



**UNITED NATIONS  
ASIA-PACIFIC REGIONAL COORDINATION MECHANISM (RCM)**

**Record of the RCM Meeting  
27 July 2017, 14:00-15:30 hours  
Meeting Room H, United Nations Conference Centre (UNCC), Bangkok**

## **I. Organization**

A meeting of the Asia-Pacific Regional Coordination Mechanism (RCM) was held on 27 July 2017 at the United Nations Conference Centre in Bangkok. The agenda of the meeting included reports by the thematic working groups (TWGs) on their work; report on the outcomes of the ASEAN-UN Secretariat-to-Secretariat (S2S) and ASEAN Committee of Permanent Representatives (CPR) meetings in Jakarta; and the preparations for the ASEAN Summit in November 2017. The meeting was chaired by Ms. Shamshad Akhtar, Executive Secretary of ESCAP. It was attended by representatives of 21 agencies (including ESCAP).

## **II. Key Discussions Points**

### **1. Report of the Thematic Working Groups (TWG) on their work**

The Chair welcomed participants and opened the meeting by emphasizing the need to work in a more coordinated manner and the importance of delivering with a coherent voice – working as One UN – a message that had been reinforced by the Secretary-General (SG). The Chair also recognized that it was a critical time for the United Nations as the UN reform process, spearheaded by the SG, had begun to take shape and the first SG report on repositioning the UN development system to deliver the 2030 Agenda already released. The Chair suggested that the RCM should reconvene once the outcomes of the reform process were clearer to determine how we should reposition ourselves.

It was also highlighted how the reformulation of the RCM and its thematic working groups (TWGs) was aligned with the recent reform proposals and a step ahead in providing a platform to improve coherence and provide a unified voice to the UN at the regional level. The Chair welcomed the Regional Coordinator/Representative of the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation and the new director from UNAIDS; and invited the Chairs of the TWGs to give presentations on their work and their future plans (*attached*).

#### Statistics (ESCAP and UNFPA)

The work of the TWG on Statistics was presented by Ms. Lubna Baqi, Deputy Regional Director, UNFPA and Mr. Yanhong Zhang, Officer-in-Charge, Statistics Division, ESCAP. Two main achievements of the TWG were highlighted, including a data literacy training programme for UNCTs and a regional mapping of UN system wide statistical capacity building initiatives. It was conveyed that future work of this TWG included a plan to improve coordination of regional statistical capacity building, identification of regional good practices on data use to address “Leave No One Behind” and identification of tools for developing and using indicators for localizing SDG implementation.

The Chair reinforced the importance of coordination among RCM members and that the work should be demand driven rather than supply driven. It was suggested that RCM members first assess in-house capacity within the TWG to respond to national requests before recruiting consultants. It was acknowledged that there was an abundance of in-house resources that could

be leveraged (e.g. Committee on Statistics and specialized agencies). It was suggested to register incoming requests from countries, present these in the TWG and have the Chair of the TWG convene a meeting to assess the expertise required and potentially pool common resources.

#### Resource Efficient Growth (ESCAP, UNDP and UN Environment)

The presentation on the TWG on Resource Efficient Growth was given by Mr. Jonathan Gilman, Regional Development Coordinator, UN Environment. Five achievements were highlighted: (1) the revision of the 5-year ASEAN-UN action plan on climate change and the environment; (2) support to the round table on SDG 14 during the APFSD in March 2017; (3) the draft paper to inform the discussions of the Ministerial Summit for the Environment; (4) substantive support to ESCAP's Sustainable Development Knowledge Platform, currently called "SDG Helpdesk" – the pilot or soft launch was planned for SDG Week in November; and (5) the task team on urbanization set under this TWG led by UN-Habitat.

Ms. Mariko Sato, Chief, UN-Habitat described how Member States had requested to focus on implementing the New Urban Agenda at the national level and there was a suggestion to revisit the tool kits that were prepared under the UNDG Asia-Pacific task team on urbanization.

