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**Legal and operational framework for the establishment
of UNWTO Regional Offices**

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Executive summary

The 24th session of the General Assembly (30 November – 3 December 2021, Madrid, Spain) adopted the legal and operational framework for the selection and establishment of Regional/Thematic Offices and requested the Executive Council to improve it in a timely manner on the basis of the indications provided by the Assembly.

This report presents a revised the legal and operational framework prepared by the Organization's Secretariat upon the request of the General Assembly. The report also informs on the progress made in the negotiation of host country agreements for the establishment of UNWTO Offices as requested by the General Assembly.

DRAFT DECISION¹

Legal and operational framework for the establishment of UNWTO Regional Offices (document CE/116/4(b))

The Executive Council,

Having examined the report on the Legal and Operational Framework of the Establishment of UNWTO Regional Offices,

1. *Takes note* with great satisfaction of the improvement of the legal and operational framework prepared by the Organization's Secretariat upon the request of the General Assembly and thanks it for the targeted for the systematic and focused approach proposed;
2. *Endorses* the legal and operational frameworks for the establishment of the UNWTO Regional/Thematic Offices and all the requirements and steps within them; and
3. *Requests* any country interested in hosting a UNWTO Regional or Thematic Office to respect all the established procedures and in particular, to submit a written commitment to comply with the legal and operational framework adopted by the General Assembly and by the Executive Council;
4. *Requests* any Host Country Agreement to comply, at a minimum, with such legal and operational framework; and
5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Executive Council and to the General Assembly on any progress regarding the establishment of Regional/Thematic offices.

¹This is a draft decision. For the final decision adopted by the Council, please refer to the Decisions document issued at the end of the session.

I. Background

1. The Secretariat submitted to the 24th session of the General Assembly detailed information on the background, expressions of interests received, progress made as well as the proposed legal and operational framework for the establishment of the Regional Offices.
2. Through resolution 740 (XXIV), the General Assembly ratified the decision of the 112th session of the UNWTO Executive Council CE/DEC/5(CXII) to endorse the proposal of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on the establishment of a UNWTO Regional Office in Riyadh.
3. The General Assembly, having examined the report of the Secretary-General, adopted the legal and operational framework for the selection and establishment of Regional/Thematic Offices and requested the Executive Council to improve it in a timely manner based on the indications provided by the Assembly and it welcomed the proposals of Argentina, Brazil, Cabo Verde, Ghana, Kenya, Morocco, and South Africa to host UNWTO Regional Offices.
4. The Executive Council, at its 115th session (decision 5 (CXV)) approved, subject to the ratification of the General Assembly, the establishment of the Regional Offices in Brazil, Morocco, and Argentina provided that they are in compliance with the legal and operational framework adopted by the General Assembly
5. The Secretariat is submitting to the Executive Council a revised legal and operational framework based on the indications of the General Assembly and informing on the progress made in the negotiation of host country agreements for the establishment of UNWTO Offices as requested by the General Assembly.

II. Operational framework governing Regional and Thematic Offices of the World Tourism Organization

6. Regional and Thematic Offices shall carry out functions assigned to them by the General Assembly and the Secretary-General and implement UNWTO's activities in line with the Organization's mandate, vision and objectives, key priorities, and Programme of Work.
7. Regional and Thematic Offices represent an integral part of the Organization. As such, it must comply with the conditions and criteria for Category I entities adopted by resolution [656\(XXI\)](#)² developed under the model of governance for external entities adopted by the General Assembly through resolution [602\(XIX\)](#)³.
8. While a Regional Office shall ensure to effectively conduct relationship with the Organization's Members in a decentralized way based on their needs and priorities as well as ensure strong coordination with international and regional organizations, donor institutions and the private sector, a Thematic Office shall purely be focused on the knowledge creation and dissemination in an extensive way, so that the Organization's Members benefit from sound recommendations, guidelines, proposed strategies and business models aiming at sustainable and competitive growth of the tourism sector globally, regionally and nationally. Given the global crisis – ongoing pandemic, climate emergency and political unrest, both, Regional and Thematic Offices shall undertake activities to foster the sector's resilience and steady recovery.
9. UNWTO is the smallest UN Specialized Agency of the United Nations system, despite the fact that it serves a sector that is the third largest export-earning category after fuels and chemicals (2019 data). The second core objective of the Organization within the Programme of Work 2022-2023 approved by the 24th session of the UNWTO is **"Diversification of Services to Members and Expansion of Membership"** by which the UNWTO is intending to increase, strengthen and diversify its services to Members in a more tailored way.

