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**Regional Coordination Mechanism RCM-AFRICA**

**Sub-Regional Coordination Mechanism SRCM-North Africa**

**Consultative Meeting 2016**

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# **Aide Memoire**

## I. Context and Objectives

The Sub-regional coordination mechanism North Africa (SRCM) - an offshoot of the Regional Coordination Mechanism RCM-Africa - aims to promote consultation and collaboration between United Nations System agencies, and between them and partner institutions supporting the Arab Maghreb Union (UMA) and its member States. SRCM's main objective is to promote greater intervention synergy and effectiveness by implementing - as much as possible - programs, collaborative or joint projects, in support of the intergovernmental organizations existing in North Africa, including UMA.

SRCM specific goals:

- Sharing ideas on the new UMA priorities following its change of leadership and taking into account recent international and regional developments;
- Identifying priority areas of cooperation for the 2017-2018 period, taking into account the sociopolitical mutations that have taken place in North Africa and the context of the SDG implementation at the sub-regional level;
- Identifying the paths and means to strengthen the coordination and synergy of the partners' activities on the sub-regional level.

The Sub-Regional Coordination Mechanism-North Africa will hold its third consultation meeting on 5 December 2016 and follows up on similar meetings held in 2015 and 2014, and which have led to the adoption of a regional platform to support the UMA around a number of common intervention lines (see Note on the regional support platform to UMA).

This year, the meeting is taking place in a context marked by the adoption in January 2015 (AU Summit of Heads of States and Governments) of an integrated strategic development framework known as Agenda 2063. This framework, which includes 20 objectives and 172 targets, aims to boost Africa's economic and social transformation; and should also enable countries to achieve the SDGs (2030 Agenda). The 2063 Agenda will be implemented through successive Action Plans. The first ten-year action plan (2015-2025) has been formulated and the latest meeting of the Regional Coordination Mechanism - Africa (2-3 April 2016, Addis Ababa) has pleaded for a coherent and harmonized implementation of the 2063 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (2030 Agenda), to which the African countries have subscribed. It has been decided that the SDGs should be implemented through Agenda 2063. All partners (United Nations agencies, donors and the Regional Economic Communities) have been invited to align themselves with this approach. In collaboration with the UNS and other partners, the AU is thus called upon to define a common monitoring mechanism to both 2063 and 2030 Agendas and to adopt a single set of regional indicators in order to facilitate the integrated reporting of the two agendas. The RCM-Africa remains the appropriate platform for a joint implementation of Agenda 2063 and the SDGs. This mechanism will however have to be reinforced to this effect.

At the sub-regional level, the UMA will have to play an essential role in order, on the one hand, to help the countries integrate in a coherent way both Agenda 2063 and Agenda 2030 into their national development strategies and plans and, on the other hand, ensure regional perspectives are taken into account. UMA is also an important link of the multi-level system which follows up and reviews the progress made.

To this end, the sub-regional cooperation mechanism platform (SRCM) is an adequate framework for the mobilization and coordination of UNS and partners' actions to facilitate and evaluate the implementation of the Agenda 2063 and SDG ten-year action plan at the regional level. If, however, such mechanisms are not currently available at the sub-regional level for the follow-up of the SDG, the annual meeting of the sub-regional mechanism remains the consultation framework for the programming and the coordination of support to the UMA. Its functions are to (i) define the content of the activities to be implemented under the upcoming practice on the basis of assistance needs expressed by the UMA and the commitments of the partners, (ii) develop advocacy for the mobilization of resources, (iii) to assess the implementation of the planned activities, and (iv) annually report to the Regional Coordination Mechanism -Africa.

## **II. Expected Results**

The expected results divide into two categories:

- Improving the relevance and effectiveness of support actions carried out by various partners, by improving the alignment with the AMU priorities and a stronger focus on common areas of intervention;
- Stepping up inter UNS agency cooperation at the sub-regional scale, by consolidating the framework used for the consultation, coordination and promotion of participative or joint initiatives in support to the regional programs.

## **III. Participation**

Will be invited to the meeting:

- United Nations System agencies with sub-regional representations in North Africa;
- United Nations System agencies supporting the UMA and its Member States;
- The General Secretariat of the UMA;
- The African Development Bank;
- The Islamic Development Bank;
- Other regional organizations;
- The Secretariat of the Regional Coordination Mechanism (ECA).

## **IV. Working documents**

The working documents of the meeting include: this aide memoire, the note on the regional UMA support platform and the report of the latest SRCM meeting, held in June 2015. These documents will be completed by means of annual reports and of possible work program with notes and/or presentations made by the different partner agencies and institutions.

## V. Date and place

The meeting will take place in Rabat (Kingdom of Morocco) on 5 December 2016.

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