

Regional Collaborative Platform in Europe and Central Asia
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A. Strategic vision statement

The Regional Collaborative Platform in Europe and Central Asia fosters regional cooperation among the entities of the regional UN Development System responding to development challenges in the region. It joins regional capacities and uses synergies to respond to regional and country needs with transformative system-wide technical support, advocacy and policy solutions, for achieving the shared goals. Our particular regional added value is bringing together our regional assets and expertise to provide the best support to countries, to scale up common solutions and to mobilize global, regional, and national actors to address common issues in support of accelerated action for the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Results area ¹	Action / Activity	Timeline				Responsible Parties	
Region-specific success indicators for the result area	<p>1. RCP # of RCP coordination meetings successfully delivered # of thematic request-based knowledge products (policy documents, guidance notes, advocacy papers, etc.) developed by the IBCs and/or other regional coordination groups # of CCAs/UNSDCFs supported by the IBCs/PSG and reviewed by the RCP through the Country Dialogues mechanism</p> <p>2. Knowledge management Regional knowledge management hub developed and fully operational</p> <p>3. Results reporting Annual regional report developed and presented at the RFSD</p> <p>4. Consolidate capacities on data and statistics Region-specific aspects of the Secretary-General's Data Strategy and the Chief Executive Board's Roadmap on Data and Statistics implemented in Europe and Central Asia</p> <p>5. Increase regional efficiencies through common back offices Regional BOS developed</p>						
1. RCP and IBCs							
1.1 Regular activities of the RCP		Client / Recipient of support	Q1	Q 2	Q 3	Q 4	Name of Group
	1.2.1 Prepare and hold regular meetings of the RCP, in line with agreed meeting calendar		x	x	x	x	RCP Vice-Chairs with support from RCP Secretariat
	1.2.2 Plan and prepare the annual RCP meeting chaired by the Deputy Secretary-General, back-to-back with the RFSD		x				
	1.2.3 Assess mid-term progress of the RCP's work				x		

¹ The key results areas correspond to the regional review roadmap issued by the Chair of the UNSDG. The expectation for additional activities to be listed as per the priorities of the RCP.

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1.2.4. Provide oversight, guidance and receiving regular reporting from IBCs and other interagency groups		x	x	x	x	
1.2.5- Strengthen dialogue between IBCs and RCs/UNCTs to ensure alignment of regional support offers and requests by the country level.		x	x	x	x	
1.3 IBCs and other inter-agency coordination groups	Client / Recipient of support	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Name of Group / Task Team
1.3.1. IBC on Environment and Climate Change						
Respond to UNCT 2024 requests on climate change, biodiversity, and pollution (Albania, Azerbaijan, Belarus, BiH, Kazakhstan, Kosovo*, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, North Macedonia, Serbia, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan)	UNCTs across region	x	x	x	x	
Organize a webinar for RCs and UNCTs on seasonal climate forecasts and their effective use	UNCTs across region	x	x			
Conduct a subregional informal dialogue on transboundary water management in Central Asia	Central Asia UNCTs	x	x			
Host a subregional engagement on air pollution in the Western Balkans	Western Balkan UNCTs	x	x	x		
Host a Briefing on COP29, subject to confirmation by RCs/UNCTs (TBC)	UNCTs across region		x	x		
RFSD: peer-learning round table on SDG 13 - climate-related risks and extreme events and jointly addressing climate change and biodiversity loss		x	x			
Prepare guidance on mainstreaming biodiversity into UNSDCFs in the region (subject to resources availability)				x	x	
Geneva Environment Network briefing for missions		x	x	x	x	
1.3.2. IBC on Sustainable Food Systems						
Organize 2 webinars and dissemination of materials/briefs to share tools and best practices on food systems transformation, showing the need for cross-sectoral and cross-disciplinary collaboration, leading to developing impactful joint UN initiatives on food systems.	Aimed at UNCTs in Belarus, BiH, Kyrgyzstan, Serbia, Uzbekistan.	x	x	x	x	IBC-SFS Secretariat with selected IBC-SFS Members
Provide technical support to UNCT Belarus to discuss the food systems approach and share best practices on sustainable agriculture and food security and nutrition.	Responds to the requests of Belarus.	x	x	x	x	
Organize a webinar on the use of Food Systems Countdown Initiative.	Responds to the requests of Serbia and Uzbekistan.	x	x	x	x	