² For more information, please refer to document [A/21/8\(I\)\(f\)](#)

³ For more information, please refer to document [A/19/11](#)

10. In the United Nations system, the current trend for UN entities/agencies is to have, on average, 5 to 6 Regional Offices to better connect their Headquarters with the operations on the ground. At the same time, there is no standardized approach in the operation of Thematic Offices. A comprehensive list of UN Regional and Thematic Offices is attached to this document as Annex II and III.
11. **Common Characteristics of Regional and Thematic Offices are:** 1) Serving UNWTO Members – Full, Associate and Affiliate; 2) Functioning at regional and sub-regional levels; and 3) Delivering technical expertise.
12. **Key differences between Regional and Thematic Offices are:** 1) Unlike Thematic Offices which may operate on global level, Regional Offices may undertake their actions only on regional and sub-regional levels; 2) Thematic Offices are purely focused on the explicit knowledge creation and dissemination in an extensive way while Regional Offices provide technical expertise in more generic context; 3) Unlike Thematic Offices which conduct targeted research-proven and based activities, Regional Offices contain political component and assist the Organization's Headquarters in ensuring advocacy and outreach by strengthening cooperation with the UN system and other organizations in the respective regions, activating relationships with the donor institutions, partnering with the private sector stakeholders, and attracting new Members, both Full and Affiliate. However, a Regional Office might as well host a Thematic Office for the benefit of better serving the needs of Member States.
13. Regional and Thematic Offices, being an integral part of the Specialized Agency of the United Nations will serve as a catalyst to further promote universal values and core principles of the United Nations in the corresponding region and to contribute substantially to the advancement of the 17 Goals of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda.
14. Under the overall supervision of the Secretary-General or designed Senior Officer—as is the practice of the United Nations—in close coordination with the relevant Departments of the Organization's Secretariat, and with the objective of delivering better services to the Member States, a Regional Office may undertake the following activities:
 - Leverage the power and capacity of the UN system at large to support the socio-economic development of tourism by strengthening cooperation with the UN Resident Coordinators system (United Nations Sustainable Development Group – UNSDG) and UN country teams in the region;
 - Shape strategic partnerships with the development and donor's community to mobilize resources, including regional and international finance institutions; and
 - Forge alliance with other development partners, civil society, the private sector, and educational institutions to support the adapted programme of work and activities identified by Member States; and Assist the Secretariat in the process of attracting new Members, both Full and Affiliate from the region to join the UNWTO.
15. Both, Regional and Thematic Offices may undertake the following programmatic activities:
 - Carry out market research on programmatic priority areas as well as prepare thematic studies and guidelines on a regional, sub-regional or national level;
 - Support Member States to develop national tourism intelligence system to better plan and manage their tourism sector;
 - Gather good practices on sector's development from the region;
 - Provide training courses, capacity building programs and workshops for the public and private sector stakeholders from Member States;
 - Facilitate the organization of UNWTO conferences and fora in the region on different areas, namely: sustainability, innovation, education, investments, statistics, etc., including the start-up competitions; and

- Other activities according to specific needs and circumstances of the region.

16. Within the same line of action under the overall supervision of the Secretary-General or designed Senior Officer—as is the practice of the United Nations—in close coordination with the relevant Departments of the Organization’s Secretariat, and with the objective of delivering better services to the Organization’s Members, a Thematic Office is established to carry out activities and peer research resulting in a sound knowledge creation and dissemination within its field competence.
17. In line with the emerging trends and challenges globally, needs of the UNWTO’s Members and the key objectives and priorities of the Organization, a Thematic Office might be established on global, regional and sub-regional levels in the fields of sustainability, resilience, safety and security, education, research, culture, innovation, digitalization, investments, entrepreneurship, amongst others.
18. **Geographical coverage and possible names of Regional and Thematic Offices**

Office	Geographical Coverage (level)	Name	Comment
Regional	Regional, Sub-regional	UNWTO Regional Office for (name of Region) UNWTO Office for (name of sub-region)	While naming Offices at sub-regional level, preference shall be given to the distribution and classification of the United Nations and the UNWTO; The factor how UNWTO’s partner and other international and regional Organizations name sub-regions might be discussed and considered as well.
Thematic	Global, Regional, Sub-regional	UNWTO Office, Centre, Hub for Accordingly: UNWTO Global or Regional	

19. The first Regional Office, the UNWTO Regional Support Office for Asia and the Pacific, was established in 1995 in Osaka, Japan, to assist with the development and promotion of tourism in the region. In 2012, the office moved to its current location in Nara, Japan.

