

OAS25 - Dialogue with UNDS Executive Heads

- Thank you, Chair! Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,
- I would like to begin by thanking Poland for convening this very important dialogue on the implementation of UNDS reform by UN entities.
- We commend the efforts undertaken – both at system and entity level – to adapt business models and ways of working in response to the UNDS reforms. These have not been easy adjustments, but they are essential to create a UNDS able to accelerate progress towards the SDGs.
- Allow me a few observations:
 - First, we take note of the disconnect between the intended strategic use of the UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks and their application in practice. According to the UNSDG Chair's report to the OAS, 21% of UNCT entities do not derive their programming instruments from the UNSDCF. We commend UNDP and UN-Women for sharing their respective UNDS reform check-lists ahead of the Annual Executive Board Session, stating all Country Program Documents are fully aligned with the UNSDCF. *What are your lessons learned from this alignment process, and are these being shared among UNSDG entities to improve joint planning across the UNDS?*
 - Second, what broader adjustments are needed to prioritize collective results? One area stressed for improvement in the SG's report on the implementation of the QCPR is collective resource mobilization. UN Women is mentioned as a positive example, with a policy requiring country offices to ensure that 30 percent of their program portfolios are joint initiatives with other entities. We would greatly value UN Women's insights on this approach: *What challenges have you encountered, how were they overcome, and can this model be replicated and scaled across the system?*
 - What role can Member States play in supporting these efforts?
- Finally, we acknowledge that this journey is not yours alone. Systemic change is a shared responsibility of Member States, UN entities, and partners: namely to elevate the collective interest above institutional habits. Ultimately, we are united by a common goal: to deliver for people and planet. And often, it is precisely in the face of constraint – or “deep destruction” (Steiner) - that the most creative and courageous solutions take root.
- In that sense, we welcome the potential – and renewed momentum – that the UN80 initiative process brings for further driving real structural transformation.

- Thank you.