



The United Nations Resident Coordinator is the highest-ranking UN representative in country and leads the UN Country Team (UNCT) in Ghana, coordinating the UN System support to the Government of Ghana (GoG) and peoples of Ghana in achieving their development priorities and the Sustainable Development Goals. Towards achieving this, the UN Resident Coordinator's Office (RCO) supports and maximizes, in a coordinated fashion, the work of the UNCT to enable the UN Development System (UNDS) provide a collective, joined-up, coherent, timely and country-driven integrated response to support Ghana meet its national priorities, within the framework of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and other international commitments.

The RC system convenes stakeholders and connects knowledge across sectors and pillars to facilitate solutions that advance the 2030 agenda and facilitate the achievement the SDGs, providing visibility and synergies from the collective assets and capacities of the UN development system. These coordination investments enable the UNDS to offer an integrated approach and a joined-up response to the development needs through policy support and strategic interventions that are

catalytic and aligned to Ghana's vision, increasing efficiencies and leveraging economies of scale wherever possible

The RCO is not an implementing arm of the UNDS in Ghana. Its focus is on facilitating a coherent, joined-up, agile, responsive, adaptive and efficient support to the GoG and the UN in Ghana through:



1 Strategic Planning, Monitoring and Accountability:

RCO supports the UNCT to deliver inclusive, collective planning and programming centered around tailored responses and integrated policy advisory services to enable cross-sectoral implementation, learning and linkages across the Cooperation Framework pillars – including support to the UNCT, Results Groups, and Inter-Agency Working Groups to deliver on the Cooperation Framework, Joint Workplans, and cross-cutting areas such as the Universal Periodic Review (UPR), Voluntary National Report (VNR) and progress on SDGs in alignment with national and international frameworks. The RCO facilitates the UN System-wide monitoring & reporting through effective data, knowledge management and information management and facilitates UNCT alignment, transparency, and accountability for results (through UNINFO and statutory reporting), to the Ghana Government, non-state actors and funding partners as well as the UN system.

2 Thought Leadership:

RCO generates and facilitates the pooling of first-class integrated policy and technical knowledge, expertise and innovation across the UNDS to present effective SDG financing and delivery solutions at the country level, powered by evidence-based approaches and knowledge communities and presenting these (through agency and multi-agency led initiatives) in actionable form for the

UNCT, Governments and partners, enabling cross-learning and linkages (globally, regionally and south-south) across development, humanitarian, human rights, and peace pillars, as well as ensuring that programmes leave no one behind (LNOB).

3 Coordination:

The RCO serves as an efficient entry point to access the UNDS at the country level. Building on the comparative advantages of agencies, reducing overlaps, duplication, and transaction costs, and fostering shared services, this entry point enables the UN to deliver a strong, coordinated and accountable response. The RCO provides coordination of the normative agenda including Human Rights, Gender & Social Inclusion, Universal Periodic Report (UPR), Issue-based dialogues as well as coordination and duty of care for the Senior Management Teams (SMT/UNCT), Operations Management Team (OMT), and also on Contingency Plans, and staff protection issues such as sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA).

4 Financing, Funding & Resource mobilization:

Utilizing the UNCT partnership, strategic financing advisory capacity linkages and fundraising, the RCO facilitates system-wide support to country financing instruments, leveraging resources and pursuing joint UNCT programmes, resource mobilization and strategic partnerships at global, regional, national and subnational



levels with diverse entities in support of agreed priorities in the Cooperation Framework and working with stakeholders across Government, civil society, the private sector and development partners.