#### Sustainable Societies (ESCAP, IOM and UNFPA)

Ms. Maria Nenette Motus, Regional Director, IOM, presented on behalf of the TWG on Sustainable Societies. The achievements of the TWG included (1) a discussion paper on the long-term implications of demographic change on sustainable development focusing on changes in family structures in light of the midterm review of the Asia-Pacific Population Conference, (2) a concept paper on "Migration in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development", (3) a regional workshop on strengthening the collection and use of international migration data for SDGs; and (4) advocacy and knowledge sharing activities as a follow-up to the RCM/UNDG Regional Youth Report. For 2017-2018, the TWG would be focusing on the regional preparatory meeting for the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM).

The Chair highlighted how the Regional Roadmap for implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific made an explicit reference to the RCM and its role in delivering the Roadmap in the region.

#### Inclusive Development and Poverty Eradication (FAO and UNDP)

The work of the TWG on Inclusive Development and Poverty Eradication was introduced by Mr. Sumiter Broca, Senior Policy Officer, FAO, and supplemented by Mr. Bishwa Nath Tiwari, Programme Specialist, UNDP. The following achievements were highlighted: (1) a Policy Synthesis on Pro-poor Food and Agricultural Policies in Asia and the Pacific; (2) the Poverty-Environment Accounting Framework (PEAF); (3) background paper on the Gender Dimensions of Rural-Urban Migration in Asia and the Pacific; and (4) support to roundtables SDG 1 during the Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development (APFSD) in March 2017. Activities for 2018 would include the finalization of the Policy Synthesis on Pro-Poor Food and Agricultural Policies in Asia and the Pacific and other policy briefs and notes on rural-urban migration.

The Chair of the RCM recalled that the initial aim of this TWG was to develop analytical work on inclusive development from the macroeconomic perspective on poverty and on the methodological issues to measure it. Such an approach would provide more value added of the TWG beyond reflecting existing work of individual agencies. The Chair requested the Chairs of the TWG, particularly UNDP, to review the strategy and focus of this TWG to identify a limited number of joint knowledge products to be developed drawing on expertise from across the TWG on the issues of poverty and inequality. She offered support from ESCAP, namely through the ESCAP Deputy Executive Secretary; the Macroeconomic Policy and Financing for Development Division (MPFD); and the Social Development Division (SDD).

### Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience (ESCAP, UNDP and UNISDR)

Ms. Tiziana Bonapace, Director, ICT and Disaster Risk Reduction Division (IDD), ESCAP, presented the main achievements of the TWG on Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience, which included: (1) Advancing coherence between the 2030 Agenda and Sendai Framework; (2) Aligning UN with ASEAN activities on disaster risk reduction; and (3) Developing joint knowledge products – three products, including two on El Niño.

Ms. Bonapace mentioned that although there was no specific SDG on disaster risk reduction and resilience, it was a cross-cutting issue that required a coherent approach. Mr. Andrew Mcelroy, Programme Officer, UNISDR, expressed that disaster risk reduction was a catalyst for resilience and sustainable development; and that there was a strong message advocating for coherent delivery in the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction.

### Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women (ESCAP and UN Women)

Ms. Janneke Kukler, Strategic Planning and Coordination Specialist, UN Women, made a presentation on the work undertaken by the TWG on Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women, which was focused on the following approaches: (1) Developing joint products to inform intergovernmental platforms and to inform policy making; (2) Involvement of civil society to broaden the voices and participation of stakeholders in products and platforms; and (3) Ensuring that the global, regional and country levels were properly linked.

The TWG brought various joint products and expertise to the 60<sup>th</sup> Commission on the Status of Women (CSW60) and CSW61. Securing the commitment by Members States to gender responsive just transitions in the context of climate change was an important achievement during CSW61. The TWG also worked on the roundtables discussions focusing on SDG 5 during the APFSD and highlighted the work on gender and statistics. The work plan for 2017-2018 would also focus on producing analytical products, gender statistics and advocacy and capacity building.

