

Options to Improve Structured Financing Dialogues

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The purpose of structured financing dialogues



The purpose of the SDF (QCPR A/RES/67/226) is to:

- Determine how to finance the development results in the Strategic Plan
- Consider how to make non-core (Other Resources) more predictable and less restricted
- Broaden the donor base
- Improve the adequacy and predictability of resource flows

Executive Board SDF decisions 2016/4, 2017/7 and 2018/5 reflect this purpose and emphasize the importance of:

- Alignment of resources to Strategic Plan results
- Enhanced transparency
- Increased predictability and flexibility of resources (Regular and Other Resources), including through multi-year contributions

Improvements to structured financing dialogues

Increased **engagement** throughout year:

- Informal SDF sessions in May + Aug. 2019
- Executive Board informal regional briefings, June 2019
- Over 20 high-level bilateral funding partner meetings, including 8 annual consultations in 2019

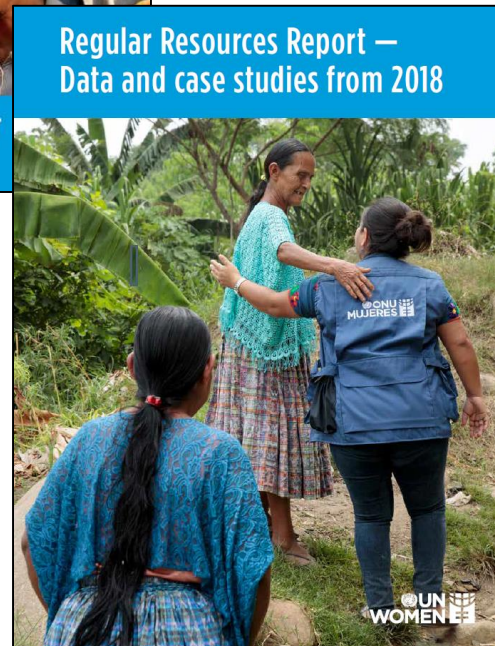
Strengthened **alignment** with NY-based UN Funds & Programmes, including:

- Harmonized Funding Compact reporting
- Joint Executive Board informals on the Funding Compact implementation and reporting (Aug. 2019) and on options to improve the SDF (Jan. 2020)

