**Annex I:** **Draft "Action Plan" for the SDS Coalition**

***(25 June 2020)***

The following draft Action Plan is based on and draws from the SDS Coalition Strategy. It includes a series of actions to be undertaken by members of the Coalition, following the five elements of the Strategy, along with the actors (both from within and outside of the Coalition proper) and beneficiaries. In doing so, it identifies proposed roles for SDS Coalition members and external partners (countries, donors, regional bodies, academic and research entities et al.); proposed dates for these actions to be carried out between 2020 and 2022; actual/potential sources of funding; and other relevant details.

Once again, the **key common elements** from the SDS Coalition's mandate, objectives and work areas, as defined in the Strategy "five-point plan", are as follows:

1. **UN inter-agency collaboration and dialogue on SDS** on a regular and ongoing basis.

2. **Advocacy and awareness-raising** on SDS, both within and beyond the UN system, to inform

relevant entities and affected countries, and help to catalyse appropriate actions on SDS.

3. **Exchange of information**, knowledge/expertise and innovative solutions for SDS-related

issues, with national partners and other entities, with related **capacity building/training**.

4. Development of a **forum/platform** to address SDS (this to build on points 1-3).

5. **Fund raising/resource mobilisation** for joint responses to SDS issues.

The **Action Plan matrix** in the following pages details each of these five elements via a series of tasks - derived directly from the Strategy - and under each of the tasks, necessary actions for achieving the same over the coming several years.

**Key Actors and Beneficiaries, including external Partners**

The **key actors** are considered to be all of the following: the UN Inter-Agency SDS Coalition members (UN agencies and other IGOs); non-governmental organizations (NGOs) that are involved in the realm of SDS; international, regional and national bodies and centres with expertise in the realm of SDS (e.g., as one example, the WMO's SDS WAS regional centres); prominent academic and research institutes with expertise in the realm of SDS (e.g. the European Centre for Medium-Range Forecasts, the University of Tehran and others); and

private sector entities concerned by or involved in SDS-related issues (e.g., insurance companies, agro-business firms and major commodity suppliers et al.).

The **key beneficiaries** (or target groups) are considered to be all of the following: SDS-affected and vulnerable countries and regions, including but not limited to relevant government bodies; municipalities down to village level; citizens impacted by SDS occurrences; economic sectors in particular the farming community; and aid/health/humanitarian personnel "first responders"; SDS planning- and response-related entities at all scales, but particularly national and local; as well as relevant regional entities that have a role in coping with SDS in affected regions.

Some entities such as those involved in emergency response and forecasting roles may be considered as both "actors" and "beneficiaries" in this context.

Some **potential funding entities** to be approached in resource mobilization efforts for the entire suite of activities detailed in the Action Plan matrix include, *inter alia*: the Global Climate Fund (GCF), the Global Environment Fund (GEF), the UN Fund for South-South Cooperation, the UN Multi-Partner Trust Fund *(see - http:// mptf.undp.org/)*, the WMO's WAS SDS Trust Fund, the WMO-WHO-UNEP Coalition on Health, Environment and Climate Change; the World Bank and regional development banks, the European Commission, and donor countries in the SDS belt but also world-wide, et al.

The roles of key SDS Coalition members vis-a-vis the five Working Groups, in terms of commitments received by early 2020, is currently understood to be as follows:

***Adaptation and Mitigation:***

- co-lead role offered by UNCCD, ESCWA, FAO and UNDP; participation from WMO et al.

***Forecasting and Early Warning:***

- co-lead role offered by UNEP and WMO; participation from ESCWA and other members.

***Health and Safety:***

- co-lead role offered by WMO and potentially WHO *(latter to be confirmed)*.

***Policy and Governance:***

- co-lead role offered by UNCCD and UNEP; participation from other members.

***Mediation and Regional Collaboration:***

- co-lead role from among the Regional Commissions and WMO's SDS-WAS regional centres.