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Showcase results from countries in the region on changing dietary patterns, including more sustainable food choices.	Responds to request of Serbia.	x	x	x	x	
Deliver a series of up to 4 Food Systems Talks	RCs/RCOs, UNCTs		x	x		IBC-SFS Secretariat with selected IBC-SFS Members
Launch of the 2024 SOFI Report - Managing water sustainably in Europe and Central Asia Region	RCs/RCOs, UNCTs, MS and other professionals					FAO leads (co-chair); all IBC-SFS members contributing
In support of the follow-up to the UNFSS Stock-take Moment (UNFSS+2), coordinate and engage with the UN Food Systems Coordination Hub to provide technical support and regional perspectives of sustainable food systems. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Co-organise a National Food Systems Convenors Regional Meeting and a side event on “Food Systems Transformation as Accelerator for the SDGs Implementation and Climate Action” at the RFSD 2024 and at the COP29 with the UNFSS Coordination Hub. In preparation for the COP29 event in Azerbaijan, co-organize a regional event with the UN Food Systems Coordination Hub. 	UNFSS Coordination Hub and RCs/RCOs, UNCTs	x	x	x	x	IBC-SFS Secretariat and UN Food Systems Coordination Hub
Organize a peer-learning round table on SDG 2 and produce a video material under the RFSD 2024	RCs/RCOs, UNCTs, MS and other professionals	x				IBC-SFS Secretariat, FAO and UNECE lead
Organize a capacity building session/webinar in collaboration with the IBC Environment and Climate Change.	RCs/RCOs, UNCTs, MS and other professionals				x	UNEP lead
Co-organize a webinar in collaboration with the IBC Health to emphasize the interconnectedness of human, animal, and environmental health within food systems.	RCs/RCOs, UNCTs, MS and other professionals				x	FAO and WHO
Conduct a multi-country analysis on school feeding	RCs/RCOs, UNCTs, MS and other professionals		x	x	x	UNICEF (lead), FAO, WHO, WFP
Publish the report on “Specific Food System Challenges and Priorities in the ECA region to be considered when transforming food systems and improving sustainability” through the multi-agency and diverse UN agencies perspectives.	RCs/RCOs, UNCTs, MS and other professionals		x	x	x	FAO (lead), all IBC-SFS members

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Knowledge products to update the CCA and UNSDCF taking into account the specific food systems challenges and priorities in the ECA region.	RCs/RCOs, UNCTs, MS and other professionals					
Maintain an online repository to share the latest available evidence, analysis and best practices related to the resilience of food systems (COVID 19 and the war in Ukraine)	RCs/RCOs, UNCTs, MS and other professionals	x	x	x	x	IBC SFS-Secretariat
1.3.3. IBC on Social Protection						
Develop key messages and advocacy points on joint UN initiatives of SME and youth employment	Responds to the request of Kyrgyzstan	x	x	x	x	
Provide guidelines and examples of UN good practices in the discourse of the impact of brain drain on social protection systems.	Responds to the request of Belarus.	x	x	x	x	
Provide training on developing impactful joint UN initiatives across the jobs and social protection transition (policy or programmatic)	Responds to the requests of BiH, Kosovo*.					
Mapping of best practice related to specific social services for women, victims of violence, persons with disabilities, among others.	Responds to the request of Moldova.					
Organize the peer learning round table at RFSD on SDG 1.		x				
Provide guidance/support on preparation of strategies/plans for alignment/implementation of Global Accelerator on Jobs and Social Protection for Just Transitions.	Responds to the requests of Belarus, Kosovo*, Moldova, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.	x	x	x	x	
1.3.4. IBC on Adolescents and Youth						
Conduct a webinar on effective mapping of ongoing youth engagement related initiatives in Central Asia	Responds to the request of Kazakhstan.	x	x	x		
Provide a guidance note/knowledge product on best practices and effective structures to ensure meaningful youth engagement and participation in UNCT work.	Responds to the request of Belarus.	x	x	x		