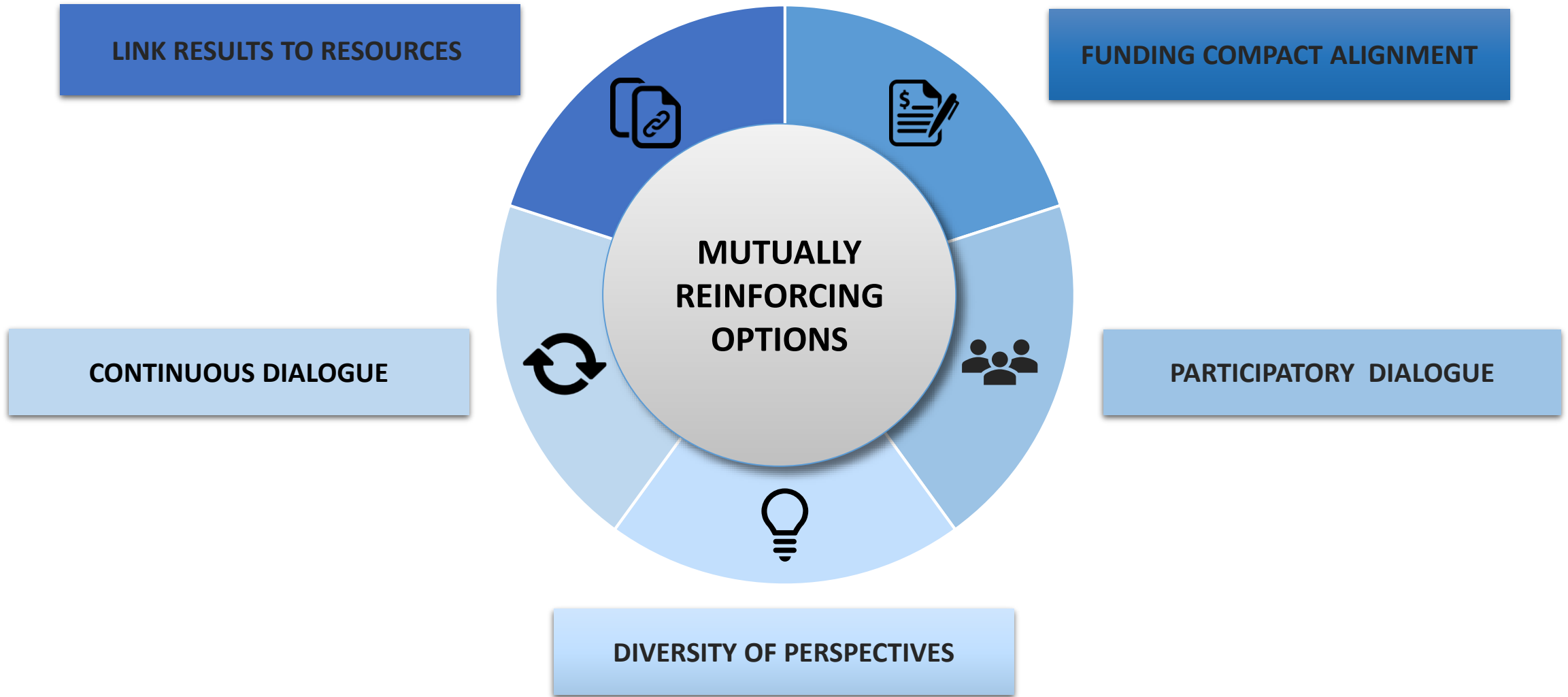


SDF improvements (cont.)

- Strengthened the 2019 official SDF report, reflecting revenue trends, Regular Resources/ Other Resources complementarities, funding gaps and their impact, and growth strategies
- Launched specialized funding reports that make partner contributions visible and examine how resources drive results
 - Compendium of Financial Partner Contributions
 - Regular Resources Report



Proposed options to further improve financing dialogues



1. Strengthen the link between results and resources

- Continue to improve the SDF report by following a results-based-budgeting approach, following resources from costed planned results to funding, allocations, expenditures, and gaps
- Improve specialized financial reports linking Regular Resources and outcome-level Other Resources to high-level results
- Improve transparency and accountability for results with interim Strategic Plan results portal (improved Results Transparency Gateway under way)
- Plan for upcoming thematic window briefings by outcome and cross-cutting area, accompanied by corresponding annual reports



2. Align financing dialogues with the Funding Compact

Increased **predictability** and **flexibility** of funds:

- Maximize the impact of Member State investments
- Help strike the right balance of Regular and Other Resources to enable UN Women to best fulfil its mandate
- Support flexible funding instruments, such as inter-agency pooled funds and thematic funding windows, to enhance UN system coherence and increase efficiency (2020 MTR will provide guidance)
- Encourage multi-year investments and timely contribution disbursement



Diversified funding base, including emerging economies, private sector channels, and innovative financing mechanisms

3. Enable participatory dialogue

Provide framing questions in advance of SDF dialogues to facilitate Member State participation

Encourage greater interactivity of informal sessions by sharing the driver's seat with Member States. Member States may:

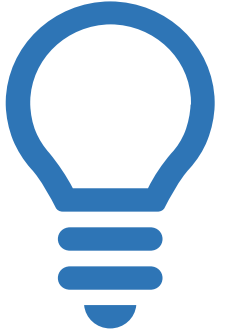
- Co-lead parts of the dialogue
- Champion specific issue or theme

Provide Member States the opportunity to report on their efforts to fulfil Funding Compact commitments



4. Encourage diverse perspectives to find solutions together

Complement delegate participation by including capital-based ministry and development cooperation agency virtual representation at informal by leveraging technology



Include a broader range of interlocutors and funding partner channels in informal dialogues:

- Programme countries, to demonstrate impact of Regular Resources, South-South Cooperation, and Financing for Development
- Private sector partners, including UN Women's National Committees, to integrate the private sector and provide evidence of the impact of investments

5. Ensure continuity of financing dialogue-related engagement

First Regular session to discuss background note on options to improve the SDF

- Regional briefings, sidelines of the Annual Session
- Informal briefing (& reporting), sidelines of the Annual Session, following establishment of thematic funds

Formal session on the SDF during the Second Regular session

JANUARY

FEBRUARY

MAY

JUNE

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

Joint informal on options to improve the SDF

- Compendium of Financial Partner Contributions, annual publication
- Annual Regular Resources Report

- SDF official report & Funding Compact results matrix
- Informal SDF session prior to the Second Regular session

Ongoing throughout the year:

- Annual bilateral consultations with Member States
- Top Regular Resource partner engagement in country and regional office programme sessions



Thank You