In addition to these Working Group co-lead roles, UNCCD has committed to awareness-raising on SDS at the global level; UNEP to a supporting role for all scientific aspects of SDS; WMO is willing to be a sole lead on early warning and forecasting issues if need be; and the Regional Commissions have expressed an interest in downscaling or transfer of global activities and decisions of the SDS Coalition to the regional and ultimately national level.

To ensure a transparent process, coalition members will be asked to (re-) confirm their interest in leading and/ or participating in the working groups, depending on current activities and potential contributions to the working groups. Leads, co-leads and members of working groups will then be officially established at a Coalition meeting and Terms of Reference and work plans identified.

The roles of other UN members of the SDS Coalition and external partners remain to be defined as of mid-2020; these are invited to express their interest in joining a working group by submitting in writing a request to the co-lead, with a copy to the current chair of the Coalition.

The **Action Plan matrix** that follows is meant to be a living document that can be added to,

and modified, according to the needs and preferences of the SDS Coalition members and external partners over the course of its lifetime.

**Matrix of Action Plan Elements for the SDS Coalition Strategy 2019 - 2022**

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| **Action Plan Element 1: UN Inter-Agency Collaboration and Dialogue on SDS** | | | | | |
| ***Activity 1.1:*** *Continue to further develop the work of the SDS Coalition and expand its membership; consider enlarging*  *the Coalition to include key players from the public and private sectors around the world.* | | | | | |
| Description of the Task proposed | | Agencies/Partners involved in planning & implementing task | Implementation period proposed | | Potential Source of Funding / Comment |
| Invitations to other UN entities including Rio Conventions and international/regional actors dealing with agriculture, land degradation, desertification and climate change etc. | | EMG in collaboration with UNCCD, UNEP, WMO, FAO et al. | by 30 Sept. 2020 for meeting of the SDS Coalition later in 2020 | | none required; invitees to be approved by full SDS Coalition |
| Invitations to academic/research institutes | | (same as above) | (same as above) | | (same as above) |
| Invitations to disaster planning and emergency response groups | | (same as above) | (same as above) | | (same as above) |
| Invitations to private sector (insurance companies et al.) | | (same as above) | (same as above) | | (same as above) |
| ***Activity 1.2:*** *Continue to hold regular online general meetings of the SDS Coalition, i.e. at least twice per year, and*  *special-purpose ones when needed for planning purposes, as well as meetings of the five Working Groups.* | | | | | |
| Description of the Task Proposed | | Agencies/Partners involved in planning & implementing task | Implementation period proposed | | Potential Source of Funding / Comment |
| Schedule and organise two general meetings of the SDS Coalition members per year (e.g., March and September), and meetings of the five Working Groups in relation to the same | | SDS Coalition chair in collaboration with all Coalition members, along with (co-)leads of the five WGs | twice per year at agreed dates | | Staff time only required unless it is decided to hold a face-to-face mtg. |
| Schedule one special-purpose meeting per year on a theme to be decided by SDS Coalition members with WG (co-)leads | | (same as above) | once per year in be- tween regular mtgs. | | Staff time only required to prepare/participate |
| ***Activity 1.3:*** *Consider a range of high-visibility, high-impact projects that could involve two or more*  *Coalition members/partners, including affected countries, and fast track these.* | | | | | |
| Description of the Task Proposed | | Agencies/Partners involved in planning & implementing task | Implementation period proposed | | Potential Source of Funding / Comment |
| Call for proposals from SDS Coalition members | | SDS Coalition members | by 31 Aug. 2020 | | (none required) |
| Selection of best proposal(s) by overall consensus | | SDS Coalition members | by 31 Oct. 2020 | | (none required) |
| Implementation of the selected project | | One or more SDS Coalition member and external partner(s) | Oct. 2020 to Sept. 2021 | | depends on proposal selected |
