Repositioning of the UN Development System: Region-by region review
Regional UNDS review: Overall status and way forward

- UN regional assets essential to 2030 Agenda, but not optimally deployed
- Two phases of revamping regional UNDS architecture:
  - **Phase I (2018):** Optimized regional mechanisms and processes
  - **Phase II (ongoing):** Longer-term reprofiling and restructuring
- Secretary-General: five key areas of regional transformation
- Intergovernmental consultations to finalize and implement regional review
- Five proposals:
  - Creating Regional Collaborative Platforms
  - Establishing regional knowledge management hubs
  - Implementing regional results-based reporting
  - Consolidating data and statistical capacities
  - Working towards common back offices
Recommendation #1: Regional Collaborative Platforms

Proposal Secretary-General:

- Creation of a Regional Collaborative Platform in each region
- Annual high-level meeting of RCP chaired by Deputy Secretary-General
- Development Coordination Office (DCO) as secretariat
- Held back-to-back with Regional Forum on Sustainable Development
- Focus on partnerships through Issue-based Coalitions

Implementation:

- Creation of RCPs and final modalities coordinated by Internal Review Team at global level
- This region strongly placed to transform towards RCP
- Several Issue-based Coalitions in place
Recommendation #2: Regional knowledge management hubs

Proposal Secretary-General:

- Establishment of regional knowledge management hubs to pool policy expertise
- Will allow to identify expertise in each region in a unified system
- Will include rosters of expertise to deploy capacities at countries’ request
- Will help bridge UN Country Team expertise in transition country contexts

Implementation:

- Two elements: expert roster and repository of knowledge products
- First step: Boost access to expertise of Issue-based Coalitions
- Assessment of needs of Resident Coordinators crucial
- Issues of scope, technology, custodianship etc. to be addressed
Recommendation #2: Regional knowledge management hubs

Questions for reflection

- What are the needs of member States in terms of tapping into UN system expertise in the region?
- Could a consolidation and easier access to UN system knowledge be useful?
- Which opportunities to strengthen knowledge management at the regional level should be realized as part of the UNDS reform, which challenges should be addressed?
Recommendation #3: Regional results-based reporting

Proposal Secretary-General:

- Implement a series of initiatives to enhance transparency and results-based management at the regional level
- Strengthen regional and subregional intergovernmental forums
- Annual results-based reporting of regional UN system
- Clarify value proposition of regional UN system with information on funding allocation, results and impact achieved

Implementation:

- Results-based report to focus on regional collaboration
- Inputs from IBCs, transboundary aspects of SDCFs, regional intergovernmental processes
- Aligned with annual SDG progress report
- Existing intergovernmental forums to be continuously strengthened
Recommendation #3: Regional results-based reporting

Questions for reflection

- What type of results-based report by the regional UN system would be useful for member States?

- What should be the scope and format?
Recommendation #4: Strengthening the data ecosystem

Proposal Secretary-General:

- Launch a region-by-region change management process that seeks to consolidate existing data and statistical capacities as well as other relevant analytical functions
- Exercise unique to each region
- Any changes to existing structures or budgets to be submitted to Member States for endorsement

Implementation:

- Strong data and statistical infrastructure in this region: CES and IBC
- Suggestion to establish a Regional UN Coordination Group on Data and Statistics, based on IBC
Recommendation #4: Strengthening the data ecosystem

Questions for reflection

Would member States agree with the proposed approach?
Recommendation #5: Common back offices

Proposal Secretary-General:

- DSG to work with UNDS entities on more efficient provision of administrative services to regional offices through common back offices
- Similar to efforts carried out at country level
- Co-location in common premises will be sought, where feasible

Implementation:

- Business Innovation Group coordinating common back offices at country level
- Regional process to be aligned with global implementation
Thank you!
UN cooperation in Europe and Central Asia:
Issue-based Coalitions

Role and set-up of Issue-based Coalitions:
• Regional task forces to facilitate cooperation between different UN agencies
• Led by one or several agencies and guided by Regional UN System Meetings
• Coordinate UN response to cross-cutting challenges in the region
• Help realize synergies among related areas of work
• Develop joint action plans & products (guidance notes, position papers, intergovernmental inputs)
• Serve as platforms to reach out to non-UN stakeholders

The regional UN system has set up six Issue-based Coalitions
(two more on environment (UN Environment/UNESCO) & urban issues (UN Habitat) under consideration):

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