5 Communications and Advocacy:

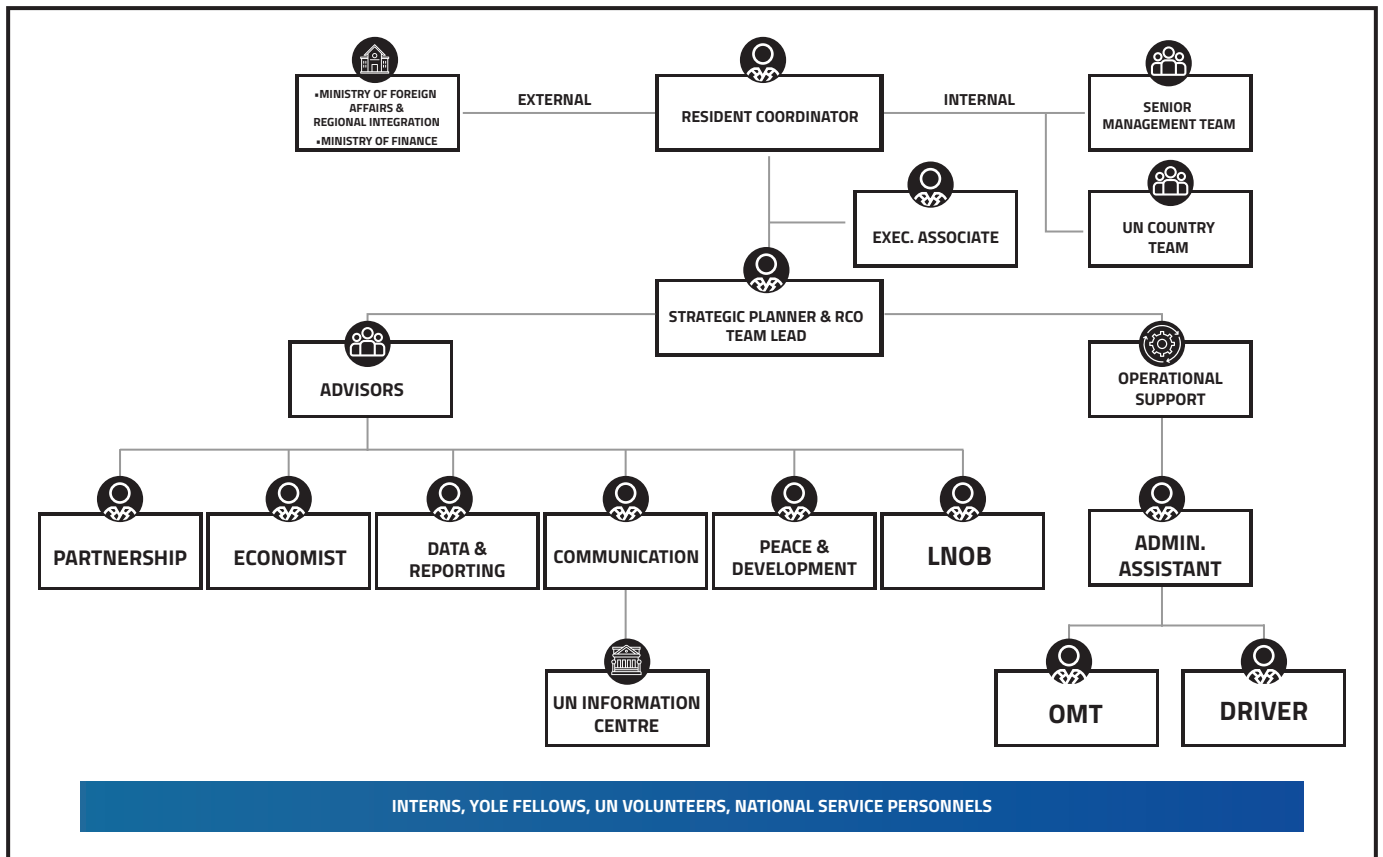
Working with the UN Information Centre (UNIC), the RCO is strategically positioned to support advocacy and communications on key global, regional and country priorities, employing appropriate analysis, tools, processes and branding to convey advocacy messages and increase visibility of interventions and the systems approach to work that strengthen results with all stakeholders (government, development partners, private sector, academia and civil society) and support reporting and accountability towards the achievement of the SDGs.

6 Improving Efficiency:

The UN reform offers a clear path to transform the way the UN delivers at country level – from greater

integration, efficiencies, and transparency. To enhance efficiency and effectiveness in UN business operations and operations innovations, the RCO coordinates UNCT-wide efforts for cost-sharing resources required for the design and implementation of common services agreed through the Business Operation Strategy and Common Back Office, working with the cross-agency Operations Management Team (OMT).

Resident Coordinator's Office – Structure: Established functions in support of the responsibilities of the RC and the UN Country Team (UNCT) are: (1) strategic planning; (2) development economics; (3) partnerships and development finance; (4) data, results management and reporting; and (5) communications and advocacy. Additional functions within the RCO working in support of the normative and efficiency agenda include Peace & Development, the normative agenda and Leave No One behind (LNOB) as well as Administration and Efficient Operations. Below is the current RCO organogram. The RCO works in a flat, matrixed way with and across the UNDS to deliver.



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