United Nations Reform Overview
Three reform tracks to help the UN deliver better
How we seek to improve the organization for Member States and the people we serve

**Development System Reform**
Position sustainable development at the heart of UN’s work, with the 2030 Agenda as our imperative for change

**Management Reform**
Recalibrate the Secretariat’s management framework to enable and support action, especially in the field

**Peace and Security Reform**
Improve the structure and operation of the peace and security pillar in UN HQ to better prevent and alleviate crises
Development System Repositioning

Position sustainable development at the heart of UN’s work, with the 2030 Agenda as our imperative for change
Enhancing UN system’s cohesion, accountability and effectiveness

Accelerated and comprehensive alignment to the 2030 Agenda.

More coherent and integrated policy advice, emphasizing collective action, results, responsibility and support; working collaboratively, building on the strengths of each entity.

Greater accountability, transparency and system-wide reporting on collective results, supported by much stronger checks and balances.

Strengthening the UN’s effectiveness; shared responsibility for delivering better results, and making good on collective pledge to leave no one behind.
Development system reform seeks 7 transformations

It is about delivering for the people we serve, staying true to our goals & leaving no one behind

System-wide strategic document
A strategic tool to help guide and accelerate our alignment with the 2030 Agenda, focusing on concrete actions.

Funding Compact
Proposed mutual commitments to foster investment in the UN System and stronger funding mechanisms for the 2030 Agenda

Partnership for the 2030 Agenda
Several workstreams to strengthen UN partnerships and south-south cooperation

Direction, oversight & accountability
Strengthening horizontal governance and system-wide transparency and evaluation

New generation of Country Teams
Demand-driven and tailored to meet the specific development priorities and needs of countries

An impartial, independent and empowered Resident Coordinator
Development focused, with stronger capacity, leadership, accountability and impartiality

A coordinated, reprofiled and restructured regional approach
More cohesion and coordination at the regional level

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**UNDAF becomes an action-oriented response to national development priorities**
- Integrated response to national context and relevant regional dynamics over 5 years
- To reflect the comprehensive and integrated nature of SDGs
- Risk-informed to help anticipate, mitigate & prevent threats to SDGs
- Multi-year Humanitarian Response Plans to be harmonized with the UNDAFs

**Country Team activities, presence & composition are tailored to country priorities**
- Agreed UNDAF activities determine relevant UN expertise to respond to country needs
- Dialogue with government identifies entities that need to be active in-country
- Criteria (programme vs ops cost, relative size) guide decision on best type of presence

**Common business services and back offices for UN Country Teams**
- Raise the share of common UN premises to 50% of 2,900 current premises by 2021
- Accelerate mutual recognition of UN system policies & procedures by 2021
- Consolidate location-dependent services at country level and consolidate location-independent operations by 2022
Reinvigorate the Resident Coordinator system
Towards Resident Coordinator (RC) system that is impartial, independent and empowered

Overview of key changes

- Retooled RC skills and profile with focus on SDGs
- Increased RC authority for UNDAF development and implementation, UNCT composition, presence and performance
- UNCT reporting to RC on SDG results and their HQs on mandates
- Impartiality through separation of RC function from UNDP Representative
- RC reporting to SG via UNDG Chair, with DOCO for day-to-day oversight and support
- More robust capacities for the RC system, with predictable funding for core capacities

Reporting lines in a reinvigorated Resident Coordinator system
Revamped regional approach

**A Immediate steps**
- Fully implement Statement of Collaboration between Regional Commissions and UNDG
- Make DESA part of regional coordination arrangements
- Enable RCs to draw on regional and non-resident capacity
- Make Regional Commission input integral part of UNDAF process
- Reduce duplication in publications

**B Medium-term restructuring**
- Integrate regional UNDGs and Regional Coordination Mechanisms
- Reprofile Regional Commissions as think-tanks for intellectual support to 2030 Agenda
- Deploy Commission staff from HQs

Partnerships for 2030 Agenda

**Six key work streams**

1. UNDG, with support of DESA and Global Compact, develop system-wide approach to partnership
2. Strengthen system-wide integrity, due diligence and risk management
3. Improve Global Compact overall governance, oversight and impact of its local networks
4. Establish UN Office for Partnerships as UN’s global gateway for partnerships
5. Continue to develop partnership with World Bank and other IFIs
6. Energize South-South Cooperation

More accountability & oversight

**Key proposals**

+ Institutionalize the ECOSOC Operational Activities Segment as an accountability platform for performance on the 2030 Agenda
+ Create a Joint Executive Board for the New York-based funds and programmes UNICEF, UN Women, and UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS
+ Increased transparency on system-wide performance and financial data
+ Establish a small independent system-wide evaluation unit, reporting to the Secretary-General and directly to Member States through the ECOSOC

**Towards a UN System that can accompany the requirements of the 2030 Agenda**
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