

REGIONAL UN SYSTEM MEETING FOR EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA



Note for Record and Conclusions ***(final version 16 July 2019)***

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Item 1: Opening

The meeting was opened by the Co-Chairs, Ms. Olga Algayerova, RCM Chair, and Ms. Mirjana Spoljaric Egger, R-UNSDG Chair.

Item 2: Regional Forum on Sustainable Development

Ms. Monika Linn, Director of the UNECE Sustainable Development and Gender Unit and Secretary to the Regional Forum, [presented](#) some major features of the 2019 Regional Forum (Geneva, 21-22 March 2019) and outlined proposals for the next steps, including on the engagement of the regional UN system (R-UNS):

- The Regional Forum again has grown significantly compared to the previous year, with over 850 participants, including delegations from almost all member States, 44 case studies being presented, and 18 side events.
- The close involvement and support from the regional UN system was crucial for the success of the Regional Forum. Almost 20 UN entities from the region, including through Issue-based Coalitions, were partnering with UNECE to co-organize round tables, focus events, side events and pre-meetings, to provide financial support for participation, and to contribute booths for the exhibition.
- As preparatory and associated meetings, a civil society consultation, a youth pre-meeting, a regional consultation on volunteerism, and a regional workshop for VNR countries were held back-to-back with the Regional Forum.
- The outcomes of the peer learning round tables on the SDGs under in-depth review (4, 8, 10, 13 and 16) have been captured in the report of the Regional Forum. The report also summarizes the results of the discussions on Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs), on technology and data for SDG progress, and on more integrated approaches to policy-making. The key messages from all Regional Forums will be presented at the High-level Political Forum in New York on 16 July 2019.
- The UNECE Commission session extended the mandate for the Regional Forum to 2020 and 2021, and requested to prepare an annual regional report on SDG progress.
- The Regional Forum next year will likely be held on 19-20 March 2020. The modalities will depend on the future format and content of the HLPF, which will need to be decided by governments at the global level.

The ensuing discussion evolved around the following points:

- The 2019 RFSD was the most substantive forum so far. The collaborative approach within the regional UN system, the involvement of IBCs, the focus on VNRs, the engagement of youth, and the side events were emphasized as particularly successful elements of the Regional Forum.
- For the future RFSDs, it will be important to explore/consider:
 - Even stronger and earlier involvement of youth and civil society groups, including through the use of ICTs, inclusion in national delegations and involvement in IBCs.
 - Stronger engagement by VNR countries.
 - Further engaging IBCs in pre-RFSD substantive discussions.
 - Exploring possibilities to raise the visibility of side events and their outcomes after the meeting, including a reference in the final report.
 - Providing more space for engagement with UN RCs.
 - Fostering sub-regional cooperation, including through providing pre-RFSD dialogue space for governments and other partners to facilitate substantive policy discussions.

- Better articulation of linkages with the HLPF and better integration of other processes into the Regional Forum (VNR exercise, data and monitoring, new UNDAFs) will be important.
- Specific challenges of middle-income countries in implementing the SDGs could be one important entry point in the future.
- Regional SDG progress report 2020 should go beyond data and include an analysis of bottlenecks and opportunities.

DECISIONS AND AGREED FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS

- UNECE to consider the proposals and, to the extent possible, integrate them into the concept for the 2020 Regional Forum.
- R-UNS members to send in proposals/ideas on future engagement in RFSD.
- UNECE to start consultations with R-UNS members and to prepare concept note for Regional SDG Progress Report 2020.

Item 3: Beijing+25 Regional Review Meeting

Ms. Alia El-Yassir, UN Women Regional Director for Europe and Central Asia, and Ms. Monika Linn, Director of the UNECE Sustainable Development and Gender Unit, [presented](#) the cornerstones of the Beijing +25 Review Process:

- The 25th anniversary of the Beijing World Conference on Women, the 10th anniversary of UN Women, and the 5th anniversary of the SDGs will be galvanizing moments in 2020.
- The 12 critical areas of concern have been clustered into six overarching dimensions that highlight the alignment of the Beijing Platform for Action with the 2030 Agenda.
- National reviews are currently being received from governments, based on which a regional synthesis report will be prepared.
- The Beijing+25 Regional Review Meeting will be held in Geneva on 29-30 October 2019. The global review will take place at the Commission on the Status of Women in March 2020.
- The regional meeting will be preceded by a civil society forum on 28 October 2019.
- Engagement of the regional UN system is highly welcome, in particular through the IBC on Gender Equality.

