

Joint Knowledge Hubs

Work Package 7 | Leads: Under-Secretary-General (DESA), Secretary-General (UNCTAD)

OBJECTIVE

To pool thematic knowledge across the UN development system to strengthen services for Member States.

HOW WE GET THERE

- **Action 33: Establish Joint Knowledge Hubs** that bring together analysis and expertise across UN entities on key themes, providing more joined-up policy support and eliminating duplications.

PROGRESS TO DATE

Over twenty development entities have been consulted and surveys undertaken to design the Joint Knowledge Hubs. Three pilot hubs have been selected for phase 1: Trade and Regional Integration; Productive Transformation; and Strategic Foresight. For each hub, work has started on mapping the expertise and products that the hubs will bring together, agreeing co-leadership arrangements and preparing implementation plans.

NEXT STEPS AND DECISIONS

- **Action 33:** Implementation plans for each pilot hub will be submitted to the Secretary-General by May. The hubs will be reflected in the Secretary-General's **QCPR** report in **May**, with further details to be provided in a Secretary-General's information brief by **July**. The pilot phase will continue until September, with the aim of demonstrating practical results and learning lessons for the next phase. Two additional hubs, on climate change and on science, technology and innovation, are under consideration for phase 2.
- No decision of an intergovernmental organ is envisaged.

QUICK SUMMARY: PATHWAYS AND PRODUCTS

Action	Pathway to decision	Products (dates)	Intergovernmental consideration
Action 33: Establish joint knowledge hubs	Work package leads → Secretary-General	• Secretary-General's report on QCPR implementation (May) • Secretary-General's information brief (July)	-