III. Legal framework governing Regional/Thematic Offices of the World Tourism Organization

Host country agreement

20. The establishment of a Regional/Thematic Office is subject to the conclusion of an agreement with the host State that ensures the appropriate legal framework and, in particular, the principles and conditions for external entities established under Category I

as adopted by the General Assembly through resolution 656(XXI). The full list of conditions applying to Category I entities is annexed to the present document.

Status of Regional/Thematic Offices

21. Regional/Thematic Offices shall be recognized as representing a specialized agency of the United Nations in the territory of the host State. Therefore, the host State must undertake to apply to the Organization at minimum the provisions of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 21 November 1947, and its Annex XVIII, without prejudice to granting additional privileges and immunities for the correct functioning of the Office and to align with those afforded to other offices of the UN in the country or to those enjoyed by the Organization at the Headquarters.
22. These are essential, in line with the practice of UNWTO and other organizations of the UN system, to guarantee the independence of the operations of the Organization, the privileges and immunities necessary to its personnel and to the representatives of UNWTO Members. Further, they are necessary to ensure that the legal status and framework of the Organization is respected regardless of the country hosting the office and to prevent any legal or financial liability to the Organization.
23. Furthermore, the Organization shall be exempt from all indirect taxes when making important purchases intended for official use, in particular from value added taxes and/or duties which constitute part of the cost of goods purchased by or services rendered to the Organization. In such instances, the host State shall make appropriate arrangements for the remission or reimbursement of the amount of duty or tax.
24. As a general principle, the Organization shall enjoy treatment in respect of its privileges, immunities, exemptions and facilities not less favourable than those accorded by the host State to the United Nations and other specialized agencies.

Programme of work

25. Insofar as they constitute an integral part of the Organization, Regional/Thematic Offices shall carry out the mandate assigned to them by the General Assembly under the supervision of the Secretary-General.
26. Offices shall be administered from the Organization's Headquarters and be headed by an official appointed by the Secretary-General.

Budget and financial arrangements

27. Regarding the requirement of the conditions applying to category I entities adopted by the General Assembly, it should be noted that although Regional/thematic offices should be an integral part of UNWTO's budget, this would not be possible unless assessed contributions would be increased to allow for the operation of such offices.
28. Therefore, the only possibility at the present moment for the establishment, organization and maintenance of a Regional/Thematic Office to carry out its mandate effectively is that it be financed by the host State through a voluntary contribution. This voluntary contribution is managed by the Secretariat to comply with the program of work approved by the Governing Bodies for the Office and to ensure its correct functioning as well as the necessary support to the Office and coordination extended by the Headquarters of the Organization. Furthermore, the management of the office is subject to UNWTO Financial Regulations and Rules.

In particular, the host State's contribution to the functioning of the Office shall cover:

- (a) The salaries of the Director and officials of the Office and such other personnel as may be assigned to the Office from time to time, including regional allowances and recruitment costs for local employees; and

- (b) Institutional strengthening, modernization and other management issues of the Organization that have an impact on the Office.
29. Additionally, the host State shall bear the following costs:
- (a) Labour, equipment, supplies and other services or property as may be needed.
30. The premises of the Office in the location agreed with the host State shall be provided to the Organization free of charge.

Staffing

31. The selection, recruitment and contracts of all personnel of the Office shall be subject to the rules and regulations and policies of the Organization.
32. Therefore, all Office personnel, including the Head of the Office, shall be recruited by the Organization and be subject to the supervision of the Secretary-General or a designated Senior Officer, as in the practice of the United Nations, and shall not seek or accept instructions from any external authority.
33. In addition to officials, the Organization may also hire individuals on a fixed-term contract as service contract holders or experts to support the activities of the Office.

Status of Office personnel

34. All officials of the Organization shall enjoy the privileges and immunities provided for under Article VI of the Convention while persons having the status of “experts”⁴ shall be accorded such privileges and immunities as are necessary for the independent and effective exercise of their functions and, in particular, those provided for under paragraph 3 of the Annex XVIII.
35. For the purpose of enabling them to discharge their functions independently and efficiently, all individuals, irrespective of their nationality or residence, engaged by the Organization to perform services in the execution of the mandate of the Office should be considered by the host State as “officials” within the meaning of Section 18, Article VI, of the Convention⁵. Subsidiarity, when having the status of “experts” they shall be also entitled to the privileges and immunities provided for in Sections 19 and 20 of the Convention at a minimum.
36. In addition to the privileges and immunities granted to officials, the Head of the Office, and his or her spouse and relatives dependent on him or her, shall be accorded the same privileges, immunities and facilities as are enjoyed by diplomatic agents and their families in the host State.
37. All personnel of the Office shall be provided with a personal identity card certifying their status and the privileges and immunities afforded under the host country agreement.