The following points were discussed by the participants:

- It is important that the regional Beijing+25 review feeds well into the global review process.
- Synergies between different review processes (Regional Forum, ICPD, Beijing) should be strengthened.
- The coordination through the IBC on Gender Equality is appreciated.
- A strategy on women's health and well-being in the WHO European Region was approved in 2016 and will be a useful input.
- Beyond the regional review and building on its process and outcomes, it is important for the UN system to discuss the backlash on gender occurring in some countries.

DECISIONS AND AGREED FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS

- R-UNS members to engage in the preparation and conduct of the Regional Beijing+25 Review Meeting, in particular through the IBC on Gender Equality.

Item 4: Regional UNDS Review – Implementation and Way Forward

As moderated by Ms. Mirjana Spoljaric, R-UNSDG Chair and UNDP Regional Director for ECA, brief updates on the status of the [regional UNDS reform](#) were made by Ms. Olga Algayerova, UNECE Executive Secretary, and Ms. Afshan Khan, UNICEF Regional Director, highlighting the following key points:

- The regional review started in mid-February with the CEPEI visiting all five regions and meeting AFPs, Member States and stakeholders. The Internal Review Team led by Jens Wandel was engaged.
- The SG report put forward five recommendations. The next steps following the SG report will be: discussion at ECOSOC session on 22 May, implementation phase with the IRT expected to continue, and the establishment of a technical track for interaction with MSs on the regional review.
- Important discussions will be around the regional value proposition, including reviewing what assets are available at the regional level and how those are leveraged.
- The future regional cooperation is meant to focus on two pillars: 1. Policy pillar: documenting best practices in terms of regional work; use of IBCs on engagement with RFSD and regional events; more substantive interaction with intergovernmental sphere; and 2. Operational pillar: country level support and guidance on strategic system-wide initiatives, approaches, programming, etc.
- A region-by-region approach will be critical, as regions differ. In the ECA region, there are two RECs; some agencies are covering countries where there are no RCs; the two coordination mechanisms are working in sync and this model should continue without adding more complexity.
- MSs are looking for efficiency gains achieved through complementarities, joined-up approaches, and better leveraging of financing for the SDGs.

The team made the following points:

- It should be widely spread and recognized that the R-UNS in the ECA region is already fully integrated, showcasing how the regional cooperation should work. The R-UNS should actively engage with the MSs to provide more information on how the current model works in the ECA region.
- On the efficiency gains, it should be made clear that in order to be able to measure such, the system should know the cost structure of the current model. If you depend on government cost-sharing and projects, it is hard to be fully coherent.
- The UNDS reform is absolutely critical for all levels of the UNDS. For the regional level, it is important to consider/ pursue: 1. strengthening the current cooperation model; 2. having regional IBCs start focusing more on policy analyses, prioritizing SDGs lagging behind, and transboundary/ sub-regional issues; 3. reinforcing country analysis function through CCAs; 4. increasing cooperation on data and statistics; 5. intensifying collective public appearance by the R-UNS, solidifying joint messaging focused on substantive policy issues, and strengthening joint results reporting.
- The UNDS reform is not cost-neutral; it does require more resources and capacities from the agencies. The additional resources brought in by DCO will be an important factor in solidifying the cooperation model.
- Strategic approaches are required in our engagement with MSs: at the global level there are calls for coherence, at the country level the push is for bilateral relationship, at the regional level there is a need to combine the two focusing on complementarities.

DECISIONS AND AGREED FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS

- After the ECOSOC session, the R-UNS should come together to discuss the next steps, including the agreement on key building blocks where there is potential for transformation.
- As part of this discussion, the following proposals should be considered:
 - Agree on a common more proactive approach on engaging with MSs.
 - Encourage IBCs to strengthen joint messaging, joint analyses, and the use of joint results/ outcomes more productively.
 - Efforts should be made to better structure IBCs and foster their inter-connections.
 - The R-UNS to start focusing on big trends in the region and cooperate more around those.
 - Facilitate more engagement with the RCs, including through meetings back-to-back with the RFSD.
 - Use UNDAF roll-out processes in the region to strengthen the UN position and relevance.

