**Guinea-Bissau UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework**

**Strategic Prioritization Workshop**

**19 March 2021, 08:30 to 17:30**

**Background Note and Agenda**

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# 1. Background and objective

The UN Country Team (UNCT) in Guinea-Bissau is preparing its United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) for the 2022-2026 programme cycle. This is part of the process of reconfiguration of the UN’s presence in the country after the mandate of the United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding Office in Guinea-Bissau (UNIOGBIS). The reconfiguration will reposition the UNCT in an appropriate operational formation for supporting the Government’s development agenda in a non-mission setting anchored on the UNSDCF, UN Agenda 2030 as well as the African Union (AU) [Agenda 2063](https://au.int/Agenda2063/popular_version).

The new-generation Cooperation Framework (CF) represents the UN Development System’s collective offer to support countries in addressing key Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) priorities and gaps. The CF also serves as a core accountability tool between the UNCT and the Government, as well as between and among UNCT members for collectively-owned development results. It begins and ends with an analysis of the national development landscape and SDG priorities, including through the lens of the imperative to leave no one behind. In this regard a Common Country Analysis (CCA) was finalized and endorsed by the Country Team in 2000. The CF will be aligned to the priorities identified in the National Development Plan (NDP, 2020-2023) and will build on the findings of the CCA and evaluation of the 2016-2020 UNDAF.

The Conflict Analysis and the CCA, including its eight peacebuilding priorities, were validated by the Government in November/December 2020. Given the very tight deadlines, the Programme Management Team (PMT) agreed, in its meeting of 25 February 2021, and endorsed by the UNCT, to truncate the UNSDCF process and compress the peacebuilding priorities and derived from them strategic priorities, into three main outcomes for the CF.

They are as follows:

1. Governance (covering Democratic governance, justice, Security Sector Reforms, Human Rights, and the fight against trafficking (drug and human) and Transnational organized crime);
2. Economic development and environment/biodiversity/climate change/disaster management
3. Human capital development (covering human development and social services).

The CF which will serve as the basis for the Country Programme Documents (CPDs) of UNDP, UNICEF and UNFPA. The three agencies are required to present their CPDs, complete with an overarching Cooperation Framework Theory of Change (ToC) and Results Framework (RF), to their respective Executive Boards in July 2021. This necessitates that the ToC and RF that responds to identified national priorities be agreed upon with the Government.

It is against this background that the UNCT, which validated the three outcome areas on 15 March, is organizing a Strategic Prioritization Workshop with the Government. The specific objectives of the workshop are:

1. Agree on the Outcome areas and statements for the CF.
2. Agree on an overarching ToC for the CF and a TOC for each outcome.

# 2. Methodology

The workshop will be consultative but at a strategic level, anchored on UN development pillar reform in order to contribute toward effective implementation of Guinea-Bissau’s National Development Plan (NDD) and its financing programme: the Strategy for Development, Employment and Industrial Promotion 2020-2023 (E-DEFI), ‘’Hora Tchiga’’ within the framework of the SDGs, UN Agenda 2030 and African Union Agenda 2063. Participants will deliberate and agree on each of the above-mentioned objectives, as well as build consensus on the framework for support by the UN Development System in Guinea-Bissau. Deliberations will be informed by the priorities of the NDP and E-DEFI as well as findings of the CCA.

The workshop will be moderated and facilitated by DCO, RCO and the Chair/Co-Chair of the PMT. The workshop will be attended by key stakeholders from the following categories of participants:

1. Representatives of UN agencies (both in-country and non resident)
2. Representatives of Government (ministries, departments and agencies),
3. Representatives of multilateral and bilateral development agencies
4. Representatives of selected private sector, civil society, academia, youth and women groups

Given restrictions currently in place in the country due to the COVID-19 pandemic the workshop will adopt physical in-person attendance and if feasible as virtual participation formats

# 3. Draft Agenda (TBC)

| **TIME** | **ITEM** | **FACILITATOR** | **PRESENTER** | |
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| 08:30 – 09:00 | **Introductory Session:**   * Opening remarks by DSRSG Mamadou Diallo * Opening remarks by Government Representative | RCO Team Leader | DSRSG/RC | |
| * Presentation of the workshop objective and methodology | RCO Team | PMT Chair and Co-Chair | |
| 09:00 –  09:30 | **Session 1: Setting the Stage**   * Introduction to UN Cooperation Framework and Country Case Studies * Discussion/Questions & Answers | RCO Team Leader | DCO | |
| 09:30 – 10:15 | **Session 2**: **National Development** **Context**   * Presentation on the Guinea-Bissau national development plan * Discussion/Questions & Answers | RCO/Economist | Government Representative | |
| 10:15 – 10:30 | **Health Break** |  |  | |
| 10:30 – 11:15 | **Session 3: Common Country Analysis**   * Overview of key findings of the validated Guinea-Bissau CCA * Discussion/Questions & Answers | PMT Chair | RCO Team Leader | |
| 11:15 – 12:00 | **Session 4: Presentation on Issues & Priorities**   * Presentation of emerging critical issues * Overview of the strategic-level problem tree * Discussion/Questions & Answers | PMT Chair | RCO Team Leader | |
| **12:00 – 13:00** | **Lunch Break** |  |  | |
| 13:00 – 13:45 | **Session 5: UNSDCF Strategic Priorities and Outcomes**   * Presentations by Cooperation Framework Outcome Group 1 * Discussion | UNCT Chair | PMT Chair | |
| 13:45 – 14:30 | **Session 6: UNSDCF Strategic Priorities and Outcomes**   * Presentations by Cooperation Framework Outcome Group 2 * Discussion | UNCT Chair | PMT Chair | |
| **14:30 – 14:45** | **Health Break** |  | |  |
| 14:45 – 15:30 | **Session 7: UNSDCF Strategic Priorities and Outcomes**   * Presentations by Cooperation Framework Outcome Group 3 * Discussion | UNCT Chair | PMT Chair | |
| 15:30 – 17:00 | **Session 8: Validation of Strategic Priorities and Outcomes**   * Discussion * Recommendations * Next steps | UNCT Chair | | PMT Chair |
| 17:05 – 17:30 | **Session 9: Wrap-up & Closing**   * Conclusion | RCO Team | | DSRSG/RC |