Transit

38. All personnel of the Office shall be granted facilities enabling them to enter and leave the duty station and to be repatriated in times of international crisis. To this end, the host State shall issue to all Office personnel promptly, free of charge and without restrictions all necessary visas, permits and authorizations.
39. Likewise, the Host Country shall take appropriate measures to facilitate the entry into, sojourn in and departure of all representatives of Members of the Organization and any

⁴ Experts are defined under paragraph 3 of Annex XVIII to the Convention as persons other than officials within the scope of Article VI of the Convention serving on organs and bodies of, or performing missions for, the Organization.

⁵ Each specialized agency will specify the categories of officials to which the provisions of this article and of article VIII shall apply. It shall communicate them to the Governments of all States parties to this Convention in respect of that agency and to the Secretary-General of the United Nations. The names of the officials included in these categories shall from time to time be made known to the abovementioned Governments (Section 18, Article VI, Convention)

other persons who, by reason of their functions, must have access to the Office in an official capacity.

Security

40. Insofar as the premises of Regional/Thematic Offices are inviolable, irrespective of their owner, no agent of the host State shall enter them without consent of the Secretary-General.
41. The host State shall take all necessary measures to ensure the safety and security of the building and premises of the Office and its personnel in line with the mandatory security standards required by UNDSS.

Meetings

42. The Convention and Annex XVIII shall be applicable in respect of meetings and conferences convened by the Organization in the host State. Without prejudice to the provisions of the Convention, all participants and persons performing functions in connection with a meeting or conference of the Organization in the host State shall enjoy such privileges and immunities, facilities and courtesies as are necessary for the independent exercise of their functions in connection thereto.
43. Meetings and conferences held outside of the premises of the Office shall require prior notification to the authorities of the host State.

Prevention of abuses

44. The privileges and immunities provided to the Organization and the personnel of the Office are only granted with a view to ensuring the effective fulfilment of the Organization's aims and purposes. The Secretary-General shall have the right and the duty to waive the immunity of any member of personnel if it would impede the course of justice and it can be waived without prejudice to the interests of the Organization.
45. The Organization and the host State shall cooperate in order to facilitate the proper administration of justice, assure the observance of police regulations and prevent any abuse in connection with the privileges, immunities, exemptions and facilities granted to the Organization and its personnel.

Review of operations

46. The Organization will conduct evaluations as to ascertain whether an Office constitutes a significant contribution to the Organization's aims and objectives and will report periodically on the functioning and operations of Regional Offices to the General Assembly and the Executive Council.

Procedure for the establishment of Regional and Thematic Offices – steps to follow

47. Submission of an official letter of intent (application) of hosting a Regional/Thematic Office by a Member State to the UNWTO's Secretariat and commitment to all requirements within the host country agreement;
48. For a Thematic Office only: Submission by the UNWTO Secretariat the application received from a member State (strictly responding to the key thematic approved in the Programme of Work by the General Assembly of the same biennial period) for the review and further recommendation of the Programme and Budget Committee, a subsidiary body of the Organization's Executive Council Unlike a Regional Office, the application for the establishment of a Thematic Office is not a subject to the inclusion in the agendas of the respective Regional Commission meetings.
49. Dissemination by the UNWTO Secretariat of an application among the Member States of the Region or inclusion the subject at the Regional Commission Meeting for its support and further recommendation.

50. Submission by the UNWTO Secretariat of the recommended application to the Executive Council for its endorsement, including any information relevant to the conclusion of the agreement for the hosting of the Office.
51. Submission by the UNWTO Secretariat of the endorsed application to the General Assembly for its ratification.

