

Terms of Reference for the Country Support Taskforce, one of four taskforces which report directly to the [Working Group on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development](#)

Purpose: The overall purpose of the Country Support Taskforce is to provide coordinated R-UNDG support to RCs/UNCTs with regard to the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs, in line with the agreed UNDG MAPS approach.

Objectives: The taskforce aims to reach the following objectives:

- Ensure that support provided by R-UNDG member agencies to RC/UNCTs is coordinated and where possible, integrated;
- Provide a platform for knowledge management and collaboration among UN agencies on country level support;
- Provide periodic stock taking of UNCT country level progress and support needs;
- Provide a bridge between the needs of UNCTs and the knowledge and expertise that can be drawn from agencies regional and global headquarters.

Scope and Functions: To coordinate UN support to UN Country Teams in achieving development results at the national level. This includes coordinated support on mainstreaming the SDGs into UNDAFs as well as organizing inter-agency missions under the framework of MAPS.

- Technical Support/Advisory Services:** The taskforce aims to provide ongoing technical support/guidance to UNCTs in providing support to Governments in line with the MAPS approach, including Voluntary National Reviews and review/input to SDG documents/strategies etc. Further, the taskforce shall provide technical support and input to country specific MAPS missions, as well as follow-up to missions and support to follow up implementation support of recommendations. In collaboration with the regional UNDAF Peer Support Group, the taskforce shall ensure that UNDAFs are aligned with and integrate the 2030 Agenda and identify relevant expertise to provide support to UNCTs in specific areas.
- Knowledge Management and Collaboration:** The taskforce will support the documentation of lessons learnt and best practices and ensure information flow from the global/regional levels to the national level. The taskforce aims to ensure effective information flows from global/regional level to country level, and vice-versa, through a regional SDG network (e.g. the SDG Community of Practice) made of national SDG focal points. The taskforce will provide a mechanism for engagement of country level SDG focal points.

Membership and Organization: Co-chaired by UNDP, UN Environment and UNFPA, membership is open to R-UNDG entities who have national level activities in support of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. Membership of the taskforce is open to all R-UNDG member agencies, funds and programmes on a voluntary basis. Other non-R-UNDG members may also be invited to participate in the taskforce. Members of the taskforce will be regional staff, at the senior programme/expert level, ideally 1-2 per agency.

The taskforce will meet (either physically or remotely) on a quarterly basis (or as required) to discuss progress against the work plan as well as other global, regional and national developments related to 2030 agenda. In addition, there will be ongoing dialogue/discussion within the group through the exchange of information, sharing of tools, review of strategies etc. Country Level SDG Focal Points may also be invited to participate in specific meetings. The R-UNDG Secretariat will provide secretariat support for the taskforce.