| ***Activity 1.4:*** *Assure that SDS-related activities and projects undertaken by any and all Coalition members*  *dovetail with similar activities/projects already underway or planned by other members* | | | | | |
| Description of the Task Proposed | | Agencies/Partners involved in planning & implementing task | Implementation period proposed | | Potential Source of Funding / Comment |
| Include a virtual "bulletin board" of SDS-related activities and projects for SDS Coalition members to post to and keep up-to-date, as part of the "Plat-forum" (see Element 4 below) | | SDS Coalition members with IT consultant/designer | Sept. 2020 onward | | (see 4.1 below) |
| ***Activity 1.5:*** *Participate in numerous high-level international and regional events, through one or more Coalition member(s),*  *in order to highlight the inter-agency collaboration for broad audiences and raise awareness of SDS issues.* | | | | | |
| Description of the Task Proposed | Agencies/Partners involved in planning & implementing task | | | Implementation period proposed | Potential Source of Funding / Comment |
| SDS Coalition member(s) to potentially participate at:  -  Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduc-  tion (APMCDRR) in Brisbane, Australia, 23-26 June 2020    -  Biodiversity COP-15 in Kunming, China, October 2020    -  WMO's SDS Workshop and SDS-WAS Global Steering  Committee meeting (& pan-American Node reg'l. group)  meeting in Miami, USA in Oct-Nov. 2020  - Appropriate regional events/meetings in the Middle East,  North Africa and Asia & Pacific regions  ...et cetera throughout 2020 and beyond | SDS Coalition members on a chosen and voluntary basis, event by event | | | (ongoing activity) | SDS Coalition member agency travel budgets |
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| **Action Plan Element 2: Advocacy and Awareness-Raising** | | | | | |
| ***Activity 2.1:*** *Develop a simple and straightforward communications strategy that helps to address key SDS beneficiaries*  *and other stakeholders (affected countries, other UN agencies and IGOs, civil society and the private sector).* | | | | | |
| Description of the Task proposed | | Agencies/Partners involved in planning & implementing task | Implementation period proposed | | Potential Source of Funding / Comment |
| Develop terms of reference for comms strategy preparation | | EMG with SDS Coalition members | by 31 Aug. 2020 | | (2020 EMG budget) |
| Approval of ToRs by SDS Coalition | | SDS Coalition | by 30 Sept. 2020 | | (no cost) |
| Hiring of consultant to develop the comms strategy | | EMG, UNEP or WMO | by 31 Dec.. 2020 | | $10K - TBD |
| Comms strategy development, approval and adoption | | Consultant w SDS Coalition | by 31 March 2021 | |  |
| ***Activity 2.2:*** *Develop an easy-to-access and use SDS 'app' that offers information on SDS, including forecasts of SDS*  *events, offering measures for undertaking mitigating actions, along with a health-related advisory element.* | | | | | |
| Description of the Task Proposed | | Agencies/Partners involved in planning & implementing task | Implementation period proposed | | Potential Source of Funding / Comment |
| Develop terms of reference for SDS 'app' preparation *(done)* | | EMG with SDS Coalition members | by 31 July 2019 | | (2020 EMG budget) |
| Approval of ToRs by SDS Coalition | | SDS Coalition | by mid-Sept. 2020 | | (no cost) |
| Hiring of consultant to develop the SDS 'app' | | EMG, UNEP or WMO | by 31 Oct. 2020 | | $15K - TBD |
| SDS 'app' development, approval and dissemination to users | | Consultant w SDS Coalition | by 1 March 2021 | |  |
| Maintenance, updating and translation of the SDS 'app' (into Arabic and potentially other languages) | | Consultant and translator(s) with the SDS Coalition | from mid-2021 onwards | | $15K per year(?)  Coalition members(?) |
| ***Activity 2.3:*** *Develop a series of (mostly online) products that can be used to better explain what are SDS and the potential and*  *real impact of related events, as well as what entities/individuals can do to prepare and help mitigate such occurrences.* | | | | | |
| Description of the Task Proposed | | Agencies/Partners involved in planning & implementing task | Implementation period proposed | | Potential Source of Funding / Comment |
