

**QCPR IMPLEMENTATION STATUS UPDATE**  
**The Regional United Nations Development System: Leveraging regional cooperation,  
expertise and policy advice**  
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**Introductory remarks by Ms. Birgitte Bryld, Chief, Operational Activities and Policy  
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Distinguished Delegates,

I am pleased to welcome you at this briefing, which is part of the ongoing series organized by DESA to provide a status update on key QCPR mandates. Today, we will focus on the UN development system at the regional level.

I am joined by the Deputy Executive Secretary of ECA, Mr. Antonio Pedro, and the DCO Regional Director for Africa, Mr. Yacoub El Hillo, both connecting remotely from Addis Ababa. I would also like to welcome Ms. Rosemary Kalapurakal, DCO Deputy Director and Ms. Thilmeeza Hussain, Director Regional Commissions NY Office who will provide additional perspectives as resource persons.

Before handing the floor to our speakers, allow me to recall the mandates of the repositioning of the regional architecture.

General Assembly resolution 72/279 on the repositioning of the UN development system reaffirmed the role and functions of the UN development system at the regional level and underlined “the need to continue to make them fit for purpose in supporting the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, and to revamp the regional structures”.

Guided by this objective, the Secretary-General, in his 2019 and 2020 reports on the implementation of the QCPR, put forward five transformative areas to harness the regional assets of the UN development system in support of the 2030 Agenda:

- First, the creation of regional collaborative platforms (RCPs) in all regions to absorb existing duplicative coordination mechanisms and foster collaboration on sustainable development among UN development system entities operating at the regional level.
- Second, the establishment of strong knowledge management hubs in each region by pooling policy expertise scattered across various entities;
- Third, enhanced transparency and results-based management at the regional level, including through annual reporting on UN system-wide results at the regional level in support of the 2030 Agenda;
- Fourth, launch of a region-by-region change management process to consolidate existing capacities with regard to data and statistics; and

- Fifth, identification of administrative services that could be provided more efficiently to regional offices through common back offices (e.g. human resources, procurement and common premises), similar to efforts that have been made at the country level.

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We are here today to dive more into the functioning of the Regional Collaborative Platforms, hearing from key actors who are at the heart of this mechanism. They will give us an insight of its added value and explain the articulation between the regional UN development system entities and the RCPs.

The revamped regional architecture replaced the former regional coordination mechanisms (RCMs) and Regional UNDGs to eliminate duplication and ensure more unified and impactful support for sustainable development. Since 2020, the Regional Collaborative Platforms have been rolled out in all five regions and their support to country level efforts to achieve the 2030 Agenda as well as to regional priorities is maturing.

The RCPs are chaired by the Deputy Secretary-General with the Executive Secretaries of the Regional Commissions and the UNDP Regional Directors serving as co-Vice-Chairs. A joint secretariat composed of the Regional Commission, UNDP and DCO supports the RCP. The RCP structure also includes timebound, demand-driven issue-based coalitions which bring together the existing expertise of the regional UNDS entities to support policy priorities in the region and respond to country level needs.

I would now like to invite the Deputy Executive Secretary of ECA on behalf of the co-Vice-Chairs of the RCP Africa - the Executive Secretary of ECA and the UNDP Regional Director for Africa - to provide insights on how regional cooperation is leveraged within the Regional Collaborative Platform on the continent which is by far the biggest host of the UN development system, including through over 50 Resident Coordinators and UNCTs, and encompasses a diverse range of country contexts, including LDCs, LLDCs, SIDS, and MICs. Mr. Pedro's intervention will be followed by a presentation by the DCO Regional Director for Africa, Mr. Yacoub El Hillo, on the role of DCO at the regional level.

Thank you.