**Chief Executives Board
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CEB common principles to guide the UN system's support to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

As the overarching framework for action for the coming 15 years, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is an ambitious agenda for change. It is universal, rights-based and integrated, and its implementation calls for, similarly, a much more transformative and collective engagement by all stakeholders – governments, parliaments, the scientific and academic community, civil society, the private sector, the international community and the United Nations system.

The UN system supports a universal agenda that commits all countries to sustainable development, building on a set of existing normative frameworks and well-established review, follow-up and support mechanisms. The UN system will contribute towards a model of collaborative efficiency and pursue an integrated and coordinated approach to support the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development – through multi-sectoral and cross-institutional approaches; in diverse country settings; across development/humanitarian/human rights/peace and security pillars; through greater linkages between normative and operational aspects of the UN system's work; through vertical integration between national, subnational, regional and global levels; through collaborative and integrated business solutions and a global workforce; and in the way UN Country Teams operate together.

The UN System Chief Executives Board for Coordination (CEB) sets forth the following common principles to guide the UN system's support to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda:

1. **Country-led, Country-owned, Evidence-based and Results-focused Approaches:** Results must remain the driving force for the UN system's support to national governments and partners for implementing the 2030 Agenda. Country needs and national capacity will determine the support the UN system will provide, underpinned by robust and collaborative approaches on data and risk-informed joint analysis.

2. **People-centered, Rights-based and Leaving No One Behind**: Protecting human rights and the dignity of each individual, strengthening governance and the rule of law, promoting gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls, addressing inequality, leaving no one behind and reaching the furthest behind first will be at the heart of the UN system's efforts to support the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

3. **The Whole of the System is Greater than the Sum of its Parts:** The 2030 Agenda demands a UN system where each part – normative and operational; resident and non-resident; programmatic and support – contributes its specialized expertise, skills and assets towards a shared goal in a coherent and complementary manner. In an enhanced culture of collaboration, each entity will contribute according to its strengths across the 17 indivisible goals in a transparent and accountable way to deliver shared UN results in support of Member States at global, regional and country levels. Joint work should be prioritized where it has greatest impact with due appreciation of agency mandates and expertise and with mutual recognition of respective contributions.

4. **Financing-for-Purpose:** The indivisible and interconnected nature of the SDGs reinforces the need for multi-partner financing that can be used as unifier and catalyst for UN collaborative action, drive integrated approaches that bridge the normative and the operational and transcend different pillars, and encourage cross-sectoral responses. As part of a broader portfolio of financing instruments, the UN system will promote greater use of inter-agency pooled funding mechanisms to complement agency-specific arrangements to ensure that the UN is financed for purpose.

5. **Prevention and Peace as a Shared Purpose**: Preventing and resolving crises, addressing root causes, managing risk, building resilience and sustaining peace are shared objectives of the entire UN system. UN system actions will be guided by joined-up and risk-informed analysis and planning, with crisis prevention at its core, while ensuring respect to the humanitarian principles and international humanitarian and human rights law.

6. **Leveraging Partnerships**: The implementation of the 2030 Agenda requires broad-based multi-stakeholder coalitions and inclusive and participatory approaches by which communities, civil society and the private sector actively and systematically participate in the process of promoting sustainable development and sustaining peace. The UN system will work more proactively with partners at the regional, sub-regional, national and local levels to capitalize on synergies for the effective implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

7. **Innovation, Experimentation and Data**: The UN system will collectively create space for innovation and experimentation, utilizing cutting-edge technology and data as appropriate, to explore new opportunities and tailored solutions based on changing environments and country needs. It will take a strategic, cross-cutting, system-wide approach to utilizing technology to facilitate joint analysis and decision-making. This requires strengthened UN data capacity and investments in disaggregated data availability and knowledge sharing.

8. **Transparency and Accountability:** The UN system entities, individually and collectively, will hold themselves to the highest level of accountability to those they serve, including the most vulnerable and marginalized. The UN system will actively support higher standards of transparency and accountability based on authoritative international standards and robust monitoring of agreed indicators, with open data platforms, shared budget and finance information, and communicating results together.

9. **Effective Service Delivery**: Global and integrated service delivery approaches and policy platforms for joint and more efficient service provision will enable the effective implementation of the 2030 Agenda. They will provide value for money and lower administrative costs and support integrated programmatic action, transparency and accountability for results and impact.

10. **Global UN System Workforce and Transformative Leadership:** The UN system will continue to develop a high-performing, diverse workforce that exhibits a "One UN" mindset and is increasingly cross-disciplinary, mobile, comfortable working across UN pillars and skilled in leveraging multi-stakeholder partnerships. A transformative, collaborative leadership model for both headquarters- and field-based leaders will accelerate this change. It will connect leaders to knowledge, drawing on leadership innovations and providing the tools to better tackle multidimensional challenges.

11. **Duty of Care**: The organizations of the UN System will preserve and foster the health and wellbeing as well as safety and security of their staff – while remaining committed to stay and respond to the ever-increasing demand for their services, despite the often deteriorating conditions in which those services are being delivered**.**

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