Update on implementation of GA Resolution 72/279

Repositioning the UN Development System

Executive Board Informal Briefing
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UNICEF’s vision for reform

• Reform for integrated and tailored support to governments for sustainable development

• Reform for results – increasing effectiveness, accountability and transparency of the United Nations Development System

• Reform for efficiency – allowing resources to go where they are needed most

• Reform for leaving no one behind – embedding a rights-based approach

• Reform for prevention and resilience – ensuring coherence between development, humanitarian and peacebuilding objectives
Supporting the new Resident Coordinator system

Country level chapter of the Management and Accountability Framework (MAF) launched and the 1% Coordination Levy guidance issued

UNICEF is actively implementing the new MAF provisions at Country level and updating our Country Representative Job Description and Performance Indicators centrally.

Supporting the Pool of RCs – UNICEF is supporting and encouraging UNICEF staff when they have aspirations to become RCs, and assisting them in preparing for these assignments.

Funding the Resident Coordinator (RC) System – UNICEF 2019 cost-sharing of US$8.32 million has been transferred and we operationalizing the 1% coordination levy. UNICEF estimates up to US$20 million annually to be subject to the 1% levy.
Strengthening system-wide analysis, planning & reporting

New UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) Guidance finalized and launched

UNICEF is reviewing procedural guidance for Programme Strategy Notes and Country Programme Documents for a seamless and aligned process with the UNSDCF (former UNDAF).

UNCT Country Analysis and UNICEF Situation Analysis are complementary and mutually reinforcing.

Fully engaged with the UN Development Cooperation Office (DCO) on the development of UN INFO and Data Cube to improve system-wide results and financial reporting, and necessary adjustments being made to UNICEF systems.
UN Sustainable Development Group (UNSDG) work on supporting the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) is ongoing

UNICEF co-chairing UNSDG “Integrated Policy Support” workstream with UNDP – working towards MAPS 2.0, incl. online technical training packages and SDG policy support group.

UNICEF co-leading on development of tools for UNCTs on data and reporting; as well as meeting added demands for Multiple Indicator Cluster Surveys and reviewing data systems at regional and global levels.

Internally, UNICEF establishing SDG Practitioners Group to mobilize and coordinate expertise across UNICEF, and developing internal strategic approach on integrated SDG support.

Joint SDG Fund – call for concept notes on Social Protection and Leaving No One Behind – UNICEF organized orientation sessions, contributed to theory of change, and in providing technical review.
Ensuring the efficient and effective use of Member State investment in UN activities is of crucial importance to UNICEF.

UNICEF remains committed to supporting all UNSDG Business Innovation Group’s (BIG) initiatives that will reduce costs and improve quality of UNICEF’s programme implementation.

UNICEF is taking internal steps to optimize efforts towards realizing efficiency gains. These have focused on the areas of Mutual Recognition, business operations and common premises.

In addition, UNICEF has set up an internal governance mechanism to support the UNDS reform process with a dedicated steering committee to develop proposals for increased efficiencies in business operations.
Commitment to ensure UNICEF assets are used to maximize results, and tailored to context, and to retain global coverage and deep field presence.

UNICEF developing a value proposition for its Regional Offices to guide implementation of the Regional Review.

Multi-Country Office Review – UNICEF focused on how to improve programme delivery and collaboration for results, including assessing the Joint Presence Offices in the Pacific.
Welcome the Funding Compact and the clear commitments by Member States and by UNDS.

Committed to **full implementation of the commitments** for UNICEF.

UNICEF will **monitor and track progress** on implementation and report to the Board on progress as part of the **Structured Funding Dialogue**.
Way forward

- **Ongoing contributions to UN-wide workstreams** (UNDAF; MAF; SWSD; Funding Compact; 1% Levy, UN INFO).

- **UNICEF leadership in key areas** (private sector partnerships; data; SDG policy support; common premises, etc.).

- **Adjustments to some UNICEF practices** (representative performance appraisal; analysis and planning; results tracking, etc.).

- **Promote two-way learning and communication with staff** to facilitate implementation.

- **Immediate milestones**: UNSDG Principals meeting; ECOSOC; Executive Board informal and formal sessions.

- **Accountability to the Executive Board and Mid-term review of UNICEF Strategic Plan** in 2020.
Questions & Discussion