Current development and progress – Information

52. Pursuant to the Executive Council decision to approve, subject to the ratification of the General Assembly, the establishment of the Regional Offices in Brazil, Morocco, and Argentina provided that they are in compliance with the legal and operational framework adopted by the General Assembly, the Secretariat has been in contact with Brazil, Morocco and Argentina to discuss the legal and operational framework adopted by the General Assembly.
53. Negotiations with Brazil on the conclusion of a host country agreement are very advanced but have not yet concluded. After the General Assembly, the host country agreement template was shared with Argentina and Morocco, but no progress has been made. To date, only Argentina has submitted the express commitment to provide the necessary legal framework, in particular by complying with the requirements set forth by resolution 656(XXI), which is required by the General Assembly in order for a candidature to be considered.
54. The Secretariat has also been in contact with the Government of Japan to improve the legal and operational framework of UNWTO Regional Office, the UNWTO Regional Support Office for Asia and the Pacific (RSOAP), which was established in 1995 in Osaka, Japan, through General Assembly resolution 305 (X), to assist with the development and promotion of tourism in the region. In 2012, the Office moved to its current location in Nara, Japan. In 2017, the Regional Support Office set up a liaison office in Tokyo at the United Nations University.
55. Ever since Japan undertook to apply to UNWTO the provisions of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies in 2020, the Secretariat has furthered efforts in cooperation with the Japanese Government to reform the Regional Support Office in accordance with the conditions applying to Category I entities adopted through the General Assembly resolution 656 (XXI), in particular through the conclusion of a host country agreement for the functioning of the Regional Support Office in Japan.

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Annex I: Conditions applying to Category I entities

1. Category I entities are institutionally part of UNWTO and they are established as an integral part of the Organization.
2. The establishment of Category I entities is subject to the signature of an agreement with the host Member State that ensures that the appropriate legal framework and juridical personality are provided to the entity and that, at the minimum, includes the conditions herein stated.
3. Category I entities are governed by UNWTO's legal framework and by UNWTO Rules and Regulations and are not subject to any national legislation or jurisdiction.
4. Category I entities will follow UNWTO accounting policies. Their transactions will be part of UNWTO Financial Statements audited by UNWTO external auditors. They will neither issue their own Financial Statements nor will be audited by other external auditors than those of the UNWTO.
5. Category I entities form an integral part of UNWTO's programme of work and budget.
6. Wherever located, the Host Country will apply the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies of 1947 and its Annex XVIII relating to UNWTO to Category I entities.
7. Category I entities are directed by a UNWTO employee who reports to and is under the authority of the Secretary-General.
8. The selection, recruitment and contracts of Category I entities personnel will follow UNWTO policies, rules and regulations.
9. Category I entities are allowed to use UNWTO's name, acronym and logo to indicate that they are an office or centre of UNWTO.
10. The government of the host country will take the necessary measures to ensure the safety and security of Category I entities and their premises, considering the mandatory security standards required by the United Nations Department of Safety and Security (UNDSS).
11. UNWTO will conduct evaluations of the activities of Category I entities as to ascertain whether they constitute a significant contribution to the UNWTO's objectives and are in conformity with those set out in the agreement with the host country in order to determine either the desirability of extending the agreements beyond the initial duration or their termination.

Annex II: An overview of Regional Offices of the United Nations entities and the Specialized Agencies

1. Overview – per type of entity

Type of Entity	Agency	Number
Funds and Programmes	UNDP UNCDF UNV UNEP UNFPA UN Habitat UNICEF WFP	All have regional Offices
Other Entities	UN Women UNOPS UNHCR	3 have regional offices
Related Organization	IAEA IOM	2 have regional offices
Specialized Agencies	FAO ICAO IFAD ILO IMF ITU, UNESCO, UNIDO, UNWTO, UPU, WHO, WIPO	12 have regional offices

2. Overview – per Number and Location

AGENCY	Regional Office	Location
UNDP	5 Regional Offices	UNDP Regional Service Centre for Africa in Addis Ababa (Regional office) UNDP Regional Hub Arab States in Amman, Jordan UNDP Bangkok Regional Hub UNDP Istanbul Regional Hub UNDP Regional Center in Panama
UNCDF	3 Regional Offices	UNCDF Regional Office in Dakar, Senegal Regional Office in Addis Ababa Regional Office Bangkok
UNV	6 Regional Offices	UNV Regional Office Arab States in Amman, Jordan UNV Regional Office Asia and the Pacific in Bangkok, Thailand UNV Regional Office for West and Central Africa in Dakar, Senegal UNV Regional Office Europe and the CIS in Istanbul, Turkey UNV Regional Office Latin America and the Caribbean in Panama City, Panama UNV Regional Office East and Southern Africa in Nairobi, Kenya
UNEP	9 Regional Offices	UNEP Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific in Bangkok, Thailand UNEP Regional Office in Europe in Geneva, Switzerland UNEP Latin America and Caribbean Office in Panama City, Panama UNEP - Caribbean Sub-Regional Office in Jamaica

