

The Africa Regional Collaborative Platform (RCP) Multi-year Strategic Workplan 2023-2024

✓ **Strategic vision statement**

The Africa Regional Collaborative Platform (RCP) seeks to bring the power of the regional UNDS collective strength and collaborative potential to bear on catalyzing and accelerating actions towards the achievements of the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063 on the continent. The purpose of the Africa RCP is to harness the large body of existing knowledge and practice within the regional UNDS in an integrated and holistic manner to provide optimal solutions to address Africa's transformational goals. It also aims to avoid duplication of effort and upscale collaboration to achieve greater country-level impact. The RCP positions its collective assets as a tool to assist RCs/ UNCTs to better support countries in delivering on the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063. Promoting a unified UNDS policy voice, the Africa RCP seeks to foster cross-pillar collaboration and joined-up interagency strategies and actions, through the reinforced Opportunity & Issue Based Coalitions (OIBCs) informed by the outcomes of the Annual RCP Retreat held on 17-18 November 2022 in Dakar, Senegal. The RCP seeks to engender lasting transformational change and ensure effective linkages between regional, sub-regional and national dimensions, including regional and sub-regional integration and transboundary actions.

Critical to its work is the engagement and collaboration with key strategic regional partners such as the African Union Commission and Secretariats of the Regional Economic Communities (RECs), which will be anchored around the AU-UN Framework on the Implementation of Agenda 2063 and 2030 Agenda, and AU-UN Framework for Enhanced Partnership on Peace and Security in Africa. In addition to driving implementation of the SG's recommendations #2 and #3, the Africa RCP will lead efforts to make the UNDS more efficient through streamlined operating practices and consolidation of back offices, resulting in both efficiency gains and higher quality services (recommendation 5).

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Key results area ¹	Success indicators
i) RCP and OIBCs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Stronger evidence of coalitions/ joined up activities / pooled policy expertise by the OIBCs in addressing country, regional, subregional, and transboundary priorities ✓ Multidimensional and integrated policy advice and capacity development aligned with CF strategic priorities and provided by OIBCs, including an integrated support to post-Covid-19 recovery ✓ Effective regional system-wide support to the African Union and member States ✓ Number of CCAs/UNSDCFs quality reviewed by the Peer Support Group (PSG) ✓ Successfully organized Africa RCP meetings
ii) Knowledge management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Enhanced visibility and accessibility of regional assets to RCOs/UNCTs and member States ✓ Africa Knowledge Management Hub Operational ✓ Regional Experts Repository and deployment of surge capacities facilitated ✓ Regional experts' repository effectively used by RCOs/UNCTs
iii) Results reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Robust and coherent OIBCs and TFs results framework and work plans ✓ Full array of contributions of the regional UN development system reflected in the system-wide regional report ✓ Results and impact disseminated to Member States (during ARFSD) and stakeholders at large through annual reporting on regional system-wide results
iv) Consolidate capacities on data and statistics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Quality data ecosystem provided through harmonized SDG Data Gateway ✓ UN support on Data in Africa guided and harmonized by the Africa UN Data and Statistics Strategy ✓ Strategy for ONE UN National Statistical Capacity Development Programme developed
v) Increase regional efficiencies through common back offices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Regional BOS developed and rolled out

¹ In alignment with the agreed priority areas during the RCP Meeting 2022 for the implementation of the UN 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063 of the African Union

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Taskforce 2: Regional Knowledge Management Hub		TF2 co-conveners ECA and ILO with participating agencies ²								
UN SG's recommendation # 2 on institutionalizing and strengthening knowledge management, to support the achievement of all the SDGs in Africa.	Flagship Initiative 1: Online knowledge Platform established									
	• Development and launch of the Africa Knowledge Management Hub (AKMH) by the end of Q4 2023.	x	x	x	x					ECA, ILO, RCP Secretariat, & participating agencies
	• Further development and maintenance to ensure integration, interoperability, visibility, and accessibility to 75-100 percent of regional UNDS sources by Q4 2024					x	x	x	x	ECA, ILO, RCP Secretariat, & participating agencies
	• Continuous development and maintenance of COVID-19 hub, acting as a one-stop-shop for data and information resources relevant to the impact and response to the pandemic in Africa	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	ECA
UN SG's recommendation # 2 on institutionalizing and strengthening knowledge management, to support the achievement of all the SDGs in Africa.	Flagship Initiative 2: Development and operationalization of cross-agency expertise location tool and Communities of Practice (CoP) platform									
	• Development and launch of the Africa UNDS regional Expertise repository by end of Q2 2023.	x	x							ECA, ILO, RCP Secretariat, & participating agencies
	• Further development and effectively used by RCOs/UNCTs (with 100 percent regional expertise recorded), as an expertise locating tool, facilitating the identification of			x	x	x	x	x	x	ECA, ILO, RCP Secretariat, & participating agencies

² ECA, FAO, ILO, OCHA, OHCHR, UNAIDS, UNESCO, UNFPA, UN-HABITAT, UNICEF, UNV and UN-WOMEN.

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	expertise across the SDGs, OIBCs thematic areas as well as expertise in countries across the region. Regional experts' repository									
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development and operationalization of Communities of Practice (CoP) of the OIBCs by the end of Q2 2023. 	X	x							ECA, ILO & participating agencies
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further development and effectively used by all OIBCs and Task forces as a peer-to-peer regional knowledge facilitation and networking service to promote discussion and collaboration on issues of common interest to the UNDS. 			x	x	x	x	x	x	ECA, ILO & participating agencies