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# 1.0 INTRODUCTION



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In a historic move in September 2015, 193 UN Member States adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Building on the UN Millennium Declaration, the 2030 Agenda commits every country to take action that would not only address the root causes of poverty, but also increase economic growth and prosperity and meet people's health, education and social needs while protecting the environment. The success of the 2030 Agenda domestically will require a clear institutional apparatus to lead the coordination and facilitate the implementation and monitoring of the SDGs. Ensuring a vibrant institutional framework will be critical for a country to ascertain whether the SDGs can successfully be mainstreamed into national and subnational policies and integrated across sectors.

Lack of institutional clarity, roles and responsibilities among governmental agencies engaged in the 2030 Agenda may challenge its implementation. While national political commitment and leadership are key, given the governance structures of most countries, responsibility for actual implementation lies with local institutions. This is not new and has been the challenge that many countries have faced as they work to achieve global agendas such as the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and the climate change commitments when there is a decoupling of national vision and strategies with local actions and priorities. For instance, in some countries, while reducing maternal mortality was a broad unambiguously stated national priority, budget allocation at local levels did not follow the same prioritization. The large scope of the SDGs, with new areas and various cross-cutting issues, will require institutional collaboration, innovation and incentive systems that facilitate action and accountability across sectors as well as across government levels. Some countries already have institutional and coordination structures and are adapting them to effectively support SDG implementation. Others are establishing new institutional and coordination frameworks to better support SDG implementation.

## 1.1 Objective

The UNDP Institutional and Coordination Mechanisms guidance note aims to provide information on how countries have adapted their existing institutional and coordination frameworks or established new ones in order to implement the SDGs. It highlights efforts to mobilize institutions around the SDGs, improve their functioning and promote horizontal and vertical coherence. The guidance note includes information on how responsibility is allocated amongst various levels of government (national, subnational and local) for coherent implementation and review of the 2030 Agenda. It provides an overview of key factors a country should take into account when establishing a new institutional framework or adapting an existing one.

## 1.2 Target audience

The primary target audience for this guidance note is policy makers at the national level. This includes stakeholders from the government (head of state's office, finance, planning, subnational bodies, sectoral ministries, national statistics office). Other experts and practitioners – in particular from multilateral and bilateral agencies, NGOs and civil society – may also find this guidance note useful when developing plans to implement and monitor the SDGs while supporting government partners.



## 2.0 INSTITUTIONAL AND COORDINATION MODALITIES FOR SDG IMPLEMENTATION

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