



Repositioning of the UN Development System:

Region-by region review



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Regional UNDS review: Overall status and way forward



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- 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



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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



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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



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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



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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



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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



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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



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Questions for reflection

Would member States agree with the proposed approach?

Recommendation #5: Common back offices



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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!



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UN cooperation in Europe and Central Asia: Issue-based Coalitions



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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):

IBC	Chair(s)
Health and Well-being	WHO
Gender Equality	UN Women, UNFPA
Youth and Adolescents	UNFPA, UNICEF
Social Protection	ILO, UNICEF, UNDP, WHO
Large Movements of People, Displacement and Resilience	UNHCR, UNDP
SDG data and monitoring	UNICEF