| Develop a series of brochures on major SDS topics (such as causation, mitigation, adaptation and assessment techniques *inter alia*) for awareness-raising and educational purposes | | SDS Coalition members within the five specialised working groups | from third quarter of 2020 and ongoing | | Agency comms and publication budgets  $15K(?) |
| Develop a series of information kits on SDS for dissemination and use at country level, in the field and in localities etc. | | (same as above) | from third quarter of 2020 and ongoing | | (same as above)  $15K(?) |
| Develop a series of quarterly regional newsletters on major activities and events, including trainings etc., for Africa/s'ern Europe, China/S'ern Asia, the Middle East and the Americas | | SDS Coalition members in conjunction with, e.g., WMO's SDS-WAS regional centres | from third quarter 2020 and ongoing (quarterly) | | Agency and reg'l. bodies comm. budgets  $10K per year(?) |
| Translation of these products into other UN languages | | Consultant translators | ongoing as needed | | $10K per year(?) |
| ***Activity 2.4:*** *Create a step-by-step road map ("infographic") that can also be used both to explain*  *and to address SDS challenges for policy-level and locally affected stakeholders.* | | | | | |
| Description of the Task Proposed | | Agencies/Partners involved in planning & implementing task | Implementation period proposed | | Potential Source of Funding / Comment |
| Definition of contents and format of the "road map" | | EMG consultant | by 31 Oct. 2020 | | (2020 EMG budget) |
| Development of the "road map" | | EMG consultant | by 30 Sept. 2020 | | (2020 EMG budget) |
| Approval and dissemination/use of the "road map" | | SDS Coalition members | by 31 Dec. 2020 | | (no cost) |
| ***Activity 2.5:*** *Create a calendar of SDS-related events that can be used to advocate for and*  *raise awareness about SDS issues and the Coalition itself.* | | | | | |
| Description of the Task Proposed | Agencies/Partners involved in planning & implementing task | | | Implementation period proposed | Potential Source of Funding / Comment |
| Prepare and maintain a calendar of SDS-related events | EMG w SDS Coalition agencies | | | immediate & ongoing | (2020 EMG budget) |
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| **Action Plan Element 3: Exchange of Information and Capacity Building** | | | | | |
| ***Activity 3.1:*** *Create a virtual catalogue of all available models and tools for coping with SDS events across their lifecycle, and all phases of DRM (prevention to recovery), plus various assessment types, with an emphasis on documenting success stories from varied sources.* | | | | | |
| Description of the Task proposed | | Agencies/Partners involved in planning & implementing task | Implementation period proposed | | Potential Source of Funding / Comment |
| Design of the virtual catalogue (database) and its approval | | IT consultant with SDS Coalition | by 31 Dec. 2020 | | TBD |
| Collection of models/tools and assessment types | | (same as above) | by 30 June 2021 | | TBD |
| Population of the catalogue/database | | IT consultant w agencies' support | from 2021 & ongoing | | TBD |
| ***Activity 3.2:*** *Document existing research findings (e.g. scientific papers), principal databases*  *and expertise that offer improved knowledge for better understanding of SDS events.* | | | | | |
| Description of the Task Proposed | | Agencies/Partners involved in planning & implementing task | Implementation period proposed | | Potential Source of Funding / Comment |
| Undertake online research to gather information on the vast literature covering sand and dust storm-related issues, and a database of expertise on SDS-related topics | | SDS Coalition members via one or more interns | July thru Dec. 2020 | | (staff time only for interns' supervision) |
| Include all major existing databases on sand & dust storms | | (same as above) | (same as above) | | (same as above) |
| List/summarize the documents and databases in an Excel file | | (same as above) | (same as above) | | (same as above) |
| Translation of results into Arabic(, Chinese and Russian) | | (same plus translator(s)) | first quarter 2021 | | $10K - TBD |
| ***Activity 3.3:*** *Conduct a gap analysis to identify areas of the SDS lifecycle where information is lacking and further study is needed;*  *then strive to have scientific research conducted that will ultimately help to fill the gaps identified.* | | | | | |
