

# SGR 2019 DRAFT REPORT OUTLINE

## SUMMARY

### INTRODUCTION: A transformed UNDS to accelerate progress towards the 2030 Agenda

The introduction will put into context the UNDS repositioning, anchored in the QCPR and with the 2030 Agenda as its “raison d’être” for reform. It will highlight that we have entered a new era; capture changes already initiated and outline the direction of travel. It will speak to a renewed relationship between Member States and the UNDS, through the repositioning efforts of the system, the strategic guidance and funding shift required by Member States, and the renewed trust that marks the way ahead. It will root the transformation of the UNDS in the new role and functions of the UNDS to better support governments to achieve the SDGs. It will speak of the imperative to transform the Organization to respond to the unique and diverse challenges of each country, particularly countries in special situations, and it will speak of the interlinkages across reform efforts and the prospects for greater synergies across the development, humanitarian, and peace areas, in the efforts to enhance resilience and prevention, accelerate transitions and leave no-one behind.

#### I. **Delivering results for countries and their people: a renewed UNDS at the country level**

This section will delve into the transformations of the UNDS at country level, i.e. the reinvigorated RC system, new skillsets to deliver on the 2030 Agenda and a new generation of UNCTs (with a revitalized UNDAF<sup>1</sup> at its center, and with a separate section dedicated to the MCO review).

##### A. **A reinvigorated RC system**

*This section will recall the transformational nature of the new RC system (including strengthened functions, such as providing leadership for macroeconomic analysis, communications and partnerships, in close collaboration with the UNDP integrating platform and the broader UNCT). It will also provide an overview of the steps taken to transition towards a dedicated, independent, impartial and empowered coordination function, **building on the implementation plan presented in September** (for ex. SLA, delegation of authority, RCO staffing plans, DCO recruitment, resource mobilization efforts, etc. and referring to the DCO report for a broader and detailed overview on all elements related to a reinvigorated RC system). This section will be complementary to the DCO report. This section will also include a short piece on the **MAF**, which will spell out the renewed accountability lines at country level, setting the scene for the following section on a new generation of UNCTs.*

##### B. **A new generation of UNCTs**

*This section will provide an update on two major components to move towards a new generation of UNCTs, i.e.*

*1) the **renewed UNDAF**: this part will report on the work of the UNDAF Redesign Team and will present the new UNDAF guidance to ensure that the UNDAF will serve as the most important instrument for planning and implementation of UN development activities, for a critical partnership with national governments, and as the primary tool to determine the UNDS configuration and respective roles on the ground;*

*2) key elements that will redefine UNCT compositions moving forward, i.e. elements deriving from the renewed UNDAF such as **capacities/ skillset and different approach to presence** to deliver on specific country needs as well as*

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<sup>1</sup> The UNDAF name will be changed; a new name will be introduced in this report.

*resources/efficiencies, including progress towards common business operations, common premises and mutual recognition.*

### **C. The MCO review**

*As part of a new generation of UNCTs, and in line with GA resolution 72/279, and recalling other global and regional intergovernmental frameworks and particularly the SAMOA Pathway, this section will present the analysis of existing MCO set-ups and offer the Secretary-General's recommendations to improve the configuration, capacity, resource needs, role and development services of MCOs, mindful of commonalities as well as differentiated approaches across regions. The section will also include messaging on how the MCO modality will help in pursuing the 2030 Agenda in other parts of the world – as relevant to the ultimate findings of the MCO review.*

## **II. Making the UN regional response fit for purpose: restructuring UNDS regional assets to strengthen support to the 2030 Agenda**

This section will present the work done to address gaps and overlaps at the regional level spelling out:

- 1) the steps taken to optimize functions and enhance **collaboration** (Phase I) and presenting preliminary results to that end;
- 2) the results of the **regional review**, i.e. the analysis by the Internal Review Team of regional assets and the Secretary-General's recommendations to revamp and restructure them in the longer run (Phase II) to better support countries in their efforts to advance the 2030 Agenda, AAAA, and better support regional cooperation.

## **III. A more strategic, cohesive and effective approach at global level to enable integrated country-level responses to realize all SDGs**

This section will present the work done at the global level to better support the UNDS at country and regional level to deliver results. It will include a description of key features of the **system-wide strategic document**. It will speak to the revamped UNSDG. It will outline efforts to **take partnerships to new heights** (linking to the work done by the UNSDG in follow-up to the Secretary-General's recommendations in the December report and to the repositioning of the Global Compact, as well as efforts to enhance support to south-south cooperation further to BAPA+40); to **improve efforts to leave no one behind** (including through enhanced efforts on gender equality, disabilities, youth and data strengthening, inter alia); to **strengthen synergies** across the development, humanitarian and peacebuilding nexus (linking to the work of the Joint Steering Committee), and to **enhance our policy support to countries and intergovernmental bodies including through a repositioning of DESA**, in line with GA resolution 70/299. **Other relevant reform efforts** geared toward advancement to the 2030 Agenda will be briefly mentioned under this section (UN-Habitat, WHO, inter alia).

## **IV. Strategic direction, oversight and accountability for system-wide results**

This section will speak to the **SG's commitment to more transparency and better reporting**, as well as to the **critical role that Member States play in ensuring strategic guidance** to the follow-up and implementation of operational activities for development. This will include accountability through the UNDS repositioning and the QCPR, seeking **accountability for results through the ECOSOC platform** and adopting a cohesive approach within governing bodies to ensure the implementation of ECOSOC and GA guidance. This section will also speak of the **role of the UNDS in facilitating informed intergovernmental decision-making** through system-wide evaluation, results-based management and reporting (including UN-Info, annual country reports, etc) – elements that will also serve to reinforce and help set the stage for the mutual commitments required by the system and Member States alike to ensure an Organization that is fit to deliver on today's challenges, as captured in the Funding Compact.

**V. Funding the UN development system: The Funding Compact**

This section will begin by illustrating the impact of funding on the UNDS' ability to deliver support to advance the 2030 Agenda and to enable the UNDS repositioning to that end. It will note the importance of the **Funding Compact** for a transformational shift in funding practices and positive impact on the delivery of results. In demonstrating the case for a Funding Compact, this section will provide an overview and **trends in quantity and quality of funding, number of contributors, expenditures and allocation of resources**. The section will then illustrate the commitments by both Member States and the UN development system to improve accountability and transparency. It will also illustrate the Funding Dialogue which led to this outcome and clarify the way forward.

**VI. THE WAY FORWARD**

This section will conclude, **looking ahead at the next steps required to further advance in the UNDS repositioning in the context of the QCPR**, and recap the fundamental elements of this journey. It will lay the ground for the ECOSOC Operational Activates Segment resolution, which, in addition to marking another critical intergovernmental step in the UNDS reform, will also mark **the parameters for the new QCPR resolution next year**.