		UNEP - Southern Cone Sub-Regional Office in Uruguay UNEP Regional Office for West Asia (ROWA) in Bahrain UNEP Regional Office for North America (RONA) in Washington UNEP West Africa Sub Regional Office in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire UNEP sub-regional office for the Pacific in based in Apia, Samoa
UNFPA	6 Regional Offices	Regional Offices for Arab States in Cairo, Egypt Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific in Bangkok, Thailand Regional Office for East and Southern Africa in Johannesburg, South Africa Regional Office for Eastern Europe and Central Asia in Turkey, Istanbul Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean, in Panama Regional Office for West & Central Africa in Dakar, Senegal Sub-regional office in Kingston, Jamaica Sub-regional office in Suva, Fiji
UN-HABITAT	4 Regional Offices	UN Habitat Regional Office Africa - Nairobi Kenya UN Habitat Regional office Arab States, Cairo, Egypt UN Habitat Regional Office Asia and the Pacific - Fukuoka, Japan UN Habitat Regional Office Latin America and the Caribbean, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
UNICEF	7 Regional Offices	UNICEF East Asia and the Pacific Regional Office, Bangkok, Thailand UNICEF Eastern and Southern Africa Regional Office, Nairobi, Kenya UNICEF Europe and Central Asia Regional Office, Geneva, Switzerland UNICEF Latin America and the Caribbean Regional Office, Panama City, Panama UNICEF Middle East and North Africa Regional Office, Amman, Jordan UNICEF South Asia Regional Office, Kathmandu, Nepal UNICEF West and Central Africa Regional Office, Dakar, Senegal
WFP	6 Regional Offices	WFP Regional Bureau for Asia Bangkok, Thailand WFP Regional Bureau for Middle East, Cairo, Egypt WFP Regional Bureau Dakar, Senegal WFP Regional Bureau Johannesburg, South Africa WFP Regional Bureau for Nairobi, Kenya WFP Regional Bureau Panama
UNCTAD ⁶	1 Regional Office	UNCTAD Regional Office for Africa - Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
UNHCR	7 Regional Offices	UNHCR Regional Bureau for the Americas, Panama City, Panama UNHCR Regional Bureau for the East and Horn of Africa, Nairobi, Kenya UNHCR Regional Bureau for the Middle East and North Africa, Amman, Jordan

⁶ UNCTAD has an office in New York. The New York office is an extension of UNCTAD's Office of the Secretary-General based in Geneva.

		UNHCR Regional Bureau for West and Central Africa, Dakar, Senegal UNHCR Regional Bureau for Asia and the Pacific, Bangkok, Thailand UNHCR Regional Bureau for Europe, Geneva UNHCR Regional Bureau for Southern Africa, Pretoria, South Africa
UNODC	8 Regional Offices	Egypt - RO Middle East and North Africa India - RO South Asia Kenya - RO East Africa Panama - RO Central American and the Caribbean Senegal - RO West and Central Africa South Africa - RO Thailand - RO South East Asia and the Pacific Uzbekistan - RO Central Asia
UNOPS	5 Regional Offices	UNOPS Middle East, Amman, Jordan UNOPS Asia, Bangkok, Thailand UNOPS Europe and Central Asia, Geneva, Switzerland UNOPS Latin America and the Caribbean, Panama UNOPS Africa Regional Office, Copenhagen, Denmark
UN-WOMEN	6 Regional Offices	UN Women Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific - Bangkok, Thailand UN Women East and Southern Africa Regional Office - Nairobi, Kenya UN Women West and Central Africa Regional Office - Dakar, Senegal UN Women Americas and the Caribbean Regional Office - Clayton, Panama UN Women Arab States Regional Office - Cairo, Egypt UN Women Europe and Central Asia Regional Office, Istanbul, Turkey
IAEA	3 Regional Offices	Regional Safeguards Offices – Toronto, Canada Regional Safeguards Offices – Tokyo, Japan IAEA and RCA Regional Office, Korea
IOM	9 Regional Offices	IOM Regional Office Asia and Pacific - Bangkok, Thailand IOM Regional Office for the European Economic Area, EU and NATO - Brussels, Belgium IOM Regional Office for South Eastern Europe, Eastern Europe and Central Asia - Vienna, Austria IOM Regional Office for East and Horn of Africa - Nairobi, Kenya IOM Regional Office for West and Central Africa - Dakar, Senegal IOM Regional office for Southern Africa - Pretoria, South Africa IOM Regional Office Middle East and North Africa - Cairo, Egypt IOM Regional Office for Central America, North America, and the Caribbean - San José, Costa Rica, IOM Regional Office in South America - Buenos Aires, Argentina
UNAIDS	6 Regional Offices	Regional Support Team for Eastern and Southern Africa, Johannesburg, South Africa

