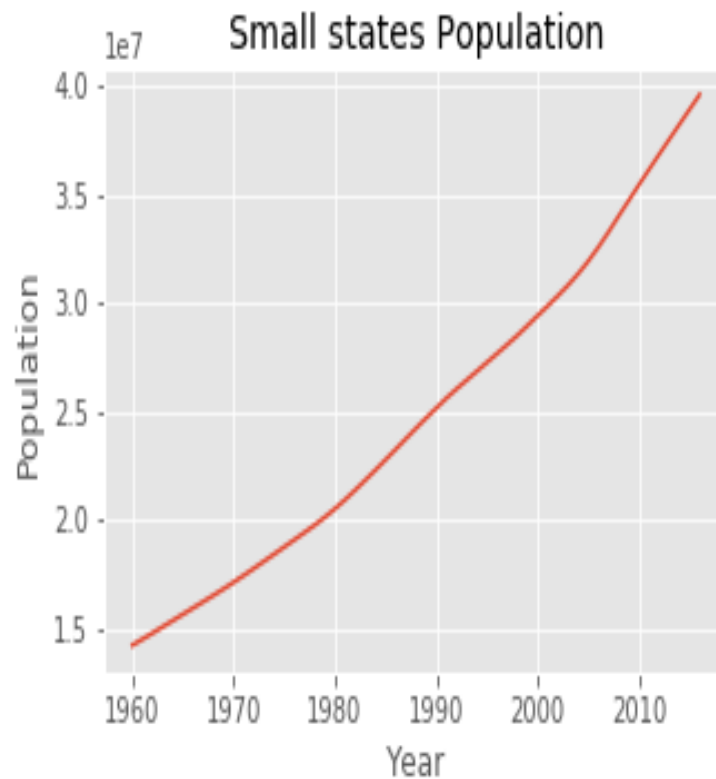


Small states



The Small States Network for Economic Development (SSNED) provides a mechanism for institutional building in small states. The establishment of the Small States Network for Economic Development was first proposed by Malta at the 2005 Small States Forum held in Washington, and the mandate to establish it was given by the 2006 Small States Forum held in Singapore. All small states members of the Small States Forum are eligible for membership, free of charge. According to the Network's statute its mission is to facilitate the exchange of "best practices" among small states, to promote the increased integration of the concerns and interests of small states into the policies and programmes of the international community, and to undertake or support such related actions as will further these goals and the sustainable development of SSNED Members. The Network is governed by a Board of Trustees in line with its statute. Mr Grantley Smith, who represents Barbados, currently chairs the Board, while the secretary of the Board is Mr Kyle Peters, who also provides liaison with the World Bank.