Item 5: SDG Data, Monitoring, and Capacities

In her introduction, Ms. Olga Algayerova, RCM Chair and UNECE Executive Secretary, referred to the proposal of the Secretary-General to launch a region-by-region change management process to consolidate existing data and statistical capacities as well as other relevant analytical functions that may be currently duplicative. Collaboration on data and statistics should be further strengthened at the regional level as well as in terms of the support provided to the country level.

In her [presentation](#), Ms. Afshan Khan, UNICEF Regional Director for Europe and Central Asia and Chair of the IBC on SDG Data and Monitoring, pointed to a number of gaps and challenges regarding the quality and availability of SDG-related data. Further alignment of the UN around statistics at the country, regional and intergovernmental level is crucial to help address these challenges. The IBC is playing a key role as coordinator at the regional level and contributed to MAPS missions. She emphasized that there is a dedicated SDG target (17.18) on enhancing data-related capacity building for developing countries by 2020.

The ensuing discussion touched upon the following points:

- The agencies are committed to continuing the cooperation within the IBC on SDG Data and Monitoring. At the same time, participation in the IBC requires time and resources.
- Data disaggregation (by vulnerable groups) is essential for a full application of leave no one behind. While agencies recognize that some MS may have technical and policy difficulties to do so, for instance, in relation to Goal 16, target 16.3 will not be adequately monitored if it disregards the population forcibly displaced globally. Given that data is widely available it will not impose an additional burden on national statistical systems.
- Some key challenges at the country level include: national counterparts chose indicators based on their availability not necessarily on the basis of their relevance; national capacities are inadequate; weak capacity to interpret and use data for policy needs; insufficient interoperability of data systems; data is not only a technical matter, but may also be a political issue.
- Use and integration of big data, administrative data and private sector data are important issues going forward.
- Countries are encouraged to focus more on data and statistics, with agencies ready to provide required tools and knowledge. Through the new UNDAFs, systems approach should be promoted, including by building on MAPS analyses.

- More cooperation is required between the UN entities-custodians of data, as well as their coherent engagement with governments, when specialized expertise is required.
- The SG’s proposal on the consolidation of statistical capacities at the regional level should be further explored in terms of implementation.
- Work within the UNECE Conference of European Statisticians (CES) provides a crucial intergovernmental interface. The CES Road Map on Statistics for SDGs is being updated. Expert meetings and a public [Wiki](#) on Statistics for SDGs can serve as important elements of a regional data hub. A regional SDG Dashboard is being developed.
- UN entities also highlighted the following resources: European Portal of Data available on the IOM website; Migration Governance indicators developed by IOM (the methodology is implemented in five countries of the region); UNDRR report on Socio-Economic and Data Challenges in the region.

DECISIONS AND AGREED FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS

- IBC to prepare a proposal on how to further strengthen regional coordination and cooperation on data for review at the next Regional UN System Meeting.
- UNICEF to update the list of IBC focal points.

Item 6: Connecting Regional and Country Levels – Sub-regional Engagement and Transboundary Issues

The session was chaired by Ms. Mirjana Spoljaric, R-UNSDG Chair and UNDP Regional Director for ECA. Mr. Ben Slay, UNDP Senior Advisor, [presented](#) key characteristics of the region and a short evidence-based analysis of regional/sub-regional commonalities as these relate to development challenges and potential areas of engagement.

The team highlighted the following key points:

- The groupings of countries depend on which lens is applied, i.e. if countries are analysed from a health perspective there will be one picture, if from a labour perspective – another, etc. The ECA region is also home to a number of frozen conflicts, which impacts the way countries may be grouped into “sub-regions”.
- It should be emphasized that all countries are very individual. The UN should be strategic in identifying what can be feasible and what not. The most promising engagement space now is in the Western Balkans sub-region. In Central Asia, the work can start around the opening up of Uzbekistan.
- The sub-regional engagement will also be shaped by the key strategic actors, including the EU, the Eurasian Economic Union, and China’s Belt and Road Initiative. The UN needs to have a strategy on coherent engagement with these partners.
- Areas covered by the IBCs should be analysed as opportunities for sub-regional cooperation, e.g. the IBC Data has a lot of potential. The area of youth development is an opportunity to work sub-regionally. There is a need to explore the opportunities to establish an IBC on Environment.
- In general, there is a need to make the regional level work much clearer for RCs/UNCTs. For this, the dialogue with the RCs will be critical.
- Another area for potential joint engagement relates to countries’ applications to Global Funds (GEF, Climate Fund), as well as UNCTs’ applications to the Joint SDG Fund. On the latter, the R-UNS should look at the opportunities where multi-country applications can be supported.

