Outline

1- The 2030 Agenda & UNICEF
2- The QCPR
3- Implementation of the 2012 QCPR
4- Preparing for the 2016 QCPR
1. Agenda 2030 & implications for UNICEF

- The SDG Outcome Document is ambitious, and contains much to celebrate for children. It stresses:
  - the importance of investing in children as a driver of progress for all dimensions of sustainable development; and
  - the potential of children and young people as agents of change.

- All goals and all targets of the agenda touch the lives of children – and we must be sure to leave no one behind.

- The new agenda raises a number of critical questions for UNICEF, which will be taken on board as part of the midterm review of the current strategic plan, and eventually in the new strategic plan for 2018-2021.

- But UNICEF cannot support achievement of the SDGs for children while acting alone. We must ensure the entire UN system is able to support results for children, leveraging the collective strengths, expertise and capacities of the system.
2. UN support to the 2030 Agenda - the 2016 QCPR

- Work is well underway in the UNDG and its working groups to adapt to the new agenda.

- Member states have a critical chance to provide strategic guidance – and track implementation – through the “Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review” (QCPR).

- 2016 is important because:
  - Final year of implementation of the 2012 QCPR
  - Opportunity to shape the agenda for the UN development system for the next four years, in terms of SDG support.
2. The 2012 QCPR Resolution in brief

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A few highlights:

1) Alignment of Strategic Plans;

2) More strategic approach to funding;

3) Resourcing the RC system;

4) Coherence in UNCTs, including through Delivering as One.
3. Implementation of the 2012 QCPR

- Video: [Message from UNICEF’s Executive Director](#)
3. Preparing for the 2016 QCPR

- 2030 Agenda is a **genuine opportunity**, as well as a **challenge** – for UNICEF, for UN Country Teams, and for the broader UN System.

- SDG results will be **more complex, diffuse, risky, harder to evaluate** and potentially **more difficult to fund**.

- New agenda will require updated focus from the UN on **innovation**, delivering **results at scale**, goal-based investment **partnerships**, and **thought leadership**.

- Critical questions include:
  - How to improve strategic and programmatic integration between work on **humanitarian, development, peacebuilding and human rights**?
  - How should UNICEF and the broader UN system be **positioned to deliver on a universal agenda** – especially in upper MICs and HICs?
  - How can UNICEF play a stronger role in **convening global partnerships** for sustainable development, and helping **facilitate South-South and triangular cooperation**?
3. Preparing for the 2016 QCPR- UNICEF “ASKS”

✓ **Embed the Sustainable Development Goals** as the overarching framework for coherence in the UN development system

✓ **Make it strategic and high-level** – avoid micromanagement or prescriptive mandates, especially at the country level

✓ **Ensure a focus on results** – ‘fit for purpose’ means ‘fit for results’. Build on the successes so far and only change what is not working – no new processes for the sake of processes.

✓ **Consider updated terminology** – We have moved from ‘development’ to ‘sustainable development’. Seize the opportunity to shift the language we use, including “transition from relief to development”, “UNDAF” etc.
UNICEF relies on Executive Board members to support us – in ECOSOC, in the QCPR, and elsewhere – so that results for children is at the focus of any reforms in response to Agenda 2030.

The 2016 QCPR should represent the strategic vision of member states for the UN system as a whole. It is an opportunity to strengthen coherence across agency strategic planning processes and to embed the SDGs in the way we do business.

UNICEF and UN partners continue to build on successes and lessons learned in key areas such as the SOPs, RC system and UNDAF process – while looking at areas where renewed attention is required, like integration between humanitarian and development efforts.
Thank you