

# Roadmap for Mainstreaming UNDS Reform

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## Update on Progress

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# Outline

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1. Reinvigorated Resident Coordinator System
  2. New Generation of Cooperation Frameworks and UNCTs
  3. Reviewing the profile and structure of country and regional assets
  4. Business innovations and efficiencies
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# 1. Reinvigorated Resident Coordinator System

## Increased outreach to the UN Resident Coordinator (UNRC) system

- Africa: Dialogue with UNRCs in Africa (2-4 September).
- Europe and Central Asia: Contributed to the ECA regional RC meeting (September 2019).
- West Asia: Increased engagement with Resident Coordinator Office (RCO) to offer technical expertise, advice, and environmental advisory support.
- Asia Pacific: Piloted a UNCT Focal Point system to ensure that UNEP represented in all UNCTs. Full engagement in UN Peer Support Group (PSG).
- Latin America and the Caribbean: UNEP to lead the climate change and resilience issue-based coalition.

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## **Strengthening Mutual Accountability in UN Country Teams and UNDS at regional and global levels**

- Continued engagement to ensure country-level alignment with the Management Accountability Framework (MAF).
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# 1. Reinvigorated Resident Coordinator System

## **Supporting the pool of Resident Coordinators**

1. We are encouraging interested senior-level staff to take the RC Assessment Centre.
2. We are taking measures to put forward candidates who have passed the UNRC assessment to deploy as RCs.
3. As per the MAF, UNEP's in-country and regional representatives will henceforth report to both (1) relevant Resident Coordinators (2) UNEP HQ.

# 1. Reinvigorated Resident Coordinator System

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## **Funding the Resident Coordinator System**

- 1% Levy
  - Funding Compact for the RC system
  - 15% of non-core resources to joint UN activities
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## 2. New Generation of Cooperation Frameworks and UNCTs

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- **Country presence:** We are undertaking a review of regional and country presence strategies.
  - **Cooperation Framework Guidelines:** We are actively engaged in developing the new UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework Guidelines as well as the 6 Cooperation Framework companion pieces.
    - **Staff capacity:** Two staff members selected to participate in a Training of Trainers workshop on the Cooperation Framework guidance, organized by the Development Coordination Office (DCO).
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## 2. New Generation of Cooperation Frameworks and UNCTs

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### **Strengthening engagement in Cooperation Framework processes**

- Developing a **Menu of Services** to share with Governments and UN Resident Coordinators / UN Country Teams.
  - Continued engagement with regional interagency **Programme Support Groups**.
  - Increased alignment to priorities agreed in the **Cooperation Frameworks** when planning projects.
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## 2. New Generation of Cooperation Frameworks and UNCTs

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### **Improving SDG data/data collection and monitoring**

- Developing an integrated platform (based around the World Environmental Situation Room) that will provide country- and regional-level data to inform implementation of:
    - Common Country Analysis (CCA),
    - Cooperation Frameworks.
    - This work will cover 34 countries in 2020.
    - Across all 5 regions.
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### 3. Reviewing the profile and structure of country and regional assets

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- Further strengthening partnerships with:
    - **Regional Commissions**
    - **Regional UN Sustainable Development Groups (R-UNSDGs).**
  - Contributing to the **Regional UNDS Review** through regional offices.
  - Actively engaged in discussions with the broader UNSDG membership on the Regional and **Multi-Country Office (MCO)** Reviews.
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## 4. Business Innovations and Efficiencies

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- UNEP has signed the “Mutual Recognition” statement in direct response to GA Resolution 71/243
    - To reduce barriers and improve interoperability among agencies.
    - UNEP will, where feasible at country level, participate in provision of common UN Business services and back-office functions.
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# Conclusion

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- Immense opportunity
  - UNEP fully committed
  - Deliver as One UN
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Thank you

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