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Host a webinar on UN initiatives on SMEs and youth employment, and guidance on engagement of youth in Kyrgyzstan.	Responds to the request of Kyrgyzstan.	x	x	x		
Conduct a Webinar/ provide Guidelines of effective mapping of engagement of youth in social cohesion, and examples of the role that the UN can play in facilitating such processes.	Responds to the request of Moldova.					
Host a Webinar on good practices of engagement in youth and HIV, and capacity building of youth empowerment, HIV integration into broader context and advocacy for multi sectoral approach on HIV	Responds to the request of Uzbekistan.					
Develop guidance for UNCTs on inclusion of young people’s participation and youth related issues in CCA/UNSDCF on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishment of Inter-agency Youth Advisory Groups • 2030 Youth Scorecard 	UNCTs and youth theme groups primarily from countries developing CCA/UNSDCFs in 24/25	x	x			
Support youth participation in the RFSD 2024	UN MGCY, UNECE, Young People	x				
1.3.5. IBC Health and Wellbeing						
Provide good practice and guidance on UN agency collaboration and prioritization in health	Responds to the request of Armenia.	x	x	x	x	
Provide guidance and examples on youth and HIV	Responds to the request of Uzbekistan.					
Foster connections with other IBCs: Large Movement of People, Environment, Youth and Gender, to align activities and avoid duplication		x	x	x	x	
Support CCA/UNSDCF preparation in roll-out countries, identify opportunities to offer contextual/specific expertise. Revision of the Guidance Note on including Health in the UNSDCF, considering the 6 transitions.		x	x	x	x	
Keep abreast collaborative work between UN agencies which are covered by other partnership platforms, outside the IBCs, specifically on follow-up on International Conference on PHC and joint work on Mental Health (Belarus and CAR) to provide UNRC/UNCT support when requested.		x	x	x	x	
Expand mandate of WHO-UN-RCM Emergency Coordination platform to include emergency preparedness and response.		x	x	x	x	

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Organize dedicated sub-regional discussions with UN RCs on how to operationalize One Health at local level and integrate it in the UNSDCF – in CAR & Eastern Europe + Türkiye.	Eastern Europe + Türkiye	x	x	x	x	
Adapt key One Health documents and messaging and develop guidelines/briefings	UNRC/UNCTs	x	x	x	x	
Actively integrate nature and the environment into One Health to jointly address climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution to enhance country office support priorities. Liaison with IBC-Environment to Align with the 7 th ministerial conference on Environment and Health to support getting on track with the SDGs	UNCTs across the region	x	x	x	x	
Contribute to the RFSD on how One Health links into the 5 selected SDGs for review (1, 2, 13, 16, 17), submit proposal for a virtual side session on One Health.	UNCTs across the region	x	x	x	x	
Support Uzbekistan to develop a comprehensive strategy and action plan on healthy and active longevity.	Uzbekistan	x	x	x	x	
Develop guidelines for national media assessment on reducing ageism stigma across the life cycle.	UNCTs across the region	x	x	x	x	
Ageing refugees: collaborate to expand support in receiving countries, ensuring social protection by addressing the financial security and social care needs of ageing refugees.	UNCTs across the region	x	x	x	x	
Mainstream ageing into emergency preparedness, response, and recovery, including climate-related risks and extreme events.	UNCTs across the region	x	x	x	x	
Mainstream migrant health in public health approaches: <i>“Preparing for future health emergencies by mainstreaming public health considerations into migration policies and services, at national and local levels”</i> through organizing a regional joint event, providing webinars, or developing policy briefs, etc.	UNCTs across the region	x	x	x	x	
1.3.6 IBC on Large Movement of Populations, Displacement and Resilience						
Lead on the organization and follow-up of the Global Compact for Migration (GCM) Regional Review 2024 for the UNECE Region.	Member States and non-governmental stakeholders	x	x			IBC LPMDR Co-chairs (IOM/UNDP/ UNHCR)
In preparation for the GCM Regional Review, organize dedicated pre-consultations with Member States (1); non-governmental stakeholders (3) and UN Resident Coordinators	Member States, Non-governmental stakeholders, UNRCs	x				IBC LPMDR Co-chairs (IOM/UNDP/ UNHCR)
In follow-up to the GCM Regional Review, organize briefings to UN Country Networks on main priorities and key takeaways.	UNCTs across the region		x	x		IBC LPMDR Co-chairs (IOM/UNDP/ UNHCR)

