✓ **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).

Key results area[1]	Success indicators
i) RCP and OIBCs	✓ 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	✓ 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	✓ 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	✓ 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	✓ Regional BOS developed and rolled out

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[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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		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
	O/IBC 1 – Strengthened Integrated Data and Statistical Systems for Sustainable Development and The Africa We Want									Co-conveners: UNFPA and ECA working with several participating agencies[2]
Progress on Implementation of SDGs and Agenda 2063 effectively monitored through the Africa UN Development Data Gateway	**Flagship 1:** Quality data ecosystem provided through harmonized SDG Data Gateway									
	● Update the platform with additional key indicators, more data points and add geospatial component	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	UNECA and all members of OIBC1
	● Promote data use (UNCTs, members states, etc.) through dissemination outreach, communicating timely updates and developing summaries/articles	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	UNECA, all OIBC 1 members and DCO
Transforming National Statistical Systems (NSS) modernized by digitizing of systems and processes through the use of Innovative technology	**Flagship 2:** Strategy for ONE UN National Statistical Capacity Development Programme developed									
	● Launch and disseminate UN Africa Data and Statistics Strategy and role it out to country level					X	X			UNFPA, UNECA and OIBC1 members

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[2] FAO, ILO, IOM, ITU, OCHA, OHCHR, UNAIDS, UNDP, UNDRR, UNESCO, UN-HABITAT, UNHCR, UNICEF, UNIDO, UNWOMEN, WFP and WHO

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		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
	● Implement three capacity strengthening initiatives for member states and UNCTs – data disaggregation, geospatial and forecasting		X	X	X		X	X		UNECA, UNFPA, DCO and all OIBC1 members
Culture of data use promoted and strengthened	**Flagship 3:** *Promoting the culture of data use*									
	● In partnership with AUC, develop criteria for identifying the Champion on Data for Development, including clear roles and Terms of reference					X	X	X		UNECA, UNFPA, DCO
	● Develop a strategy on promoting a culture of data use						X	X	X	UNFPA, UNECA and all OIBC1 members

	O/IBC 2 – Ensuring effective and efficient macroeconomic management and accelerated inclusive, economic transformation and diversification										Co-conveners: ECA, UNCTAD, UNDP, working with several participating agencies[3]
Support the implementation of the AfCFTA through AfCFTA Strategies	**Flagship 1: xxx**										
	Formulation of AfCFTA strategies, *including greening trade aspects*	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		ECA, UNCTAD, UNDP
SDGs 9 and 17	Implementation of AfCFTA strategies	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		ECA, UNCTAD, UNDP
Support the implementation of the AfCFTA through knowledge products offering evidence-based recommendations to policy makers	Flagship 2: xxx										
	On issues related to AfCFTA and industrialization AfCFTA as well as trade and climate change (Specific titles to be selected and provided in future update reports)		x	x	x		x	x			ECA, UNIDO, UNDP, UNCTAD, ITC
SDGs 9 and 17	Provide advisory services upon request to stakeholders requesting support to implement recommendations contained in the knowledge products developed during the covered phases (2023-24) but also knowledge products on the topics that were developed prior (for ex: ARIA X)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		ECA, UNIDO, UNDP, UNCTAD, ITC
Strengthen the statistical capacity of selected countries across regions to measure IFFs, consolidate methodological guidelines, and to develop	Flagship 3: Curbing Illicit Financial Flows (IFF)										
	Enhanced statistical capacity and capability to measure all forms of IFFs, increase awareness and enhance cooperation among		x	x	x	x	x	x	x		ECA, UNCTAD, UNODC

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evidence-based policy responses to curb IFFs. SDGs 10, 15, 16 and 17	national stakeholders to measure IFFs.									
	Formulate evidence-based policy actions to curb IFFs.			x	x	x	x	x	x	ECA, UNCTAD, UNODC
	Flagship 4: Mobilizing and managing financial resources for sustainable development									
Strengthen the national capacities of selected African vulnerable small island developing countries (SIDS) to mobilize affordable external financial resources for a greener, more equal, and sustainable development	Enhance the capacities of Cabo Verde and Comoros to diagnose funding gaps and reconcile them with external financial sustainability in the post-COVID-19 setting	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	UNCTAD, ECA
	Enhance the capabilities of Cabo Verde and Comoros to design policies that would enable the mobilization of affordable external financial resources without jeopardizing external financial sustainability.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	UNCTAD, ECA

