

Dialogue of the Executive Secretaries of the  
Regional Commissions with the UN General Assembly Second Committee  
General Assembly seventy-first session

## One Year of SDGs: Where the Regions Are

### Objective

To take stock of the starting positions in the regions at the first year of the SDGs in selected key focus areas and share experiences on national and regional efforts to move forward with effective implementation and follow up and review of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda, including the SDGs.

### Welcoming remarks by the Chair of the General Assembly Second Committee:

H.E. Mr. Dian Triansyah Djani (PR Indonesia)

### Members of the Panel

Ms. Shamshad Akhtar, Executive Secretary of ESCAP

Ms. Rima Khalaf, Executive Secretary of ESCWA

Mr. Christian Friis Bach, Executive Secretary of UNECE

Mr. Abdalla Hamdok, Deputy Executive Secretary of ECA

Mr. Antonio Prado, Deputy Executive Secretary of ECLAC

An analysis of the MDGs implementation demonstrated that although significant achievements have been made, progress has been uneven across regions and countries. The MDGs agenda remains “an unfinished business”. In comparison with the MDGs, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development represents a more comprehensive and integrated approach to addressing challenges of sustainable development. It mobilizes efforts for implementation and recognizes the value of follow up and review for efficient and effective implementation, including at the regional level. The Dialogue will assess the starting positions in the regions at the first year of implementing the 2030 Agenda, including the SDGs, with a focus on:

- Institutional arrangements to ensure integration and inter-sectoral coordination for the implementation
- Statistical capacity and efforts to develop approaches to measuring progress towards the 2030 Agenda
- Adaptation and alignment with national and regional contexts and development strategies of Member States
- Financing in support of 2030 Agenda, resource challenges and innovative financing
- Partnerships and engaging diverse stakeholders.



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