		Regional Support Team for West and Central Africa Regional Support Team for Asia and the Pacific Regional Support Team for Eastern Europe and Central Asia Regional Support Team for Latin America and the Caribbean Regional Support Team Middle East and North Africa
FAO	5 Regional Offices 10 Sub-regional Offices	Regional Office for Africa, Accra, Ghana Regional Office for Asian and the Pacific, Bangkok, Thailand Regional Office for Europe and Central, Budapest, Hungary Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean, Santiago, Chile Regional Office for Near East and North Africa, Cairo, Egypt
ICAO	7 Regional Offices	Asia and Pacific Office (APAC) Bangkok Middle East Office (MID), Cairo Western and Central Africa Office (WACAF), Dakar South American Office (SAM), Lima North American, Central American and Caribbean Office (NACC), Mexico City Eastern and Southern Africa Office (ESAF), Nairobi European and North Atlantic Office (EUR/NAT), Paris
IFAD	15 Regional Hubs	Panama City Lima Brasilia (Regional South-South and Triangular Cooperation and Knowledge Center) Dakar Abidjan Addis Ababa (Regional South-South and Triangular Cooperation and Knowledge Center) Nairobi Yaoundé Johannesburg Cairo Istanbul New Delhi Beijing (Regional South-South and Triangular Cooperation and Knowledge Center) Hanoi Jakarta
ILO	5 Regional Offices	Regional Office for Africa, Abidjan, Ivory Coast Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean, Lima, Peru Regional Office for the Arab States, Beirut, Lebanon Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, Bangkok, Thailand Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia, Geneva
IMF	7 Regional Offices	Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (OAP), Tokyo, Japan IMF REGIONAL OFFICE IN CENTRAL AMERICA, PANAMA, AND THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, Guatemala City IMF Office in the Pacific Islands, Suva, Fiji

		IMF office for the Western Balkans, Vienna, Austria IMF CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE IN THAILAND (CDOT) EASTERN CARIBBEAN CURRENCY UNION (ECCU) IMF EUROPE OFFICE IN PARIS AND BRUSSELS
IMO	Only Regional Coordinators	IMO has four Regional Coordinators based in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire for west and central Africa (Francophone); Accra, Ghana for west and central Africa (Anglophone); Nairobi, Kenya for eastern and southern Africa; Manila, the Philippines for East Asia; and a Regional Maritime Adviser for the Caribbean based in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago.
ITU	6 Regional Offices	ITU Regional Office for Africa, Addis Ababa Regional Office for the Americas, Brasilia Regional Office for the Arab States, Cairo, Egypt Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, Bangkok, Thailand Regional office for the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), Moscow, Russia Regional Office for Europe, Geneva, CH
UNESCO	12 (including Regional offices and Regional Bureau)	Asia and Pacific Regional Bureau for Education and as a Cluster Office in the Asia-Pacific region, Bangkok, Thailand Regional Bureau for Education in the Arab States, Beirut, Lebanon Regional Bureau for Sciences in the Arab States - Cluster Office for Egypt and Sudan Regional Office for West Africa (Sahel), Dakar, Senegal Regional Office for Southern Africa, Harare, Zimbabwe Regional Office for Culture in Latin America and the Caribbean - Cluster Office to Cuba, Dominican Republic and Haiti, in HAVANA, Cuba Asia and Pacific Regional Bureau for Sciences, Jakarta, Indonesia Regional Bureau for Sciences in Latin America and the Caribbean, Montevideo, Uruguay Regional Office for Eastern Africa, Nairobi, Kenya Regional Office in Maghreb, Rabat, Morocco Regional Bureau for Education in Latin America and the Caribbean, Santiago, Chile UNESCO Regional Bureau for Science and Culture in Europe, Venice, Italy
UNIDO	19 Regional Offices	Info available only for: Regional Hub, Mexico UNIDO Regional Office Brazil, Brasilia UNIDO Regional Office Egypt, Cairo Regional Office India, New Delhi Africa: Regional office in Ethiopia, in Nigeria and South Africa Asia: Regional Office in China, India, Thailand LAC: Regional Office in Mexico, Colombia, Uruguay
UNWTO	2 Regional Offices	UNWTO Regional Support Office for Asia and the Pacific – Nara, Japan