- Reflecting the sub-regional dimensions in the CCAs/UNSDCFs is challenging, requiring concerted effort from the R-UNS in support of UNCTs, with the respective discussion starting almost immediately.
- The future work on sub-regional/ transboundary issues will need to be linked to ongoing initiatives, e.g. the Western Balkans strategy on reconciliation. While it was noted that the two initiatives (papers) were requested by two different bodies (ECA R-UNS and RMR respectively), the need to bring in the discussion the UN Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia and the Peacebuilding Support Office was stressed.
- The issue of SPECA functioning, which is jointly managed by UNECE and UNESCAP, was raised in the context of the next SPECA meetings being planned in autumn 2019.

DECISIONS AND AGREED FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS

- The R-UNS needs to agree on focus areas for the engagement at the sub-regional level. This will also influence the work on UNSDCFs. The involvement of RCs in this exercise will be critical.
- The opportunity to organize a full-day retreat with the R-UNS and RCs should be explored by the Regional DCO, under the leadership of the DCO Regional Director.
- With regard to the issues, the most apparent seem to be the focuses on gender, youth, and environment. These will need to be further analyzed and unpacked for further discussion by the R-UNS.
- The review of the current IBCs structure should be undertaken with the support of the Regional DCO.
- An IBC on Environment is to be considered, with UN Environment and UNESCO leading the drafting of Terms of Reference for approval by the R-UNS.
- Geographically, the most promising opportunities are currently in the Western Balkans.
- In relation to SPECA, UNECE will share information on the upcoming meetings, and the agencies will indicate their readiness to participate.

Item 7: ECA New Generation UNDAFs

The session was led by Ms. Mirjana Spoljaric, R-UNSDG Chair and UNDP Regional Director for ECA, and by Ms. Alanna Armitage, UNFPA Regional Director for Eastern Europe and Central Asia. The PSG Co-Chairs [presented](#) the key features of the new generation UNSDCFs, also noting that:

- There are currently 15 members in the Peer Support Group;
- Quality assurance and support to UNCTs around the UNSDCFs is a key function of the PSG;
- With the 11+1 new roll-out processes to commence in 2019, there is a need for strong commitment from the Regional UNS to engage with respective countries and active support from the Regional DCO.

The participants emphasized the following issues:

- The major shift in the new guideline relates to the CCA, which is moving away from agency-by-agency mandates and sector-by-sector analyses to more systems thinking and the focus on the SDG implementation needs. A clear connection between CCAs and VNRs and MAPS analyses should be made. UNCTs will also need to engage more proactively on the financing for development aspects, both as part of CCA, as well as UNSDCFs.
- The PSG will need to look into the ways to measure the success of massive UNDAF roll-out processes in the region, with full recognition that the primary responsibility for the timeliness and quality of the UNSDCFs stays with the RCs and UNCTs, as well as inclusive process management being within RCO functions.

- The team should consider opportunities for the establishment of a knowledge management platform to share what exists among different agencies. The role of the Regional DCO will be critical in this regard.
- Sub-regional initiatives (including the Western Balkans on reconciliation and UNDP-UNECE sub-regional studies) should be taken into account as part of the UNSDCF roll-out processes.
- CPD entities will need to be very clear about when and where the UNSDCF are presented to the inter-governmental processes. This will require proactive engagement with the RCOs who are planning to start the roll-outs later.
- The PSG capacity and ability to cover all 11+1 UNSDCF processes needs to be reviewed. Clear connections between the PSG and IBCs need to be established to ensure substantive support to roll-out countries. Regional DCO should act proactively to ensure required coordination and coherent support to RCs/UNCTs.

DECISIONS AND AGREED FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS

- The R-UNS members will send their comments on the draft TORs for the PSG within two weeks from the R-UNS meeting. Feedback should be sent to the PSG coordinators (Rune Brandrup UNFPA brandrup@unfpa.org; Carlos Acosta UNICEF caacosta@unicef.org; and Robert Bernardo UNDP robert.bernardo@undp.org). It should also include any updates related to the PSG membership.
- The PSG will review ways for closer coordination with DCO (including through reflection in the PSG TORs), clearer coordination with IBCs (including through reflection in the PSG TORs), prepare the timeline and identify success criteria for the measurement of UNSDCF roll-out, and suggestions in terms of effective management of the large number of UNSDCF roll-out processes in the region.

