



Dialogue of the Executive Secretaries of the Regional Commissions

with the UN General Assembly Second Committee

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Regional Integration and Cooperation in support of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda

Concept Note

Objectives

Proposed objectives of the Dialogue are:

1. To demonstrate how regional integration and cooperation contribute to advancing the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and
2. To take stock of how Regional Commissions have evolved and aligned their programmes of work to the requirements of the 2030 Agenda with a view to better support their Member States and regional /subregional agendas.

Expected Outcomes

For Member States and other stakeholders to gain appreciation of how regional integration and cooperation are the cornerstone of a strengthened multilateral system and how Regional Commissions, by virtue of their mandates and core functions, are providing a critical bridge between the global 2030 Agenda and the advancement of national sustainable development plans.

Focus Areas

Selection of issues that each Regional Commission is invited to address from a regional integration lens, guided by the objectives outlined above:

Transboundary issues (regional cooperation in areas such as management of natural resources, water, energy, transport, disaster risk reduction, connectivity, ICT);
Macroeconomic policy questions, trade, regional market integration;
Regional norms and standards;
Data and statistics, including disaggregated data (in support of the principle of leaving no-one behind);
South-south and triangular cooperation.