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Provide guidance on strengthening resilience on refugee-related issues, in line with cross-cutting concerns including climate change, gender mainstreaming, social protection, etc.	Responding to a request from Armenia		x	x			
Provide capacity building on effective cross-sectoral coordination and planning, and good practices in strengthening UN internal coordination and capacities to respond to such emerging situations.	Responding to a request of Montenegro	x	x	x	x		IBC LPMDR Co-chairs (IOM/UNDP/ UNHCR) with contributions from IBC Members
Provide capacity-building trainings to UNCTs upon request on mainstreaming migration in UNSDCF and CCAs and through the regional Network facilitation	Responding to requests of Moldova, Montenegro, Serbia, Turkmenistan	x	x	x	x		
1.3.7 IBC on Gender Equality							
Development of common positions and joint advocacy to promote gender equality related to key issues and trends across the region. (Trend analysis on SDG data availability at regional levels, development of key messages on GEWE for ECA region for the High levels platforms/events in 2024)	UNCTs across the region		x	x	x		UN Women lead (data availability) UNFPA
Leverage the momentum of the 2024 high level platforms to advance and implement commitments on gender equality and women's human rights. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beijing 30+ Summit for the Future 	UNCTs across the region	x	x	x	x		UNICEF (lead), UN Women (lead) (Gender Equality and CSW68)
Webinar/information sharing/training for UNCTs and GTGs on gender mainstreaming in the design of the UN cooperation frameworks (in the context of 12 UNCTs from ECA region developing new UNSDCF in 2024).	UNCTs across the region	x	x	x	x		IBC-GE Chairs, Members and GTG/GRGs
Disseminate guidance, checklists, and technical support available on strengthening the integration of gender equality into UN UNSDCF and CCAs in coordination with the regional Peer Support Group	UNCTs across the region	x	x	x	x		Cooperation with R-DCO and R-PSG
Organize inter-IBCs meetings prioritizing the integration of a gender dimension in areas such as climate change, data, etc.	UNCTs across the region	x	x	x	x		Lead: IBC-GE co-chairs

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1.3.8. Digital Transformation Group							
Develop the reference document facilitating roll out of digital transition in line with the framework of Six Transitions: Investment Pathways to Deliver the SDGs.	UNCTs across the region	x	x	x	x		
Update of the UN Digital Development Toolbox for Europe and Central Asia	UNCTs across the region	x	x	x	x		
Complete of the Digital Skills Compendium	UNCTs across the region	x	x	x	x		
Stock take of flagship initiatives of the UN system related to Digital Transformation	UNCTs across the region	x	x	x	x		
Disseminate examples of good practice on UN engagement on the Transition related to Digital Connectivity, and information on the Global Digital Compact and the Summit of the Future	Responds to the request of Albania.	x	x	x	x		
Provide examples of good practice on digital transformation in the agriculture sector and UN initiatives of on-the-job trainings on digital transformation in agriculture.	Responds to the request of Azerbaijan.	x	x	x	x		
Provide guidance on digital transformation as a cross-cutting priority and impactful joint UN initiatives across the digital connectivity transition.	Responds to the requests of Belarus and BiH.	x	x	x	x		
Build capacity to address challenges of digital transformation on priority policy areas and actions in line with the SDG Commitments ahead of the Summit of the Future in September.	Responds to the request of Kosovo*.	x	x	x	x		
Provide support through exchange of knowledge between countries and best practices on digitalization on education, social protection, public transportation, health, and provide case studies on effective approaches to digitalization.	Responds to the request of Moldova, Montenegro, and Uzbekistan.	x	x	x	x		
Host a public event on Human-centric digital transformation (11 March 2024, Online)		x					
Organize a Digital development peer learning session at the RFSD (14 March 2024, Geneva, Switzerland)		x					
Host the Side event at the WSIS+20 High-Level Event (May 2024, Geneva, Switzerland)			x				

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1.3 Support to UNDS Cooperation Frameworks and CCAs (PSG)	Client / Recipient of support	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Name of Group / Task Team
<p>Provide strategic planning support to CCA/ Cooperation Framework cycle to increase likelihood of high-quality roadmap, CCA and cooperation framework.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review/Update the PSG Menu of services for UNCTs. Develop a full training package on CF in co-ordination with DCO NY Based on demand, provide capacity building on UNSDCF related topics. Liaise with IBCs and other regional groups to leverage thematic expertise. Assign PSG focal points for UNCTs. 		x			X	
<p>Review of drafts of UNCT Roadmap, CCA and Cooperation Framework products to provide advice for increasing their quality.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organize dialogue-sessions with RCs and UNCT prior to PSG quality assurance (It Can be done through inter-agency missions or focal points/co-ordination with UNRCO) Review the UNCT CF roadmaps. Quality assurance of full-fledged CCA (and CCA annual updates review based on demand) Quality assurance of UNSDCFs Review of JWPs Review of Annual Results Reports 	R-DCO with PSG	X	x	x	x	x
<p>Promote regional level experience exchange on good practice and examples in advancing the 2030 Agenda through the Cooperation Framework.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify, document, disseminate and promote good practices, lessons and innovations observed in the UNSDCF process. Contribute to UN development system’s update of global CF guidelines based on lessons learned at regional level. Cross-regional and global peer exchanges and knowledge sharing Mapping of practices and lessons learned of entities in UNSDCF related reviews. Quarterly newsletters to the RCP on UNSDCF status, regional initiatives, and issues. 	R-DCO in consultation with PSG and IBCs R-DCO in consultation with PSG R-DCO	x	x	x	x	x

