Agenda of the 25th Meeting of the Regional Coordination Mechanism (RCM) for Arab States

UN House, Beirut, Lebanon
8 April 2019

Objectives of the Meeting:

1. To update members of the RCM on the recent major areas of UNDS Reform and to call on them to explore the opportunities of these reforms to optimize the work of the RCM in serving member states, particularly on the implementation of the Agenda 2030

2. To adopt the Operational Framework for Collaboration between the RCM and the R-UNSDG in the Arab States region and encourage its speedy implementation;

3. To agree on joint support to the League of Arab States in the implementation of the Beirut Declaration (of the Arab Development Summit) of 2019;

4. To update RCM members on progress made in the Working Groups on "Financing Sustainable Development" and on "SDG data" and agree on priority deliverables of these two Working Groups for 2019-2020.

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Time	**Session Objectives**	**Potential Speakers**
13:00 – 13:30	1. **Official Opening**	<u>Chair</u>: **Amina Mohammed**, Deputy Secretary-General <u>Speakers</u>: **Hossam Zaki**, Assistant Secretary-General of the League of Arab States **Rola Dashti**, Executive Secretary ESCWA **Mourad Wahba**, Chair R-UNDG
13:30 – 15:00	2. **Regional UN Development System Reform** Objectives of the Session: 1. To update members of the RCM on the recent major areas of UNDS Reform and to call on them to explore the opportunities of these reforms to optimize the work of the RCM in serving member states, particularly on the implementation of the Agenda 2030 2. To adopt the Operational Framework for Collaboration between the RCM and the R-UNSDG in the Arab States region and encourage its speedy implementation; - *Progress on Phase 1: Operational Framework for Collaboration* - *Updates on Phase 2: Implications for the Arab Region*	<u>Moderator</u>: **Rola Dashti** <u>Speakers</u>: **Amina Mohammed**

15:00 – 15:30	**Coffee Break**	
15:30 – 16:00	**3. Cooperation between UN-LAS** Objectives of the Session: 1. To agree on joint support to the League of Arab States in the implementation of the Beirut Declaration (of the Arab Development Summit) of January 2019 - *Update on the outcomes of recent Arab Political as well as Economic and Social Development Summits and identification of areas of joint UN support*	<u>Moderator</u>: **Hossam Zaki**
16:00 – 16:30	**4. Updates of RCM Working Groups** Objectives of the Session: 1. To update RCM members on progress made in the Working Groups on "Financing Sustainable Development" and on "SDG data" and agree on priority deliverables of these two Working Groups for 2019-2020. - *Update on the Establishment of a Working Group on Financing for Development* - *Update by the SDG Data Working Group on data gaps, data collection and data sharing*	<u>Moderator</u>: **Mourad Wahba** <u>Speakers</u>: **Hisham Taha, ESCWA** **Juraj Riecan, ESCWA**
16:30 – 17:00	**5. AOB and Wrap Up**	<u>Moderator</u>: **Mounir Tabet**