	O/IBC 3 (Restructured) – Education, innovation, digitalization, and youth[4]										Co-conveners: UNFPA, ILO, WHO& UNESCO, working with several participating agencies[5] Co-conveners: WHO, UN-HABITAT & ITU, working with several participating agencies[6] (TBC)
	Flagship 1: **Use of new technologies and digital solutions for Transformational Education**										
SDGs 3, 4, 5	• Transform education in Africa post-TES (in the areas of data; gender equality, equity and inclusion; learning; teachers; digital Innovations; healthy schools and education financing)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		UNESCO, UNICEF, UNFPA
	• Finalization and implementation of AU strategy on education for health and wellbeing	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		UNESCO, WHO
	• Improve access to school and quality health services through early learning and innovative financing for school health and nutrition programmes and creating the overall conditions for learners to lead healthy lives	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		UNESCO, WHO

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[4] Final OIBC 3 title as a result of the RCP retreat outcomes is to be finalized with OIBC 3 CCs

[5] ECA, FAO, IOM, ITU, OHCHR, UNAIDS, UNDP, UN-HABITAT, UNHCR, UNICEF, UNIDO, UNV, UNWOMEN, and WFP

[6] ECA, FAO, ILO, UNAIDS, UNDP, UNESCO, UNHCR, UNICEF, UNIDO, and WFP

	• Support countries to implement global standards for advancing health, nutrition, mental health and the overall wellbeing of school-age children and adolescents, teachers and other staff members.		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	UNESCO, WHO
	• Transform education in Africa post-TES (in the areas of data, equity and inclusion; learning; teachers; digital Innovations; and education financing) and enhance collaboration between health, education, and other relevant ministries, local governments and stakeholders including adolescents to ensure implementation of Healthy Schools		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	UNESCO, UNICEF, UNFPA, WHO
	Flagship 2: **Use of new technologies and digital solutions for Youth and Women empowerment and wellbeing**										
SDGs 3,4, 5, 8	• Knowledge sharing and dialogue across key stakeholders to accelerate delivery of UHC through PHC, pandemic preparedness, ONE HEALTH, digital health Governance and Financing improvements		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	WHO, UNFPA
	• Support the implementation of regional commitments for healthy, educated and thriving		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	WHO, UNESCO, UNFPA

	adolescents and young people, in response to unintended pregnancy, HIV, Cancer and NCD Prevention GBV and COVID-19, through education and health programmes									
	• Support the formulation of youth and gender responsive national policies and create opportunities for youth to more actively contribute to the policy development process including incorporation of Adolescent Health in all policies and strategies using Guidance 2.0	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	WHO, UNFPA
	• Support the development and update of GER responsive adolescent health policies, strategic frameworks and implementation of plans	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	WHO, UNFPA
	• Support the meaningful engagement of adolescent and youth in policy development, implementation and M&E. using the AA-HA! Guidance 2.0	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	WHO, UNFPA
	• Support countries to review country Health Management Information System tools and DHIS2 to include age and sex disaggregated data for adolescent and youth health	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	WHO, UNFPA

	• Knowledge and Evidence generation to FastTrack implementation of the 2030 agenda and advance progress towards Agenda 2063.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		UNFPA, UNESCO, WHO, ILO, UNICEF
	• Support the preparation of the 4th Africa-China Conference on Population and Development, the 10 years review of the Addis Ababa declaration on population and development (AADPD+10) and the 30 years review of ICPD (ICPD+30)	X	X	X	X	X	X				

	O/IBC 4 – Fostering Climate Action and Resilience										Co-conveners: UNEP, FAO, and UNDP working with participating agencies[7]
SDG2, SDG7, SDG13, SDG17	**Flagship 1: Climate Change**										
	• **Loss & Damage and Adaptation** The focus will be on developing analysis to quantify losses and inform how this could be tracked across countries. The focus will also be on unpacking the L&D fund to enable contextual application in Africa. On Adaptation, the focus will be on developing metrics and knowledge of what the Adaptation Goal means for Africa. Concept note and TOR will be developed on the above to engage an entity to work on this knowledge product	Develop Concept Note and TOR	Drafting of analysis and presentation of preliminary results	Results and sharing of outcomes to AGN and UNRCs	Develop policy briefs and launch them at COP28					**Responsible parties:** UNEP, UNECA, UNDRR, FAO,UNDP, UNESCO
	• **Finance** Build on the work of 2022 and operationalize the sustainable debt coalition created at COP27. Knowledge generation in the contextual application of:	Review the status of finance knowledge on carbon	Develop knowledge products on green and blue bonds, sustainable financing	Results and sharing of outcomes to AGN	Develop policy briefs and launch them					