### Education 2030+ (UNESCO & UNICEF)

Mr. Francisco Benavides, Regional Education Adviser, UNICEF, presented the achievements of the TWG on Education 2030+, which was focused on the adoption of declarations on early childhood care and education during the Regional Forum on ECCE and on out-of-school children at the ASEAN Summit in September 2016. Mr. Benavides highlighted the SAARC Framework for Action to be formally endorsed by SAARC Ministerial Conference in August 2017; and the Regional Recommendations on Actions for SDG4.7 adopted at the Asia Pacific Meeting on Education 2030 in July 2017. The TWG would focus its future work on enhancing statistical capacity for effectively monitoring education, on the regional thematic review on SDG targets 4.3 and 4.4; and on the global launch of the 2019 Global Education Monitoring report under the theme “Migration, displacement and education”.

## **2. Report on the outcomes of the ASEAN-UN S2S and CPR meetings in Jakarta**

The Chair reminded the group that the detailed report of the last ASEAN-UN S2S and CPR meetings in Jakarta had been shared ahead of the RCM. Mr. Kaveh Zahedi, Deputy Executive Secretary, ESCAP, gave a brief report on the outcomes of the ASEAN-UN Secretariat to Secretariat (S2S) and the Committee of Permanent Representatives (CPR) meetings, which took place in Jakarta from 18-19 April 2017. The Deputy Executive Secretary reported that the Plan of Action (POA) had been very useful and had allowed for more substantive discussions. The UN key messages were coherent and with a collective voice addressing each section of the POA – which was positive and was appreciated by ASEAN member States. He noted that all presentations had been given by the specialized agencies which were leading on specific topics, but in a coherent way and it transpired that the United Nations had come with a collective view and efforts. He stressed that the implementation matrix of the POA was a main reporting tool to ASEAN and it did not reflect the depth of the work that was being done. He suggested to better

reflect on the work on the matrix. He also noted that progress varied across pillars and sections. The report would also indicate where ASEAN required more work. Even though most of the work was being carried out by individual agencies, there was scope to work in a more collaborative way. He also underscored the importance of updating the matrix as it would be reviewed at the next Secretariat-to-Secretariat meeting on the margins of the General Assembly.

### **3. Preparations for the ASEAN Summit in November 2017**

Mr. Mark Harris, the UN Liaison Officer to ASEAN, DPA, reported that there would be three senior level meetings: (1) Secretariat-to-Secretariat (S2S) meeting on 22 September; (2) Senior Officials Meeting (SOM) in preparation of main meeting on 23 September, and (3) ASEAN-UN Ministerial Meeting (AUMM) on 25 September as well as ASEAN-UN Summit on 14 November. He also noted the following products:

1. Matrix implementation - it is important to have the matrix as complete as possible.
2. Short progress report on ASEAN-UN partnership; the last report was done in 2015 and most of the recommendations have been undertaken (e.g. One UN approach, holding yearly meetings, etc.).
3. How to look at the funding of the ASEAN-UN Plan of Action.

He also noted that the East Asia Summit would be held on 14 November, with a gala dinner on 13 November.

### **4. Any other business**

Mr. Denis Nkala, the Regional Coordinator/Representative, the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC), noted that the work of the thematic working groups could be highlighted at the upcoming South-South Development Expo in Turkey in November 2017. He also noted that there was an opportunity to collaborate in the regional preparatory meeting prior to the second South-South Cooperation Conference, which would be held in Argentina.

## **III. Action Items**

1. Encourage all to review and take note of the Regional Roadmap for the Implementation of the 2030 Agenda and support its implementation including through the TWGs.
2. Note the theme of next High Level Political Forum (HLPF) and cluster of goals. The APFSD would be focusing on the same theme and goals. It was suggested to also orient the TWG products to the HLPF theme and goals.
3. Identify more unique products and outputs of the TWGs. Use this to define and establish UN's thought leadership (e.g. on poverty).
4. Review the strategy and focus of the TWG on Inclusive Development and Poverty Eradication led by Co-Chairs of the TWG with support from ESCAP.
5. Use the TWGs more actively to promote coherence of our work, e.g. data and statistics, as well as encourage agencies to make the TWGs a first stop for identifying and accessing UN expertise, capacities and resources for engagement to support countries and potentially also pooling of funding.