| Description of the Task Proposed | | Agencies/Partners involved in planning & implementing task | Implementation period proposed | | Potential Source of Funding / Comment |
| Conduct research to identify information gaps in SDS issues | | EMG with SDS Coalition agencies | July thru Dec. 2020 | | (2020 EMG budget) |
| Develop a short paper describing and analysing the gaps | | EMG consultant | by 30 June 2021 | | (2020 EMG budget) |
| Circulate paper for approval, followed by its revision | | EMG and SDS Coalition agencies | July 2021 | | (no cost) |
| Main conclusions to be discussed with appropriate stake-holders, in particular academic/research bodies in SDS | | SDS Coalition agencies and various public sector partners | ongoing from Aug. 2021 | | (no cost; can be done opportunistically) |
| Translation of results into Arabic(, Chinese and Russian) | | (same plus translator(s)) | third quarter 2021 | | $10K - TBD |
| ***Activity 3.4:*** *Identify reasons for lack of implementation of SDS source and impact mitigation practices*  *by key beneficiaries including local ones, and make available through the virtual catalogue.* | | | | | |
| Description of the Task Proposed | | Agencies/Partners involved in planning & implementing task | Implementation period proposed | | Potential Source of Funding / Comment |
| Develop an online survey for affected country stakeholders | | EMG w SDS Coalition *(mainly w the WG on Adaptation & Mitigation)* | by 31 Oct. 2020 | | TBD |
| Identify the latter and circulate the survey by email | | (same as above) | by 15 Nov. 2020 | |  |
| Collate results of the survey and summarize in a brief report | | (same as above) | by 31 Dec. 2020 | |  |
| Translation of results into Arabic(, Chinese and Russian) | | (same plus translator(s)) | first quarter 2021 | | $10K - TBD |
| ***Activity 3.5:*** *Promote studies (and possibly organise one or more conferences) to examine SDS impacts from a gender perspective and on*  *livelihoods, including related humanitarian aspects and political risks stemming from SDS.* | | | | | |
| Description of the Task Proposed | Agencies/Partners involved in planning & implementing task | | | Implementation period proposed | Potential Source of Funding / Comment |
| Identify several SDS Coalition agencies' staff members with existing contacts to academia/the SDS research community | EMG with SDS Coalition members and Working Groups | | | by end of 2020 | (no cost - staff time only required) |
| Charge said persons with a liaison function to encourage research into such emerging issues as gender and SDS, impacts on livelihoods of SDS, humanitarian/political aspects of SDS etc. | Selected SDS Coalition members on a voluntary basis, incl. Working Group (co-)leads/members | | | ongoing task throughout all of 2020 and beyond | (same as above; can also be done opportunistically) |
| Evaluate the utility of these interactions after >one year | SDS Coalition | | | by mid-2021 e.g. |  |
| ***Activity 3.6:*** *Plan and organize trainings at national and regional levels, targeting different government*  *sectors in line with SDS’s cross-sectoral nature and multi-disciplinary impacts.* | | | | | |
| Description of the Task Proposed | | Agencies/Partners involved in planning & implementing task | Implementation period proposed | | Potential Source of Funding / Comment |
| Assess capacity development needs in order to design training materials and modalities | | SDS Coalition w. discipline experts | from early in 2021 | | agencies or countries |
| Develop a course structure and related course materials for government employees in SDS-affected countries | | Discipline experts to be identified by SDS Coalition members | last quarter of 2020 thru at least 2022 | | TBD |
| Plan training events in multiple regions and countries based on expressed demands and availability of donor funding | | EMG with SDS Coalition members, incl. relevant Working Groups | first half of 2021 thru at least 2022 | | TBD |
| Once fully organized/funded, hold training events and assure both evaluation and follow-up with relevant stakeholders | | Appropriate regional and national SDS training experts | (same as above) | | TBD |
| ***Activity 3.7:*** *Plan and organize multi-disciplinary training programmes, potentially building on and with the*  *support of UNCCD's SDS training modules for National Focal Points and stakeholders, and similar.* | | | | | |
