

## OVERVIEW – PREPARATION OF UN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION FRAMEWORKS

The process of formulating new UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks<sup>1</sup> and related UN programming instruments is expected to take 9-12 months<sup>2</sup>, under the leadership of the UN Resident Coordinator and respective UN entity country team members.

### Month 1-3: Planning and analysis

- Planning undertaken for the overall process of Cooperation Framework formulation with timelines and milestones agreed between the UNCT and the government
- The regional interagency-Peer Support Group (chaired by the DCO Regional Director) engages to ensure support at every stage of the process
- Independent analysis of the development landscape (**Common Country Analysis or CCA**) conducted by the UNCT, drawing on data and extensive consultations with a wide range of stakeholders

### Month 4-6: Designing Cooperation Frameworks and related programming instruments

- **Strategic Prioritization for key areas of UN intervention** for the new Cooperation Framework agreed through internal UNCT dialogues and consultations with the host country government, informed by the evaluation of the previous programme<sup>3</sup>, CCA, theory of change and a reflection of the UNCT's comparative advantage vis-à-vis other development actors
- Communication of proposed results areas to key development partners
- Design of **country programme document (CPD)** accelerates, based on the agreed results areas of the Cooperation Framework to which each contributes
- Cooperation Framework first draft refined based on the technical support and feedback from the regional Peer Support Group

### Month 7-9: Finalizing the Cooperation Framework

- **Configuration exercise** undertaken to determine UNCT capacities required to deliver on the new Cooperation Framework results
- Signed Cooperation Framework (or at least draft Cooperation Framework / results framework)<sup>4</sup> published on UNSDG webpage, to facilitate review of CPDs by Executive Boards

### Month 10 and beyond: Moving to implementation, monitoring and reporting

- Final **Cooperation Framework signed** by UN and host country government, and uploaded to UNSDG webpage
- Costing of agreed activities, available resources and funding gaps elaborated by the UNCT (through a **Funding Framework**) and a resource mobilization strategy finalized, in discussion with government and UN development partners
- Cooperation Framework operationalized through outputs, activities and indicators elaborated in **Joint Work Plans**, uploaded in the **UN Info** platform
- **Annual UNCT Results** Reports prepared, with in-country consultations with stakeholders
- **Annual Reviews** of Cooperation Frameworks co-led by government and UNCT

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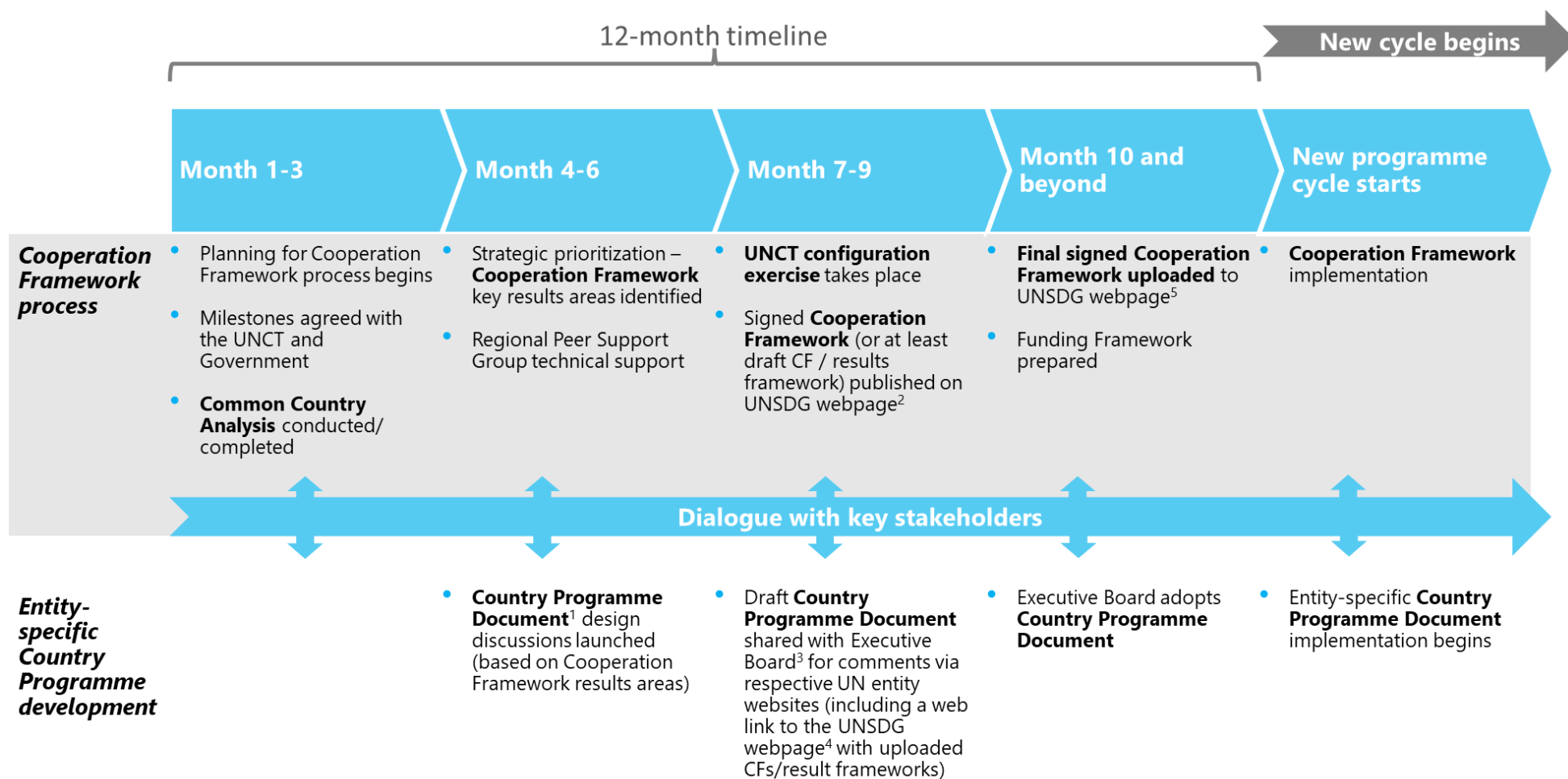
<sup>1</sup> In GA resolution 72/279, Member States welcomed the Cooperation Framework as the most important instrument for the planning and implementation of United Nations development activities in each country, in support of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, to be prepared and finalized in full consultation and agreement with national Governments

<sup>2</sup> The timelines outlined herein are indicative and will be adjusted at country level to match the national context and relevant national processes

<sup>3</sup> Known as the UN Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF)

<sup>4</sup> Formal Government signature may be delayed for reasons beyond the control of the UN. In such cases, an advanced draft Cooperation Framework or results framework (agreed with government) may be uploaded to avoid delays to CPD reviews by the respective Executive Boards.

## Stylized timeline



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<sup>3</sup>Or equivalent governing body.

<sup>4</sup>With respective Cooperation Framework (at least draft or results framework) posted. In cases where the Cooperation Framework finalization is delayed, country programme documents may be deferred / extended to the following Executive Board session.

<sup>5</sup>Full signature of a CF may take additional time after finalisation, depending upon Government priorities and other contextual issues