



Enhancing the coherence of the UN system **The case of the Rome-based agencies**

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Investing in rural people



World Food
Programme

The RBAs within the UN system



UN organizations have a **diversity of mandates** and sector specializations

The transformative 2030 Agenda requires a **coherent UNDS**

The need for the UNDS reform is recognized by all parties to **enhance efficiencies**

UN Reform in a nutshell



A new generation of **UN country teams**



Reinvigorated **resident coordinator function**



Revamped **regional approach**



Strategic **direction, oversight** and **accountability**



Funding the **UNDS**



Following up on the **repositioning** efforts of the **UNDS**

Reinvigorating the RC System

- The RC implementation plan- time horizon of 18-24 months
- The plan covers the initial recalibration of functions at all levels
- By January 2019:
 - (i) 129 RCs and teams in place
 - (ii) A fully restructured UN DOCO
 - (iii) An adequate funding base for the financial year
- On 11 Sept, the SG stated a US\$290 m needed to fund RC system

However, 178 countries yet to communicate their pledges to fund the new RC system

Main challenges going forward

Further adjust the timelines of agency strategy cycles and **alignment with UNDAF**

The doubling of funding for the RC system will impact **RBA budgets**

Implications of **1% levy** will require additional clarity

Reporting to RCs will require clarity in criteria and appraisal systems

To ensure that selected **RCs have the right skills and behavioural competencies** to deliver on enhanced role

RBA collaboration in the context of UN Reform



RBA's have been vocal in calling for change and welcome the **new generation UNCTs** and RC system



RBA's working towards joint **inputs to UNDAF**



RBA's are exploring efforts to strengthen reporting



Efficiency gains through joint corporate services

Examples of RBA collaboration



Working on the nexus between **climate change, agriculture, FSN** and interlinkages with **migration**



Addressing shocks and building resilience of vulnerable households with the **Resilience Programme**



Scaling up the joint programme on **Rural Women's Economic Empowerment**

Examples of RBA collaboration



Working together on **food loss and waste reduction** in Democratic Republic of Congo, Uganda and Burkina Faso – identifying causes of loss in food supply chains



Country-owned National Zero Hunger Strategic Reviews to strengthen national food security and nutrition response and identify priority actions needed to achieve SDG2



Improving livelihoods and food security in the Sahel through water harvesting, land rehabilitation, development of agriculture, and education at community level

RBA Collaboration in Corporate Services

Collaboration in procurement **since 2004**

RBA Common Procurement Team (**CPT**) **created in 2010**

Four Strategic results groups of the UNSDG, WFP co-leading the Business Innovations Group – prospects of efficiency gains

Cost savings generated from joint tenders and common contracts already quantified

Exploring **pragmatic approaches** for common tenders

RBA's will continue to collaborate on **security, human resources, health services, information technology, travel, common premises, and corporate environmental responsibility**

Ongoing RBA contributions to UN coherence

Translating the MOU into **concrete action**

Strengthening coordination of action in UN processes in New York and elsewhere (e.g., UNSDG UNGA, CEB, HLCP)

Developing RBA collaboration indicators linked to SDG targets

Identifying pilot **joint country strategies** aligned to the UNDAF

Identifying **opportunities** for joint programming, policy dialogue, SSTC, etc.