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Regional Perspectives on SDG Implementation

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Secretariat Background Note



The crucial role of the United Nations Regional Commissions in implementing the SDGs is defined by General Assembly resolution 67/290 on the Format and organizational aspects of the high-level political forum on sustainable development, and by resolution 70/1, Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

In the context of a United Nations system currently undergoing transformation, the Regional Commissions remain uniquely positioned to generate evidence-based solutions and to provide politically neutral, cost-effective platforms for regional dialogue and consensus. They are crucial for linking national and global frameworks and scaling implementation of SDGs, as well as other global and regional development frameworks.

To fulfil their roles, and in preparation for the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, the Regional Commissions convene annual Regional Forums for Sustainable Development to review progress and facilitate peer-to-peer learning on implementation of the SDGs. These forums offer opportunities to identify and promote policy options and actions to advance implementation of the SDGs and to support countries presenting their Voluntary National Reviews at the HLPF.

In the lead-up to the 2025 HLPF, the Regional Forums on Sustainable Development were convened in a context characterized by the continued slow pace of implementation, which is widely acknowledged as insufficient to achieve the SDGs by 2030. Inspired by the theme of the 2025 HLPF,¹ the regional forums focused on identifying science- and evidence-based solutions to advance implementation of the SDGs. They also offered a platform to explore

¹ The theme of the 2025 HLPF is “Advancing sustainable, inclusive, science- and evidence-based solutions for the 2030 Agenda and its SDGs for leaving no one behind.”



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concrete actions to implement the outcomes of the Summit of the Future, including the Pact for the Future and its annexes on the Global Digital Compact and the Declaration on Future Generations, and to articulate regional priorities and perspectives to inform deliberations of global summits that drive SDG delivery, notably the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development and the Second World Summit for Social Development.

In view of the financing gaps and the need to increase the speed and scale of SDG implementation, Regional Commissions are at the forefront of strengthening the capacity of member States to adopt and implement innovative financing mechanisms and solutions, and to champion good practices to accelerate SDG progress.

Against this backdrop, and within the overall context of UN reform, this session will seek to achieve the following objectives to advance the implementation of the SDGs:

- a) To highlight unique and shared regional challenges and opportunities and advance regional priorities, including innovative pathways, policy solutions and actions;
- b) To showcase concrete examples of initiatives by the Regional Commissions and partners, focusing on innovative financing mechanisms, solutions and good practices;
- c) To facilitate cross-regional learning on workable, science- and evidence-based models and solutions; and
- d) To illustrate the strategic offers and competitive advantages of the Regional Commissions, including successful regional partnerships.

Proposed questions for discussion

- What are the key regional priorities, strategies and solutions to scale actions to effectively follow-up to the Summit of the Future and achieve the SDGs?
- What are the regional priorities regarding SDG implementation that should be addressed by the Second World Summit for Social Development with a view to stepping up the pace and scale of implementation of the SDGs?
- What are some of the successful initiatives by the regional commissions and other partners to scale innovative financing mechanisms, partnerships and other good practices to implement the SDGs?



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- What are some successful examples of good practices in SDG implementation that can be replicated across the regions?
- What is the strategic position, value proposition and competitive advantage of the Regional Commissions? How can these be leveraged to support members and to drive the implementation of SDGs and other development frameworks?