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**Attachments:**

**TWG-Statistics**

Achievements  
and Plans for 2017-18

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**Workplans in 2017-18**

- **Plan of improving coordination of regional statistical capacity building**
  - Specific TWG initiatives
- **Regional good practices on data use to address LNOB**
- ***Tools on developing & using indicators (gap assessments, analysis, reporting) for localizing SDG implementation (TBD)***



**Key Achievements**

- **Data literacy training programme for UNCTs**
  - Concept development
  - Content outline
  - Under development (ESCAP, UNFPA, UNDG)
- **Regional mapping of UN system-wide statistical capacity building initiatives**
  - Initial inventory of activities
  - Gap analyses



## <TWG Sustainable Societies>

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## Key Achievements

TWG Sustainable Societies - youth, aging, migration, urbanization

- Discussion paper on long term implications of demographic change on sustainable development
- Report on "Migration in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development"
- Regional workshop on strengthening the collection and use of international migration data for SDGs
- SDG and youth - advocacy and knowledge sharing as a follow-up to RCM/UNDG Regional Youth Report "Switched on: Youth at the Heart of Sustainable Development for Asia-Pacific" (including joint advocacy events; regional knowledge and sharing platform)



## Workplans in 2017-18

- Follow up to the discussion paper
- Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM)
- Asia-Pacific Migration Report 2017
- Youth: continued joint collaboration among UN agencies including more inclusive participation of the youth groups, and continued advocacy and support on the youth in SDGs
- Urbanization: inter-agency joint initiative on internal migration, social and population aspects on the New Urban Agenda implementation



**TWG on  
Inclusive Development and Poverty Eradication**

Achievements and Plan for 2017 - 18

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**Key Achievements**

- **Policy Synthesis on Pro-poor Food and Agricultural Policies in Asia and the Pacific**
  - The country studies are now complete and a consultant has been hired to work with the FAO team to prepare the synthesis paper. This is expected to be ready by Mar-Apr 2018. Preliminary drafts will be shared with TWG members to seek their comments/contributions.
- **Poverty-Environment Accounting Framework(PEAF) (PEI – UNDP and UNEP)**
  - The PEAF provides a new way to measure the relationship between poverty and environment. It is an adaptation of the System of Environmental-Economic Accounting that can be used to generate information for specific poverty-environment-nexus indicators. The framework has been reviewed and refined.



**Key Achievements**

- **Background Paper on the Gender Dimensions of Rural-Urban Migration in Asia and the Pacific.**
  - The paper has been commissioned by UNDP. It has been used to inform the 2017 Thematic Regional SDG Report on "Eradicating Poverty and Promoting Prosperity in a Changing Asia-Pacific. The paper is being reviewed and refined. This will serve as a basis for preparing policy briefs/note in future.
- **Roundtable discussion on SDG 1 (Poverty)**
  - The roundtable was held during the APFSD on 29 March 2017 where the TWG Co-chairs (UNDP and FAO) together with ESCAP made a presentation on SDG1 - poverty. The SDG Outlook report produced under the ESCAP-ADB-UNDP partnership served as a source of information and discussion.



**Workplans in 2017-18**

- **2017 - 18 work plan will be prepared after holding a meeting of the TWG – IDPE**
- **Following activities of 2017 will be extended to 2018:**
  - **Policy Synthesis on Pro-poor Food and Agricultural Policies in Asia and the Pacific**
  - **Policy briefs/notes on rural-urban migration**



## Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience

Achievements  
and Plans for 2017-18

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## Key Achievements

- **Advanced coherence between the 2030 Agenda and Sendai Framework**
- **Aligned UN with ASEAN activities on disaster risk reduction**
- **Developed joint knowledge products – 3 products, including 2 on El Niño**



## Workplans in 2017-18

- **Continue advancing coherence –**
  - organize a session at the 2018 Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction
  - agenda item on "Delivering as one" for disaster risk reduction and resilience at ESCAP Committee on Disaster Risk Reduction in October 2017
- **Continue implementing the ASEAN-UN Joint Strategic Plan of Action on Disaster Management – Priority Programme 1 on Risk Awareness and Assessment**
- **Engagement with SAARC and SPC on potential areas of collaboration**



