UN REFORM

QCPR training

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UN Reform is built on three streams

**DEVELOPMENT:** Improving the overall United Nations approach to the 2030 Agenda, including through improved governance and coordination, a clearer delineation of responsibilities within Country Teams and consolidated support structures.

**PEACE & SECURITY ARCHITECTURE:** Break existing silos and allow for an integrated whole-of-pillar approach to confronting threats to international peace and security, including through an increased recognition of the importance of prevention and peace sustainment.

**MANAGEMENT REFORM:** Paradigm shift in management of the Secretariat through decentralization, delegation and simplification; will allow alignment of responsibility for mandate delivery with authority to manage resources. This will enhance effectiveness, while strengthening accountability (A/RES/72/266).
We had three major milestone of UN reform; two of which are completed

1. **Organizational restructuring**
   - New structures established on 1 January 2019
     - New Resident Coordinator Offices and a new Development Coordination Office
     - New Department of Peace Operations (DPO) and new Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs (DPPA)
     - New Department of Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance (DMSPC) and new Department of Operational Support (DOS)

2. **ECOSOC welcomes UNDS repositioning**
   - ECOSOC (E/RES/2019/15):
     - Welcomes efforts on repositioning of the UNDS
     - Welcomes funding compact
     - Takes note of information on reinvigorated RC system
     - Takes note of first comprehensive report on the Development Coordination Office
     - Takes note on regional review reiterating the need for options, region-by-region
     - Looks forward to multi-country office review

3. **Operational integration**
   - Milestone to establish common business operations and common premises
     - Business operations strategies
     - Common back offices
     - Common premises

   In seeking more effective management across the UN system – under this milestone are inputs from both the management pillar and the development pillar.

   They need to integrate to be successful
Key benefit of UN reform stems from common business operations and is still outstanding.

We also track reform implementation through our benefits tracker

The EOSG tracker records all improvement initiatives undertaken as part of UN reform

The benefits tracker provides oversight of all reform-related improvement initiatives - stemming from SG commitments or undertaken as part of the new paradigm

Our approach ensures that commitments are realized and the new paradigm implemented
The following risks can endanger our timely realization of reform benefits

1. Limited resources to implement
   - policy and process changes, esp. through IT system adjustments
   - common premises

2. Weak ability to identify and publish organizational capacity

3. Need for continuous system-wide coordination and alignment

4. Limited capacity to identify and capture benefits system-wide

5. Need to effect necessary wider cultural change

6. Need to ensure Member State support for necessary regulatory and structural changes
Reflections over What will Make UN Reform Continue to Deepen and Deliver Benefits

In substance

1. Deepen the use the Sustainable Development Goals, Targets and Indicators – as the “common substantive language” across traditional peace, development and humanitarian pillars
2. Increase frequency and ambition for collaboration across UN Governance Bodies
3. Decode UN language and increase quality through a “less is more approach”

On Effectiveness

1. Facilitate proposals that will reduce UN transaction costs for management
2. Digitize:
   - Conference Services
   - Management
   - Analytics
3. Insist on common costing of UN operations
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Stories demonstrate the benefits and impact to the UN, Member States and the people we serve.

Learn more about reform

Access the benefits tracker

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