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	<p>Increase capacity of PSG members to provide integrated UNSDCF support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update a document with links to key information and trainings relevant to PSG ECA Update capacity mapping of the PSG Induction briefing for new PSG members. PSG annual retreat Organize capacity building opportunities for PSG members based on demands. Organize briefings on new guidance for PSG members if applicable. 	<p>R-DCO + PSG members R-DCO ECA + R-DCO NY</p>	<p>x x x x</p>	<p>x x x x</p>	<p></p>	<p></p>	
<p>3.1 Prepare the annual system-wide results reporting</p>		<p>RCP membership</p>	<p>Q1</p>	<p>Q2</p>	<p>Q3</p>	<p>Q4</p>	<p>RCP Secretariat</p>
<p>4. Consolidate capacities on data and statistics (SG’s Recommendation 4)</p>							
<p>4.1 Consolidate capacities on data and statistics</p>		<p>Client / Recipient of support</p>	<p>Q1</p>	<p>Q2</p>	<p>Q3</p>	<p>Q4</p>	<p>Name of Group / Task Team</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide training and assistance on data and statistics to UNCTs as per country-level requests. Develop a platform and interactive tool to follow up and collaborate on support requests. Further strengthen involvement of data focal points in UNCTs in technical cooperation activities Provide contributions and stories to the 2024 regional SDG progress report 			<p>x</p>	<p>x</p>	<p>x</p>	<p>x</p>	
<p>5. Increase regional efficiencies through common back offices (SG’s Recommendation 5)</p>							
<p>1. Ensure Effective R-OMT Governance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Act as technical advisory group to the RCP ECA and engage formally twice a year as per the ToR of the R-OMT. Strengthen collaboration with PSG to operationally align with the UNSDCFs. Strengthen collaboration with local OMTs through an enhanced governance model. Fully establish R-OMT BOS WGs (HR, Procurement, Finance, Logistics, ICT, Administration). Provide technical support to UNCTs/OMTs on BOS 2.0 and other relevant matters. Provide advisory support on BOS, CBO and Common premises to OMTs. 			<p>x x x x</p>	<p>x x x x</p>	<p>x x x x</p>	<p>x x x x</p>	<p>R-OMT Co-Chairs and R-OMT members/WG Members.</p>

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	<p>2. Culture of Proactive Engagement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan R-OMT retreat annually to conduct a year-end review of achievements, challenges and lessons learned and to plan for the upcoming year. Plan one R-OMT BOS WGs retreat annually for the annual review of the R-BOS and to explore new operational collaboration and address challenges. 		x	x	x	x	R-OMT Co-Chairs and Chairs of the R-BOS WGs
	<p>3. Ensure Effective Implementation of R-BOS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow up and continuous monitoring on implementation progress, conduct annual review and assess BOS understanding within R-OMT and the BOS Working Groups to ensure equal accessibility of a working knowledge to concerned members. 		x	x	x	x	Chairs of the R-BOS WGs and R-OMT Secretary
	<p>4. Common Back Office</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide continuous information sharing and advisory services to UNCTs/OMTs (R-OMT members to their respective agency in the region) on CBO development. 		x	x	x	x	DCO regional BOS officer
	<p>5. Common Premises</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review the CP roadmap countries for 2024-2025 and identify countries in our region to engage on the implementation of the project. Coordinate with TTCP through DCO to ensure active engagement in providing technical support to pilot countries within the region. Capture any lessons learned from CP projects in other countries/regions and share it with the pilot countries. 		x	x	x	x	DCO regional BOS officer
	<p>6. COs Business Operations Strategies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitate knowledge sharing among country OMTs. Support DCO in the quality assurance of the overall country BOS annual review 		x	x	x	x	Members nominated by R-OMT