

# **ECOSOC Operational Activities for Development Segment**

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Dear fellow panellists, excellencies, it's a pleasure to take part in this panel.

We all know the challenges that we are facing, so I will not repeat them. What is key is that we, jointly, find solutions that can bring us forward towards reaching the SDGs. In fact, nothing can be more important for the moment we are in. In this context the UN development system has a critical role.

Swedish commitment to the UN development system is decades-long. We have met and overshoot the 0,7 target for many years. This year Sweden will allocate about 0,9% of GNI to ODA.

Sweden has multiannual agreements for core funding with ten UN agencies. We were the second largest core donor to the UN development system for 2018-2021, not per capita, but in absolute figures. We are largely staying the course. We remain concerned at this lack of balance, and hope that additional countries will fulfil our joint commitments. This would put us on a better course to help the UN system help development partners fulfil the SDG:s.

Swedish core funding is also allocated to the RC Fund (5 MUSD per year) and the Joint SDG Fund (9 MUSD per year).

What matters most is that the UN is able to deliver effectively on the ground. I am looking forward to hearing from Steven Jackson about the partnership of the UN with Kenya. Sweden has a strong partnership with Kenya in the UN context, both here in New York, and in Kenya, where Sweden has also provided strategic support to the RC Office. Since late 2021 Sweden has in total provided support of approximately 6 MUSD to the RC Office's Multi Partner Trust Fund. This contribution has enabled the RC Office to carry out a more coherent, efficient, and effective implementation of the Development Cooperation Framework.

Consistent support at very high levels and with a substantial core component comes with high expectations. Our expectations, which we believe to be shared by many in this room, have to do with:

1. UN leadership, from the RCs as well as from UN agency country representatives
2. Full transparency and accountability
3. A culture geared towards delivering and being able to communicate joint results
4. Full ownership of and contribution to continued implementation of the reform, across the UN system

We have a road map in the 2030 Agenda, the SDGs and the Paris Agreement. We know the critical shifts we need to make when it comes to stopping climate change. We know the future is more digital, with more people connected. The UN development system remains at the centre of the efforts to assist countries to reach the SDG:s. It is important that we do not lose this moment.

My call to the UN system is to work together and for all parts of the UN to do their respective part for the Resident Coordinator System and the UN country team to work as one.