[7] ECA, ILO, IOM, OHCHR, UNDRR, UNFPA, UN-HABITAT, UNHCR, UNIADS, UNICEF, UNIDO, UNV, WFP and WHO.

	Carbon markets and domestication in Africa - debt swaps, - blue bonds, - sustainable budgeting, - blended finance facilities	markets, debt swaps, blue bonds	and blended finance and operationalization	and UNRCs	at COP28					
	• **Suggesting adding work on the Global Stocktake**	Develop workstream ToR on key support areas	Support countries in Africa to contribute effectively to the Global Stocktake	Develop a status report on Africa's contribution to the Global Stocktake	Develop a policy brief highlighting lesson for the next GST,					
	• **Just Transition** Use the ILO tool to come up with green job creation.	Use the ILO tool to come up with green job creation	creative ideation for countries to implement aspects like sustainable cities, green hydrogen, etc.	Results and sharing of outcomes to AGN and UNRCs	Develop policy briefs and launch them at COP28					

	2. Flagship 2: Food Systems & Food Security									
SDG 12.3 (By 2030, halve per capita global food waste at the retail and consumer levels and reduce food losses along production and supply chains, including post-harvest losses). **SDG 2.3** (By 2030, double the agricultural productivity and incomes of small-scale food producers, in particular women, Indigenous Peoples, family farmers, pastoralists and fishers, including through secure and equal access to land, other productive resources and inputs, knowledge, financial services, markets and opportunities for value addition and non-farm employment).		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
	1. **Follow up on the implementation of food systems transformation pathways, with emphasis on:** Follow-up and support in implementation of national food system transformation pathways- (filling gaps by providing capacity development support as well as lobbying, advocacy, etc.) Policy and capacity development support on development and implementation of post-harvest management initiatives of member states; Support to the AU food systems transformation initiatives (Supporting AU Special Envoy for Food Systems office)									**Responsible parties:** ***FAO, WFP, UNDP, UNEP, UNDRR.*** SDG results 1.3, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 9.3, 12.3 , 9.3
	2**. Follow up on the Food Sovereignty Agenda (FEED AFRICA: Food Sovereignty and Resilience initiative), with specific focus on analyzing:** a) Support countries to refine their food sovereignty compacts	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	

	(Follow up of Dakar 2 summit Declaration). b) Support investment mobilization for food sovereignty compacts of member states. c) Analyze and advise member states on competitiveness of food systems vis-à-vis food imports (technical guidance notes and analytical reports).										

O/IBC 5 (Restructured) – Towards Peace, Security, the Respect of Human Rights, and Forced displacement										Co-conveners: UNDP and UNODC working with OHCHR and IOM
Key joint results area *Please indicate alignments with the SDGs results framework*	**Flagship initiatives and related strategic outputs (maximum of 2 joint flagship initiatives that will be delivered jointly by at least two or more entities)**	**2023**				**2024**				Responsible Parties Key joint results area (in alignment with the SDGs results framework)
Strengthened AU, REC/RMs and MS capacity and capabilities in conflict prevention and addressing the root causes to conflict will result in more comprehensive, inclusive and effective interventions towards development, a decrease in violent conflicts and sustaining peace. SDGs 3, 16 and 17	Flagship Initiative 1: Support countries in Africa in strengthening data collection on trends that affect the peace, security and the Rule of Law in Africa (with special attention to the Sahel)									
	Key Strategic Output 1 Building capacities to prepare Joint trends analysis with the African Union Commission and Member States on transnational organized crime flows, drug trafficking trends, drug demand, and other trends that affect the security and safety of African Governments and the people of the region.	X	X	x	X					UNODC, UNDP, OHCHR
	Key Strategic Output 2 Work with UNCTs to incorporate joint trends analysis in the Common Country Analysis (CCAs)	X	X	x	X					UNODC, UNDP, OHCHR

