

Supporting Member States in Implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Statement of Collaboration

In our capacity as UNDG Chair and UNDP Administrator, and Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) and Coordinator of the United Nations Regional Commissions¹, respectively, we welcome the historic adoption by Member States of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

We note the strong recognition in the 2030 Agenda and other legislative guidance by Member States of the significance of the regional dimension for development as a bridge between the global and national levels, the role of regional cooperation and the Regional Commissions in supporting implementation of the Agenda, achieving the SDGs and the follow-up and review of progress being made.² Such endeavours call for stronger cooperation between the Regional Commissions, Regional UNDG teams, and Resident Coordinators and UN Country Teams (UNCTs).³

We recall the Cooperation Framework between UNDP and the five Regional Commissions signed on 24 October 2007 and reaffirm the commitment by our organizations to strengthening our collaboration with the goal of enhancing UN policy coherence at the national, regional and global levels in support of Member States' implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

We commit to this end to the following actions:

1. Regional Commissions and the Resident Coordinators and UNCTs⁴ will mutually reinforce each other in supporting the SDGs implementation and share information on country demands in this regard;
2. UNCTs will be able to draw on the Regional Commissions' normative and policy support work, technical expertise and platforms for policy discussion and exchange of experience, and on the Regional Commissions' support to Member States for the integration of SDGs into their national development planning and fiscal frameworks; and the Regional Commissions will facilitate such access to their work and expertise;
3. The Regional Commissions will keep the Resident Coordinators and UNCTs informed and where possible coordinate with them when working with the respective country governments. The Regional Commissions will be able to draw on the UNCTs' programmatic expertise, coordination mechanisms including results groups, and body of analytical work as needed. The Resident Coordinators will facilitate such access;
4. Resident Coordinators, UNCTs and the Regional Commissions will enhance their cooperation in assisting governments for the implementation and follow up of the 2030 Agenda at the country level including, where appropriate, through joint programmes and other common programming mechanisms;
5. Working jointly, Regional Commissions and UNCTs will apply, where appropriate and based on country priorities, the common methodologies and approaches agreed to by the UNDG in support

¹ Acting on behalf of the Executive Secretaries of the United Nations Regional Commissions (ECA, ECLAC, ESCAP, ESCWA and UNECE)

² AAAA, Rio+20 and QCPR, among others

³ Reference QCPR paragraphs 144-151 on regional dimensions

⁴ UNCTs in this Statement of Collaboration refer to UN entities that are recognized as members of a UNCT and are organized under the leadership of the Resident Coordinator in a given country, and which belong to the UN Development Group (UNDG).

of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, in terms of mainstreaming and acceleration of the SDGs and integrating policy support to Member States;

6. Regional Commissions and UNCTs will use common data and indicators where appropriate, and share data and other analytical, processing and dissemination resources, such as modelling, methodological and visualization tools;
7. Regional Commissions and UNCTs will coordinate and, where possible, integrate capacity development efforts and policy advisory services to Member States;
8. Regional Commissions and UNDG teams will enhance cooperation in the regions between the Regional Coordination Mechanism (RCM) convened by the Regional Commissions and the relevant Regional UNDG team to enhance the impact of United Nations development activities in response to regional and sub-regional priorities of Member States;
9. Regional Commissions and UNCTs will align United Nations system efforts in the regions in support of regional and sub-regional priorities and policy frameworks articulated by Member States and translate them into action at the country level in accordance with country priorities and in support of 2030 Agenda implementation;
10. Promote United Nations system policy coherence and analytical frameworks for SDGs, in line with the priorities expressed by Member States. Communicate and advocate shared sustainable development policy messages;
11. Support the Follow-up and Review by Member States of the 2030 Agenda at the national, regional and global levels, in particular the support of UNCTs at the national level, and the support of Regional Commissions at the regional level, including through the Regional Forums on Sustainable Development, and ensure systemic, timely and coherent nexus and interaction among the three levels, and, when appropriate, by collaborating on regional inter-agency reports; and
12. Undertake any additional needed collaborative actions in support of Member States' sustainable development plans.



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