

Outcome of the SIDS Summit for Health: For a healthy and resilient future in small island developing States

Draft resolution proposed by Cabo Verde, Fiji and Vanuatu

(PP1) The Executive Board, having considered the report by the Director-General on WHO's implementation framework for Billion 3;¹

(PP2) Noting with deep concern the grave health, development and existential threats to small island developing States posed by natural disasters, climate-change and other related environmental degradation, emergencies and loss of biodiversity, the COVID-19 pandemic, malnutrition, noncommunicable diseases and mental health disorders;

(PP3) Recalling United Nations General Assembly resolution 69/15 (2014), which set forth the Samoa Pathway for accelerated development plan in small island developing States, and resolution 70/1 (2015), which adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development with the collective aim towards the transformative steps needed for a sustainable and resilient path in ensuring that no one is left behind;

(PP4) Recalling WHO's memorandum of understanding with the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in the margins of the twenty-third session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention (COP23), and the launch of the special initiative to protect people living in small island developing States and the report submitted to the Seventy-third World Health Assembly in May 2020 on the implementation of the plan;

(PP5) Welcoming the initiative of the Director-General of WHO to host the first SIDS Summit for Health: For a Healthy and Resilient Future in Small Island Developing States on 28 and 29 June 2021;

(PP6) Welcoming the outcome statement of the SIDS Summit for Health agreed upon by the small island developing States that are Member States of WHO;²

¹ Document EB150/24.

² SIDS Summit for Health Outcome : https://cdn.who.int/media/docs/default-source/sids-summit/sids-summit-for-health---final-outcome-statement.pdf?sfvrsn=7a5db89f_5 (accessed 24 January 2022).

(PP7) Noting the actions proposed in the SIDS Summit for Health Outcome for all partners to small island developing States to guide them in pursuing key actions needed to prevent and respond to the urgent threats faced by small island developing States;

(PP8) Acknowledging the commitments made by the Director-General to pursue the actions requested of the Secretariat in response to the SIDS Summit for Health Outcome, including on the establishment of a Leaders Group for Health, and the organization of a second SIDS Summit for Health in 2023,

OP1. ADOPTS the SIDS Summit for Health Outcome, which emphasizes the urgent health threats and needs of small island developing States with the aim of amplifying small island developing States' voice, promoting collaborative action and strengthening health and development partnerships and financing;

OP2. URGES Member States to strengthen their collaboration and partnership in support of small island developing States in addressing the various health needs and priorities as highlighted in the SIDS Summit for Health Outcome;

OP3. CALLS UPON all international, regional and national partners from within and beyond the health sector, to pursue the actions called for in the SIDS Summit for Health Outcome, and to promote the needs of and required actions for small island developing States;

OP4. REQUESTS the Director-General:

(1) to continue to pursue the commitments made before and at the SIDS Summit for Health, including:

(a) to support the SIDS Leaders Group for Health for high level advocacy and the SIDS Voices for Health Forum to drive further attention globally on the health threats and initiatives of the small island developing States, and collaboration across Member States;

(b) to support the leveraging of improved multisectoral financing for small island developing States and the strengthening of platforms as well as the creation of new platforms needed to better support small island developing States on specific urgent health threats, building on the successes of the recent United Nations Food Systems Summit (2021);

(c) to facilitate greater collaboration with other United Nations agencies across all levels and using available cooperation frameworks, as well as with regional organizations, and other multilateral and bilateral and nongovernmental partners;

(2) to report to the Seventy-seventh World Health Assembly on the progress made and on the outcomes of the second SIDS Summit for Health to be held in 2023.

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