

I. 2017 Achievements: Highlights of Key Activities since 22nd RCM:

Following the agreement at the Regional undg (R-undg) meeting in May 2017 to have a joint Working Group (WG) on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Co-Chairs developed a Terms of Reference for the taskforce. As stated in the TOR, the overall purpose of the Country Support Taskforce is to provide coordinated R-undg support to RCs/UNCTs with regards to the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs, in line with the agreed undg MAPS approach. This includes coordinated support on mainstreaming the SDGs into UNDAFs as well as organizing inter-agency missions under the framework of MAPS.

With this in mind, and as an initial step, it was agreed by the Co-Chairs to undertake a light stock-taking of UNCT support to the 2030 Agenda at the country level. The purpose of this stock-taking exercise is to map what support has been provided and/or is planned by UNCTs in support of the 2030 Agenda, and to identify potential UNCT support requirements from the Regional undg (and other actors). A template for the mapping has been developed by the Co-Chairs, and is to be shared with Resident Coordinators in mid-November to be completed by the end of 2017. Based on support needs identified through the stock-taking exercise, key areas of work for the taskforce will be defined and a work plan for the group will be developed.

II. Main Activities and Outputs Planned for 2018:

A priority of the taskforce in early 2018 will be the compilation and analysis of the stock-taking exercise, with a view to identifying UNCT support requirements from the Regional undg, and based on this, identifying priorities and activities for the taskforce for 2018 and beyond.

III. Decisions Requested from the Members of the RCM (if any):

None