

3:00 – 6:00 pm

**Dialogue with Executive Heads of UN Funds, Programmes and Specialized Agencies
Functions and Capacities to improve the UNDS collective support to the implementation
of the 2030 Agenda**

On behalf of the Group of 77 and China I would like to highlight the following aspects:

1. G77 and China expect that the outline requested by the QCPR resolution for June shows clearly the contribution of each entity of the UNDS to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. This contribution should be assessed against the backdrop of the Agenda itself.
2. In some areas of the Agenda, it will be possible to identify gaps in coverage that need to be addressed. This is crucial to ensure that the UNDS is ready to support States, at their request, in implementing the Agenda.
3. This does not mean that the UNDS should “do everything everywhere,” or define itself priorities in the implementation of the SDGs. This means that the UNDS should build proper expertise on the SDGs in a balanced way and make it available for countries to access it, guided by their own priorities and national ownership.
4. Not all overlaps are necessarily bad; some may be needed when undertaking joint efforts. In this case, the outline will be a basis to ensure a good division of labor based on collaboration and synergies between entities, in line with their mandates. Therefore, it is also important to highlight and strengthen the Resident Coordinators System to achieve a more coherent and coordinated UNDS.
5. I would like to note that the QCPR resolution does not request the outline to be made “at all levels.” It is crucial to avoid expanding the outline to issues that, however important, do not integrate the mandate given by States in paragraph 19 of the QCPR resolution, such as country presence, whose models may vary between entities, according to their mandates and business models, and should be kept flexible to address countries needs and priorities. The outline is also not expected to address funding issues.
6. The outline should be carried in the most objective, simple and clear way possible. Functions and capacities cannot be listed as a rigid and top-down straight jacket that could jeopardize the necessary programming flexibilities at country level. Nevertheless, it is crucial to make evident the comparative advantages and actual mandates of each entity to allow the UNDS to respond to national challenges in the best suitable way.
7. One word on the Strategic Plans: the Group expects the process of elaboration of the entities’ Strategic Plans to be transparent and inclusive, providing the timely and universal dissemination of documents to all States, including observers of the Executive Boards. These plans should be aligned with the 2030 Agenda and capture the full range of the QCPR policy orientations, including the emphasis on poverty eradication, capacity development, south-south cooperation and national ownership. Finally, they cannot prejudge the results of the consideration of the upcoming Secretary-General reports by States.