

**Draft intervention for Ms. Jitvipa Benjasil,  
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1. Thank you Mr. Moderator. Thank you also Mr. Chair for your leadership during this OAS.
2. We thank the SG, DSG and team for the proposal to reform the UNDS regional dimension. We also appreciate their continued consultations with Member States on this important matter.
3. I have a few points that are of priority for Thailand:
4. **One, Thailand welcomes and generally supports the 5 transformative areas, with region-by-region implementation.**
5. We expect them to make the UNDS’ work at the regional level more **efficient, coherent**, and, at the same time, **avoid duplication, overlap and competition for resources** among different bodies.
6. **Two**, five years has passed and we are in **this Decade of Action**. Reform needs to make the regional UNDS **contribute effectively in the acceleration of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda**.
7. We strongly believe that the regional UNDS, particularly the Regional Economic Commissions, can point us in the right direction by identifying and promoting **best practices and home-grown approaches** that are **practical and universal in nature**. Can we ask the panelists to update and share their view with us in this regard?
8. **Three**, we support the creation of the **knowledge management hubs** and the **SDG Gateways**, which will allow access to useful information on the SDGs implementation, and best practices. These knowledge hubs and the SDG Gateways might also **connect** with other **regional and sub-regional information platforms**. For example, the ASEAN Centre for Sustainable Development Studies and Dialogue. May I ask the panelists to please provide more details on this too?
9. I thank you.

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