| Description of the Task Proposed | | Agencies/Partners involved in planning & implementing task | Implementation period proposed | | Potential Source of Funding / Comment |
| Assess capacity development needs in order to design multi-disciplinary training programmes and their modalities | | Discipline experts to be identified by SDS Coalition members | first half of 2021 onwards | | TBD |
| Develop a course structure and related course materials for cross-sectoral trainings in SDS-affected countries | | Discipline experts to be identified by SDS Coalition members | first half of 2021 thru at least 2022 | | TBD |
| Plan training events in multiple regions and countries based on expressed demands and availability of donor funding | | EMG with SDS Coalition members and all Working Groups | first half of 2021 thru at least 2022 | | TBD |
| Once fully organized/funded, hold training events and assure both evaluation and follow-up with relevant stakeholders | | Appropriate regional and national SDS training experts | from second half 2021 thru at least 2022 | | TBD |
| ***Activity 3.8:*** *Plan and organize trainings for international aid and humanitarian groups, focusing*  *on the advice given to local communities to help prepare for and cope with SDS events.* | | | | | |
| Description of the Task Proposed | Agencies/Partners involved in planning & implementing task | | | Implementation period proposed | Potential Source of Funding / Comment |
| Assess capacity development needs in order to design training materials and modalities | Discipline experts to be identified by SDS Coalition members | | | first half of 2021 onwards | TBD |
| Develop a course structure and related course materials for aid/humanitarian group employees in SDS-affected countries | Discipline experts to be identified by SDS Coalition members | | | first half of 2021 thru at least 2022 | TBD |
| Plan training events in multiple regions and countries based on expressed demands and availability of donor funding | EMG with SDS Coalition members and aid/humanitarian groups | | | first half of 2021 thru at least 2022 | TBD |
| Once fully organized/funded, hold training events and assure both evaluation and follow-up with relevant stakeholders | Appropriate regional and national SDS training experts | | | first half of 2021 thru at least 2022 | TBD |
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| **Action Plan Element 4: Development of a "Plat-forum" for SDS** | | | | | |
| ***Activity 4.1:*** *Develop an online SDS "Plat-forum" including a database of assessments/papers/studies/tools for sand*  *and dust storms, to be accessible to all SDS Coalition members, affected countries and the general public.* | | | | | |
| Description of the Task proposed | | Agencies/Partners involved in planning & implementing task | Implementation period proposed | | Potential Source of Funding / Comment |
| Prepare a concept note for the online SDS "plat-forum" inter- face, including the proposed database catalogue (3.1) and other products and tools to be incorporated (2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 3.2 et al.) | | EMG with SDS Coalition members | by 31 Oct. 2020 | | (2020 EMG budget) |
| Based on above, prepare ToRs for a "plat-forum"/database design consultant and engage the selected expert | | (same as above) | by 31 Dec. 2020 | | (2020 EMG budget for ToRs prep only) |
| Determine which SDS Coalition member or external entity would be willing and able to host the "plat-forum" for an initial period, assuming necessary funds would be made available | | SDS Coalition members with external partners and potential funding entities | by 31 October 2020 | | (discussions only, so no/low cost) |
| Develop the overall "plat-forum"/database design proposal and, once approved, begin the "plat-forum"/database development | | IT/Database design consultant | by 31 March 2021 | | $65K total for eight months; source TBD |
| Continue the "plat-forum"/database development, with test and evaluation by SDS Coalition members at multiple stages | | IT consultant with SDS Coalition members | up to 30 Sept. 2021 | | (above cont'd.) |
| Finalise and operationalise the SDS "plat-forum"/database | | (all) | by 31 Dec. 2021 | | (above cont'd.) |
| ***Activity 4.2:*** *Allow for a "citizen science" bottom-up approach and real-time reporting as part of the plat-forum,*  *including use of interactive maps, with function allowing citizens to upload latest/local information.* | | | | | |