Item 8: Tracking SDG Progress at the HLPF and through VNRs

Ms. Irena Zubcevic, Chief of the Intergovernmental Policy and Review Branch at the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA), remotely provided an update on the 2019 sessions of the HLPF and the status of the VNR exercise. The ECOSOC HLPF in July will feature the reports of the regional forums and a large number of VNRs, including 11 VNRs from the UNECE region, with Azerbaijan and Turkey as second-timers. To mainstream the regional dimension, the Executive Secretaries of the Regional Commissions will play a role in the thematic review sessions. The VNRs at this stage should look at achievements on the ground and use data to show progress. Regarding the SDG Summit at the General Assembly on 24-25 September, the format for the 1.5 days is under consideration. A political declaration covering both HLPF sessions is being negotiated.

In the ensuing discussion, participants raised the following points:

- It could be useful to bring in local voluntary reviews into the HLPF, which some cities have been conducting.
- Possibilities to highlight the outcomes of the Regional Forum more in detail should be explored, e.g. at a breakfast or lunch event. The deadline to apply for official side events has passed and a large number of applications has been received, which are now being reviewed for feasibility.
- A Group of Friends of the VNRs was initiated by the ECOSOC President to prepare the ground for the VNR discussions at the HLPF and strengthen peer learning.
- The regional level may be well placed to make a stronger contribution to the VNR exercise in the future.

DECISIONS AND AGREED FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS

- UNECE to explore possibility of breakfast or lunch event at the HLPF on key messages from the Regional Forum.

Item 9: Any Other Business

Global Compact on Migration – key points:

- 152 UN Member States voted in favour the adoption of the Global Compact on Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM), 5 voted against, and 36 either abstained or were not in the room at the time of voting.
- The GCM is deeply rooted in the Agenda 2030 and calls on linkages thereto during implementation. The GCM encourages all Member States to develop responses for its implementation; and it also recognises the crucial role of regional bodies for its effective implementation.
- The UN Secretary General established a United Nations Network on Migration to ensure effective and coherent system-wide support for implementation, as well as follow-up and review of the GCM, in response to the needs of Member States. Member States are encouraged to develop, as soon as practicable, national responses for the implementation of the Global Compact to be shared at The International Migration Review Forum¹ -which serves as the primary intergovernmental global platform forum to discuss the implementation of the GCM at local, national, regional and global levels.
- It was suggested that the IBC on Large Movements could be used as a platform for exchange of information on GCM of relevance to IBC members/agencies.
- There is a need to strengthen the UN speaking profile on migration issues through coherent/joint messaging on relevant issues, and the UN Network on Migration should lead/advise on this.

IBC on Urbanization – key points:

- UN-Habitat proposed the establishment of the IBC on Urbanization, which will support the UNCTs on respective issues.
- UN-Habitat will develop a concept note for a possible IBC on Urbanization for presentation at the next meeting.

Other:

- The next meeting is proposed to be held in a programme country, with one option being Belarus. The meeting after the next will be held back-to-back to the RFSD.
- The existing IBC structure will be analysed, with outcomes presented by the Regional DCO at the next meeting, which will consider whether a creation of additional IBCs is warranted.
- Each meeting should have one extended session for a deep dive discussion with one of the UNCTs. The interaction could start with Ukraine RC/UNCT.
- R-UNS members should start sharing information about schedules in advance of their missions. With the support of the Regional DCO, a mechanism should be established at the regional level where key relevant events can be shared by the agencies. In addition, a common regional UN hashtag created by ITU should be used when tweeting about missions or activities of common concern (**#UN4ECAreg**).

¹ The International Migration Review Forum replaces The High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development. It is scheduled to take place every fourth session of the General Assembly. The first International Migration Review Forum shall take place in 2022.

