



23rd Meeting of the Regional Coordination Mechanism (RCM)

20-21 November 2017

UN-House, Beirut, Lebanon

Agenda

| 20 November 2017 – Mezzanine (MZ) UN-House, Beirut | | |
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| Time | Session and Objectives | Speakers |
| 9:30 – 10:00 | Welcome Reception | |
| 10:00 – 10:30 | Opening Remarks | ESCWA: Mohamed Ali Alhakim |
| | Approval of the Agenda | R/UNDG: Mourad Wahba |
| | | LAS: Ahmed Aboul Gheit |
| 10:30 – 11:30 | Session I: Harmonizing UN and LAS efforts | Moderator: Mohamed Naciri |
| | <i>Session objectives:</i> | Presentation: Hossam Zaki |
| | 1) Coordinated partnerships between LAS and UN agencies; and | |
| | 2) Coordinated planning of regional events and initiatives. | |
| 11:30 – 12:30 | Session II: RCM Working Group Updates | Moderator: Muhannad Hadi |
| | <i>Session objective:</i> | International Migration: Kristina Mejo (IOM) |
| | 1) Update on International Migration WG; | Food Security: Abdessalam Ould Ahmed (FAO) |
| | 2) Proposal for a revised Food Security and Nutrition WG; and | Water: Roula Majdalani (ESCWA) |
| | 3) Proposal for a new WG on Water. | |
| 12:30 – 13:30 | Lunch Break | |
| 13:30 – 15:30 | Session III: Entry points for an integrated, cross-sectoral approach to development programming | Moderator: Geert Cappelaere |
| | <i>Session objectives:</i> | Key Note Address: Professor David Griggs |
| | 1) Take stock of progress made and lessons learned; | Discussants: Maisaa Youssef (ESCWA) |
| | 2) Identify possible opportunities for intersectoral and interagency collaboration; | |
| | 3) Identify shared or transboundary dimensions of the SDGs that can only be addressed through regional cooperation interventions; and | |
| | 4) Identify possible entry points for capturing the integrated nature of the SDGs through regional Follow-up and Review. | |

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| 15:30 – 16:00 | Coffee Break | |
| 16:00 - 17:30 | <p>Session IV: Review the implications of the QCPR on regional level work and programmes</p> <p><i>Session objectives:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Explore the practical implications of the SG’s proposed reforms to the UNDS at the regional level on the RCM; and 2) Identify concrete reforms and actions that the region can adopt to respond to the recommendations, and create greater policy coherence in service of member States and UN Country Teams. | <p>Moderator: Mohamed Ali Alhakim</p> <p>DSG Amina Mohammed statement</p> <p>Presentation: Martti Antola (ESCWA)</p> |
| 19:30 | RCM Meeting Evening Meal: Seray Restaurant, Palladium Building, Minet El Hosn, Downtown, Beirut. | |
| 21 November 2017 – Mezzanine (MZ), UN-House, Beirut | | |
| Time | Session and Objectives | Speakers |
| 9:00 – 9:15 | Session V: RCM Wrap Up of Day 1 | Moderator: Khawla Mattar |
| 9:15 – 11:00 | <p>Session VI: Meeting of the Joint Working Group on the 2030 Agenda</p> <p><i>Session objectives:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Examining initiatives and concrete issues for an integrated approach to the 2030 Agenda; and b) Take stock of progress of the Taskforces and approve draft workplans and priority initiatives for 2018. | <p>Co-Moderators: Khawla Mattar and Mourad Wahba</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>2030 Agenda WG Ramla Khalidi (ESCWA)</p> <p>Taskforce Chairs AFSD – Karima El Korri SDG Country Support – Adel Abdellatif SDG Data – Juraj Riecan/Luay Shabaneh ASDR – Karima El Korri</p> |
| 11:00 – 11:30 | Coffee Break | |
| 11:30 – 18:00 | Meeting of the R-UNDG | |

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