| Description of the Task Proposed | | Agencies/Partners involved in planning & implementing task | Implementation period proposed | | Potential Source of Funding / Comment |
| *(to be included in design specifications for the "plat-forum")* | | IT/Database design consultant | by 31 March 2021 | | (see above) |
| ***Activity 4.3:*** *Include in the plat-forum the SDS products (e.g. brochures, instruction kits, newsletters*  *etc.), calendar of events and roadmap to be developed as part of element 2 above* | | | | | |
| Description of the Task Proposed | | Agencies/Partners involved in planning & implementing task | Implementation period proposed | | Potential Source of Funding / Comment |
| *(to be included in design specifications for the "plat-forum")* | | IT/Database design consultant | by 31 March 2021 | | (see above) |
| ***Activity 4.4:*** *Also include an up-to-date register of current and planned SDS-related*  *capacity building activities/projects for users of the plat-forum to consult.* | | | | | |
| Description of the Task Proposed | | Agencies/Partners involved in planning & implementing task | Implementation period proposed | | Potential Source of Funding / Comment |
| *(to be included in design specifications for the "plat-forum")* | | IT/Database design consultant | by 31 March 2021 | | (see above) |
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| **Action Plan Element 5: Fund Raising / Resource Mobilisation** | | | | | |
| ***Activity 5.1:*** *Begin by defining the set of potential funding entities/mechanisms that can be targeted*  *in resource mobilization efforts (including but not limited to those listed on page 2 above).* | | | | | |
| Description of the Task proposed | | Agencies/Partners involved in planning & implementing task | Implementation period proposed | | Potential Source of Funding / Comment |
| Conduct an email survey of all SDS Coalition members to obtain a full list of potential SDS-related proposal funding entities | | EMG with SDS Coalition members, incl. Working Group (co-)leads | July thru Sept. 2020 | | (internal exercise) |
| Collate the results of the survey and use the information as a basis for a series of initial proposals to be developed (see 5.2) | | EMG with SDS Coalition members (EMG consultant) | by 30 Nov. 2020 | | (2020 EMG budget) |
| Also include the results in the "plat-forum" register of SDS capacity building activities (see activity 4.4 above) | | Plat-forum IT developer | in 2021 | |  |
| ***Activity 5.2:*** *Prepare a series of proposals, ranging from source mitigation to early warning and forecasting and educational/outreach*  *activities, for potential donor funding, that reflect the highest priority needs of SDS regional partners and affected countries.* | | | | | |
| Description of the Task Proposed | | Agencies/Partners involved in planning & implementing task | Implementation period proposed | | Potential Source of Funding / Comment |
| Funding proposal(s) on mitigation of SDS in source areas | | Countries together with selected SDS Coalition members and external partners | from mid-2020 (& ongoing thereafter) | | Agency budgets/staff time/consultants(?) |
| Funding proposal(s) on SDS early warning/forecasting | | (same as above) | (same as above) | | (same as above) |
| Funding proposal(s) on studies/tools for assessing SDS | | (same as above) | (same as above) | | (same as above) |
| Funding proposal(s) on SDS education and outreach | | (same as above) | (same as above) | | (same as above) |
| Funding proposal for development of the SDS "plat-forum" | | Consultant to SDS Coalition | as soon as possible | | EMG consultant |
| Other proposals; e.g., to support SDS Coalition global activities? | | TBD |  | |  |
| ***Activity 5.3:*** *Organize a "donor - recipient workshop" for the SDS Coalition and affected countries to call on potential donor entities for*  *their support, and for participating donors to make pledges, either of a general nature or toward specific funding requests.* | | | | | |
| Description of the Task Proposed | | Agencies/Partners involved in planning & implementing task | Implementation period proposed | | Potential Source of Funding / Comment |
| Determine the best dates and venue for such a workshop | | EMG with SDS Coalition members | by end of 2020 | | (no cost) |
| Prepare a list of donor agency and stakeholder invitees | | (same as above) | by 31 March 2021 | | (no cost) |