**TWG GEEW**  
Achievements  
and Plans for 2017-18

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**Key Achievements: Joint expertise, reports, analytical products, capacity development and side events to inform inter-governmental platforms and policy making**

WOMEN'S ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT IN THE CHANGING WORLD OF WORK  
13-24 March 2017  
CONFERENCE ROOM PAPER  
E/ESC/ADP/CONF/1

WOMEN'S ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT IN THE CHANGING WORLD OF WORK  
- AN OVERVIEW FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC  
BACKGROUND PAPER

Report on the Asia-Pacific Regional Seminar in Preparation for the 67<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission on the Status of Women: Transformation Financing for the Achievement of Gender Equality by 2030  
Bangkok, 18 - 19 February 2016

Reports of the round tables on sustainable development goals 1, 2, 3, 5, 9 and 14 organized under Agenda Item 2(b) Assessment of the progress in implementation of SDGs at the regional level

Key NORMATIVE CHANGE

Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development

Four wins at CSW61 this year

**Key Achievements: Joint expertise, reports, analytical products, capacity development and side events to inform inter-governmental platforms and policy making**



- Learning paper and workshop: Preventing Violence against Women and Girls through Social Norm Change
- EVAW Data Mapping: data incorporated into the SG's Global Database on VAW, ASEAN data mapping exercise, and UNFPA's #kNowVAWdata

**Gender Statistics and Sex Disaggregated Data: building on Regional Core Set of Gender Indicators/ SDGs, informing the Committee on Statistics**

**Economic and Social Council**  
*Report of the workshop on Sex-Disaggregated data for the SDG indicators in Asia and the Pacific: What and How?*  
25-27 May 2016, Bangkok, Thailand

**Joint Advocacy, learning and side events**

- 16 days of activism/ International Women's Day
- Side and learning events (including on UNSCR 1325)

**Workplan 2017-18**

- **Analytical products and their dissemination:**
  - Regional analysis of Financing for Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women in Asia-Pacific (September 2017)
  - Study on women's transformative leadership in the Asia Pacific (December 2017)
  - Background document for Regional Expert Group Meeting (EGM) to inform CSW 62 (empowering rural women) and EGM (planned for February 2018)
  - VAW: Joint Research on VAW-VAC (2017-2018) and Regional Forum on VAW-VAC (November 2017 TBC)
  - Gender Statistics: analytical product led by UNICEF on "Making Girls Count"; ADB/UN Women baseline study gender and SDGs, dissemination through network (2017/18);
- **Gender Statistics:** Regional VAW Data Meeting (October 2017); planning for 2018: training and capacity development on gender statistics (activities tbc)
- **Advocacy and capacity building events:** International Women's Day, 16 days of Activism to End VAW; joint side events at inter-governmental meetings



## Education 2030+

Achievements  
and Plans for 2017-18

### Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Regional Coordination Mechanism

27 July 2017



## Key Achievements 2016-2017 (as of July 2017)

### 2016:

- Putrajaya Declaration on Early Childhood Care and Education, adopted at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Regional Forum on ECCE (July 2016)
- Adoption of the ASEAN Declaration on Out-of-School Children at the ASEAN Summit (September 2016)
- Asia-Pacific Regional Network of SDG4 National Coordinators officiated at APMED2030-II (November 2016)

### 2017:

- Finalized the SAARC Framework for Action drafted (to be formally endorsed by SAARC Ministerial Conference in August 2017)
- Regional Recommendations on Actions for SDG4.7 adopted at APMED2030-III (July 2017)



## Workplans in 2017-18

- 3<sup>rd</sup> TWG-Education 2030+ end-of-year meeting (end 2017)
- Regional initiative on enhancing statistical capacity for effectively monitoring education 2030 (preparation for the 2019 global reporting on SDG4)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Regional Policy Forum on ECCE (SDG4.2) (April/May 2018 tbc)
- Regional thematic review on Targets 4.3 & 4.4
- 4<sup>th</sup> APMED2030 focusing on Targets 4.3 & 4.4 (October/November 2018 tbc)
- Global launch of the 2019 Global Education Monitoring report: theme "Migration, displacement and education" (late 2018, tbc)

