, experts or facilitators invited to support the discussions.

Format

Discussion in all Wilton Park sessions is 'off the record' and no individual speaker or participant should be quoted (nor their identity or institutional affiliation revealed) without that individual's express permission. The protocol also applies to all uses of digital and social media, both before, during and after the event. The participatory format of the meeting, encompassing roundtable discussion during plenary sessions plus time spent in smaller breakout groups, will help generate fresh insights and analysis. It will be held on the basis of non-attributable discussion in a neutral environment designed to encourage an open and constructive exchange.

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