| Prepare an agenda and a general letter of invitation | | (same as above) | by 31 March 2021 | | (2020 EMG Budget?) |
| Organise and hold the donor-recipient workshop | | EMG + SDS members, perhaps with a main sponsor identified (gov't?) | in June 2021? | | $40K, mostly to support country participation |
| Assure follow-ups to all pledges received and proper contacts | | EMG with SDS Coalition members | July 2021 ongoing | |  |
| ***Activity 5.4:*** *For any funding proposal that is to go forward, identify which of the SDS Coalition members will take the lead in the entire*  *process from the start, as well as in assisting the country/region to make contact and follow through with prospective donors.* | | | | | |
| Description of the Task Proposed | | Agencies/Partners involved in planning & implementing task | Implementation period proposed | | Potential Source of Funding / Comment |
| Review all current funding proposals during the periodic SDS Coalition meetings, or by email exchange, to decide on the responsible member(s) for each newly-prepared proposal | | SDS Coalition, including Working Group (co-)leads/members | at least semi-annually | | (no cost) |
| Assure that the responsible/selected agency follows up with recipient country or region and proposed donor entity | | individual SDS Coalition member(s) selected as responsible | on as-needed basis | | (no cost) |
| ***Activity 5.5:*** *Assist regional entities and countries throughout the process of preparing and submitting funding proposals, matching*  *available/potential resources with their defined needs, in terms of SDS capacity building at the national and regional levels.* | | | | | |
| Description of the Task Proposed | Agencies/Partners involved in planning & implementing task | | | Implementation period proposed | Potential Source of Funding / Comment |
| Establish and maintain regular contact between responsible selected agency with recipient country(-ies) and agreed donor entity(-ies) throughout the proposal and funding process | Individual SDS Coalition member and any other supporting partner, along with the WG on Mediation and Regional Collaboration | | | on as-needed basis but no less than monthly | (staff time only) |
| Assure that the specific capacity building needs of the country(-ies) or region in question are well-integrated in the funding proposal, and that the donor entity(-ies) are interested in supporting and well-matched to the recipient's needs | (same as above) | | | (same as above) | (staff time only) |
| When/where possible, hold an inception workshop at start of the actual project, to bring together representatives of recipient country(-ies) or region and donor entity(-ies) | all project participants | | | by project start date | cost of an inception workshop to be included in proposal |
| ***Activity 5.6:*** *Where possible, add value to funding proposals by involving private partners such as insurance*  *companies, weather services et al., e.g. through creation of SDS private-public partnerships (PPPs).* | | | | | |
| Description of the Task Proposed | | Agencies/Partners involved in planning & implementing task | Implementation period proposed | | Potential Source of Funding / Comment |
| Circulate funding proposals in their early stages to concerned private sector entities to elicit their interest/involvement | | responsible SDS Coalition member | depends on proposal | | (no cost) |
| Follow up with private sector entities and, where agreed, include them as partners in a given funding proposal | | responsible SDS Coalition member | (same as above) | | (staff time only) |
| ***Activity 5.7:*** *Develop and maintain an active register of funding proposals and their status (e.g. an Excel file).* | | | | | |
| Description of the Task Proposed | | Agencies/Partners involved in planning & implementing task | Implementation period proposed | | Potential Source of Funding / Comment |
| Create a list of newly-prepared funding proposals based on inputs received from all SDS Coalition members | | EMG (based on inputs from all SDS Coalition members et al.) | by 31 Oct. 2020 | | (staff time only) |
| Convert the list into an Excel file, including information on the status of each proposal (e.g. 'sent to donor', 'active', 'closed') | | EMG | by 31 Dec. 2020 | | 2020 EMG budget? |
| Maintain the funding proposal register through time | | EMG with SDS Coalition | (ongoing) | | (staff time only) |
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