	of the UNCTs in the region – with particular attention to the Sahel.			x		x					
	Flagship Initiative 2: Establishment of the Africa Facility to Support Inclusive Transitions (AFSIT)										
	Key Strategic Output 1 Work with relevant national stakeholders to facilitate constitutional making and review as well as provide support to a legitimate and consensual electoral process.	x	x	x	x						UNDP, UNOAU, OHCHR
	Key Strategic Output 2 Support to local as well as formal and informal conflict prevention, and reconciliation platforms and processes at the national and sub-national levels including those focusing on women and youth-led organizations, support to mediation and dialogue at national and sub-national levels, including those involving faith-based organizations.	x	x	x	x						
	Key Strategic Output 3 Promoting and enhancing regional support, coordination, evidence and advocacy on preventing and responding to political transitions.	x	x	x	x						
	Flagship Initiative 3: Support for the Stabilization, Recovery and Resilience of the Lake Chad Basin and Liptako-Gourma Regions										
	Key Strategic Output 1	x	x	x	x						AfDB

	Support for the implementation of the Lake Chad Regional Stabilization Facility									Denmark European Union France Germany Japan Netherlands Nigeria Sweden United Kingdom UNDP UN Women Czech Republic
	Key Strategic Output 2 Support for the implementation of the Liptako-Gourma Stabilization Facility	x	x	x	x					
Implementation of AU peace, security and rule of law key flagship initiatives will result in root causes and contributing factors to conflict being reduced and promoting an environment of peace and security for the people of Africa. **SDGs 16 and 17**	**Flagship Initiative 4: Support countries in Africa in all aspects of strengthening border management in order to mitigate security risks**									
	Key Strategic Output 1 Capacity-building of countries in seaports, airports and land border crossings in order to prevent cross-border illicit flows	X	X	x	X					UNODC, UNDP, OHCHR
	Key Strategic Output 2 Cross-border governance and the resilience of populations are strengthened	X	X	x	X					UNODC, UNDP, OHCHR
	Flagship 5: Preventing and Responding to Violent Extremism in Africa									
	Key Strategic Output 1 A cross-boundary approach to prevent violent extremism is sharpened through concerted (cross-regional, multi-country)		X	x	X					UNDP, UODC

	interventions between Regional Economic Commissions and other regional institutions.									
	Key Strategic Output 2 Advocacy with the AU and RECs on preventative development approaches to address violent extremism based on the findings of the PVE series of reports.		X	x	X					UNDP, UNODC
To support the implementation of efforts to ensure compliance with international human rights and humanitarian law as well as enhanced protection of civilians	**Flagship Initiative 6: Strengthening rule of law and accountability for human rights**									
	Key Strategic Output 1 Support the implementation of the regional strategy and plan of action to combat hate speech.	x	x	x	x					OHCHR, UNODC, UNDP,
	Key Strategic Output 2 Jointly collaborate in the 2023 SDG Summit scheduled during the High-Level Political Forum to review progress on the implementation of Agenda 2030	x	x	x	x					OHCHR, UNODC, UNDP,
	Key Strategic Output 3 Jointly Commemorate the UDHR 75 Initiative in line with proposed theme	x	x	x	x					OHCHR, UNODC, UNDP,
	Key Strategic Output 4 Support capacity development of national and sub national actors on Business and human rights and convening of annual African BHR Forum	x	x	x	x					UNDP, OHCHR, ILO

	Taskforce 2: Regional Knowledge Management Hub									TF2 co-conveners ECA and ILO with participating agencies[8]
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 expertise across the SDGs, OIBCs			x	x	x	x	x	x	ECA, ILO, RCP Secretariat, & participating agencies

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

	thematic areas as well as expertise in countries across the region. Regional experts' repository									
	• Development and operationalization of Communities of Practice (CoP) of the OIBCs by the end of Q2 2023.	X	x							ECA, ILO & participating agencies
	• 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
Taskforce 5: Regional Efficiency Agenda										TF5 co-conveners WFP and UNAIDS with participating agencies[9]
xxx	*Flagship Initiative 1: xxx*									
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