Annex 1: Agenda

MONDAY, 20 MAY 2019		
Time	Item	Background documents
9:30-10:00	<i>Welcome Coffee</i>	
10:00-10:30	<p>Item 1: OPENING</p> <p>Chair RCM – Ms. Olga Algayerova, UNECE Executive Secretary Chair R-UNSDG – Ms. Mirjana Spoljaric, UNDP Regional Director</p>	
REGIONAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEETINGS		
10:30-11:30	<p>Item 2: REGIONAL FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (focus: Debriefing on Regional Forum 2019; discussion of lessons learned regarding regional UN system involvement; next steps, extension of mandate and outlook towards Regional Forum 2020, including regional SDG progress report)</p> <p>Ms. Olga Algayerova, UNECE, Chair RCM // Ms. Monika Linn, Director Sustainable Development and Gender Unit, UNECE</p>	<p>Background document(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Report of the 2019 Regional Forum - Decision on extension of mandate for Regional Forum
11:30-12:30	<p>Item 3: BEIJING+25 REGIONAL REVIEW MEETING (focus: Update on preparations for the Beijing+25 Regional Review Meeting; involvement of regional UN system, including through the IBC on Gender Equality)</p> <p>Ms. Alia El-Yassir, UN Women Regional Director for Europe and Central Asia and Ms. Monika Linn, Director Sustainable Development and Gender Unit, UNECE</p>	<p>Background document(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Draft Agenda Beijing+25 Regional Review Meeting
12:30-14:00	<i>Lunch Break</i>	
REPOSITIONING OF UN DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM – OPERATIONALIZATION IN THE REGION		
14:00-16:00	<p>Item 4: REGIONAL UNDS REVIEW – IMPLEMENTATION AND WAY FORWARD (focus: discuss and agree on key elements for further strengthening the regional cooperation model in light of UNDS reform proposals; agreement on regional support mechanisms)</p> <p>(IRT Members): Ms. Olga Algayerova, UNECE, Chair RCM, and Ms. Afshan Khan, UNICEF Regional Director for Europe and Central Asia</p>	<p>Background document(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UN SG report for ECOSOC - CEPEI report “A Sustainable Regional UN” (circulated by e-mail only) - Regional note “Advancing collaboration at the regional level”
16:00-	<i>Cultural visit (hosted by Turkey Ministry of Culture and Tourism, as coordinated by UNESCO) Joint dinner (self-paid, as coordinated by UNFPA, UN-Women, UNDP)</i>	
TUESDAY, 21 MAY 2019		
9:30-10:30	<p>Item 5: SDG DATA, MONITORING, AND CAPACITIES (focus: improving data work and data ecosystems at the regional level; strengthening UN country-level capacity for SDG data, monitoring, including through UNDAFs)</p> <p>IBC on SDG Data and Monitoring</p>	<p>Background document(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation SDG Data in MAPS Reports
10:30-11:30	<p>Item 6: CONNECTING REGIONAL AND COUNTRY LEVELS – SUB-REGIONAL ENGAGEMENT AND TRANSBOUNDARY ISSUES (focus: agreement on the key areas, where UN entities will jointly engage to achieve greater impact; integration of sub-regional and transboundary aspects in UNDAFs)</p>	<p>Background document(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regional note on sub-regional and transboundary issues

	<i>Ms. Mirjana Spoljaric, UNDP, Chair R-UNSDG</i>	
11:30-12:30	<p><u>Item 7: ECA NEW GENERATION UNDAFS</u> <i>(focus: key expectations on new generation UNDAFs; key focus areas for the engagement by the Regional UN System; regional support mechanism - roles and responsibilities, PSG, IBCs engagement)</i> <i>(PSG Co-Chairs) UNDP, UNICEF, UNFPA</i></p>	<p>Background document(s) - New UNDAF guidelines - PSG Terms of Reference</p>
12:30-14:00	<i>Lunch Break</i>	
14:00-15:00	<p><u>Item 8: TRACKING SDG PROGRESS AT THE HLPF AND THROUGH VNRs</u> <i>(focus: UN system engagement in HLPF; support to governments on Voluntary National Reporting; expectations from the Regional UN System)</i> <i>UN DESA (via Skype)</i></p>	<p>Background document(s): - Draft programme of the High-Level Political Forum 2019</p>
15:00-16:00	<u>Item 9: ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u>	
16:00-17:30	<p><u>NEXT STEPS AND CLOSING REMARKS</u> <i>Ms. Mirjana Spoljaric, Chair Regional UNSDG Team</i> <i>Ms. Olga Algayerova, Chair Regional Coordination Mechanism</i></p>	

Annex 2: List of Participants

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