Reforming for SDG acceleration

UNCT RETREAT
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UNITED NATIONS IN LIBERIA
Why is the UN reforming?

Repositioning the UN Development System:
Improving the overall United Nations approach to the 2030 Agenda through a reinvigorated RC system, a new generation of UNCTs and a restructuring of regional assets.

Peace & Security Architecture:
Break existing silos and allow for an integrated whole-of-pillar approach to peace and security, including through enhanced focus on prevention and peace sustainment.

Shifting the Management Paradigm:
Paradigm shift in management of the Secretariat through decentralization, delegation and simplification to enhance effectiveness, while strengthening accountability.

Reforming for SDG acceleration
THE GLOBAL REFORM PROCESS

2030 Agenda paradigm shift

Aligning to country context

More integrated approach

System-wide results

Reducing gaps & overlaps

Increased efficiency

Enhance the role of development

Cross-border & regional issues

UN IN LIBERIA
Major required changes

A - Anew Generation of UN Country team

B - System wide common strategic document: UNSDCF

C - Revamped regional approach (cross border programs)

D - Systemwide approach to partnerships (include Private sect or CSO etc.)

E - New funding initiatives -( LMPTF; PBF)

F - Empowered and Impartial Resident Coordination System Including MAF

Liberia has not yet reached the phase F
OUR COMMON AGENDA

SDG Summit in September 2023
The UN in Liberia works aligned to the Government plan and integrated in the common efforts with other partners and the government seeking transformative change and striving to leave no one behind.
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21 AGENCIES - Working under one House and one Team
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Resident Agencies

Non Resident & Regional Mandated Agencies
GREATER COHERENCE AND EFFICIENCY

Collective Strategic Planning

Joint Programmes and Projects

Joint Strategies
Liberia has designed a BOS in support of a more effective programme delivery on the 2030 Agenda.

Liberia Achieved over USD 2Million cost avoidances and efficiency gains through its BOS strategy implementation so far.

The Business Operations Strategy (BOS):
- Cost-efficiency
- Accountability
- Simplification
- Harmonization
- Focus on operational outputs
- New opportunities
Joint Communication Strategy

16 days of activism advocacy campaign

Joint Communication Advocacy on elections

Joint Communication Advocacy on youth at risk

Scaling up nutrition Joint Communication Advocacy campaign
Greater joint Accountability

UN in Liberia Web Site
https://liberia.un.org/en

Social Media
@UN_Liberia

Annual Reports
UN Country Team (UNCT)

- It's the collective of UN in the country
- It's led by the UN Resident Coordinator
  - It has 21 members mostly under 1 roof;

- Its guiding document is the UNSDCF to which they provide oversight
1. A need to accommodate SDG requirements
2. A need to add the development 5P’s into the Development forefront
3. A need to emphasize SUSTAINIBILITY in development interventions
4. A call for cooperation and partnership for all actors

5 P’s:
- PEOPLE
- PLANET
- PROSPERITY
- PEACE
- PARTNERSHIP
1. They must **clearly articulate** the United Nations' collective response to help **countries** address national priorities and gaps in achieving the SDGs.

2. It **must embody the spirit of partnerships** anchored in the 2030 Agenda. Including partnerships with host **governments**; with **civil society**, academia, parliaments, the private sector, **development partners**—to leverage everyone’s strengths and drive transformative change.

3. It **must help turn the collective promise of the 2030 Agenda to leave no one behind** into tangible action for people on the ground, especially the most vulnerable.
UN Cooperation Framework Vs. Government PAPD in Liberia

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Pro-Poor Agenda for Prosperity and Development Priorities

United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework Priorities

BASIC SOCIAL SERVICE IMPROVED

Sustainable Economic Development

Sustainable Peace and Security

Governance and Transparency

The top row represents the pillars of the PAPD and the second raw represent the UNSDCF’s
OUTCOME 1: **Basic Social Services** - Improved rights-based, gender-sensitive quality life with inclusive, equitable access and utilization of essential social services.

OUTCOME 2: **Sustainable Economic Development** - Diversified and inclusive economic growth; sustainable agriculture, food security, job creation; and resilience to climate change and natural disasters.

OUTCOME 3: **Sustaining Peace and Security** - Consolidated and sustainable peace; enhanced social cohesion, rule of law and human rights.

OUTCOME 4: **Governance and Transparency** - Good governance; transparent and strengthened institutions to the delivery of essential services targeting the most marginalized vulnerable
UNSDCF Implementation Updates

UNSDCF implementation was affected by COVID-19 outbreak in March 2020 following its endorsement in January 2020;

The COVID-19 Socio-economic Response Plan (SERP) was adopted to respond to COVID and support recovery efforts.

First Joint Steering Committee Meeting held: First JSC meeting held August 4, 2021 between the Government and UN

Results Groups are currently updating the JWP (2023-2024) to reflect emerging issues, projects and joint programmes.

Joint Work Plan developed: Results Groups developed a multi-year joint work plan (2021-2022) in September 2021;
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<td>Building Resilience of Youth, Women, and Vulnerable Groups through Social Protection Floor in Liberia using ICT (UHSTF)</td>
<td>FAO (Lead)</td>
<td>01/07/2021 - 31/06/2024</td>
<td>USD 5 million (including 7% support cost) and USD 1 million (including 7% support cost) from HSTF</td>
<td>Project approved and implementation ongoing</td>
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<td>PBF/LBR/H-3: Sustaining peace &amp; reconciliation through strengthening land governance &amp; dispute resolution mechanisms (Linked to LMPTF project# 119683)</td>
<td>UNDP, UN Women, WFP</td>
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<td>Delivering Peace Dividends in Liberia: Consolidating National, Regional and Local Reconciliation and Social Cohesion Opportunities</td>
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<td>Promoting Inclusive Political Participation and Elimination of Violence against women in politics</td>
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<td>Joint UN Program on HIV/AIDS</td>
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<td>Joint SDG Fund</td>
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<td>07/2022 to 08/2022 (For Top-ups, extensions to no later than 31 December 2022)</td>
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<td>Community-Based Forestry and Protected Area Management</td>
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<td>June 2022-May, 2026</td>
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UNSDC F Functioning structure

UNCT as Policy and Coordinating Platform for Delivering as One

PILLAR 1
Power to People

PILLAR 2
Economy & Jobs

PILLAR 3
Sustaining Peace

PILLAR 4
Governance & Transparency

IAPT Programme Delivery Engine
Domains: Enabling Environment, Supply, Demand, Quality | Macro - Meso - Micro

Gender Thematic Group
UN Women

Human Rights and Disabilities Working Group
OHCHR

Data For Development Working Group
UNFPA

Youth Inter-Agency Working Group
UNFPA/UNDP

HIV/AIDS Working Group
UNAIDS
I THANK YOU VERY MUCH!