		UNWTO Regional Office for the Middle East - Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
UPU	7 Regional Offices	<p>UPU IB Regional Office for the countries of Southern and East Africa in Harare, Zimbabwe</p> <p>UPU IB Regional Office for the for the countries of West and Central Africa, Cotonou, Benin</p> <p>UPU IB Regional Office for the Arab region, Cairo, Egypt</p> <p>UPU IB Regional Office for Europe and CIS, Berne, CH</p> <p>UPU IB Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, Bangkok, Thailand</p> <p>UPU IB Regional Office for Latin America, San Jose, Costa Rica</p> <p>UPU IB Regional Office for the Caribbean, Saint Lucia</p>
WHO	6 Regional Offices	<p>Regional Office for Africa, Brazzaville, Republic of Congo</p> <p>Regional Office for the Americas, PAHO, Washington DC.</p> <p>Regional Office for South-East Asia, New Delhi, India</p> <p>Regional Office for Europe, Copenhagen, Denmark</p> <p>Regional office for the Easter Mediterranean, Cairo, Egypt</p> <p>Regional Office for Western Pacific, Manila, Philippines</p>
WIPO	7 External Offices	<p>WIPO Algeria Office, Alger</p> <p>WIPO Brazil Office, Rio de Janeiro</p> <p>WIPO Office in China, Beijing</p> <p>WIPO Japan Office, Tokyo</p> <p>WIPO Nigeria Office, Abuja</p> <p>WIPO Office in the Russian Federation, Moscow</p> <p>WIPO Singapore Office</p>
WMO	4 Regional Offices	<p>Regional Office for Africa, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia</p> <p>Regional Office for the Americas</p> <p>Regional Office for Asia and the South-West Pacific, Singapore</p> <p>Regional Office for Europe, Geneva, CH</p>

Annex III: An overview of Thematic Offices of the United Nations entities and the Specialized Agencies

1. Overview – per Type and Location

AGENCY	Thematic Office	Title	Location and Relevant Information
UNDP	Yes – regional level	Thematic Hubs	Thematic Hubs – Africa UNDP Resilience Hub for Africa, based in Nairobi, Kenya UNDP Africa Sustainable Finance Hub based in Pretoria, South Africa
UNCDF	No	NA	NA
UNV	No	NA	NA
UNEP	No	NA	NA
UNFPA	No	NA	NA
UN-HABITAT	No	NA	NA
UNICEF	No	NA	NA
WFP	No	NA	NA
UNCTAD	No	NA	NA
UNHCR	Yes – regional level	Regional Centre for Emergency Preparedness (eCentre)	The eCentre is part of UNHCR Regional Bureau for Asia and the Pacific and is based in Bangkok, Thailand. It supports UNHCR operations within the region. The eCentre plays a unique role within UNHCR as the only dedicated platform to building emergency preparedness capacities targeting government partners and NGOs throughout Asia and the Pacific.
UNODC	No	NA	NA
UNOPS	No	NA	NA
UN-WOMEN	No	NA	NA
IAEA	No	NA	NA
IOM	Yes – regional and global	The African Capacity Building Centre (ACBC) Global Migration Data Analysis Centre (GMDAC)	The African Capacity Building Centre (ACBC), based in Tanzania, provides Africa-wide technical assistance in matters pertaining to migration and border management. (Moshi, Tanzania) Global Migration Data Analysis Centre (GMDAC). The Centre is based in Berlin, Germany, and was established as IOM's response to growing calls for comprehensive high-quality data on global migration trends. (Berlin, Germany)
UNAIDS	No	NA	NA
FAO	No	NA	NA
ICAO	No	NA	NA
IFAD	No	NA	NA
ILO	Yes – global and regional	International Training Centre (ITC)	ITC – Turin, Italy

		Inter-American Centre for Knowledge Development in Vocational Training (CINTERFOR)	ILO/CINTERFOR – Montevideo, Uruguay - The Inter-American Centre for Knowledge Development in Vocational Training (ILO/Cinterfor) is a technical service of the International Labour Organization (ILO). For people, enterprises and countries in the field of vocational training and the development of human resources.
IMF	Yes – regional	IMF Capacity Development Office in Thailand (CDOT) Ten IMF Regional Technical Assistance Centers (RTACs)	CDOT: Capacity development is delivered to the beneficiary countries by a group of regional advisors, working closely with and supported by IMF functional departments, TA missions and training providers, and resident advisors and short-term experts. These advisors also collaborate with regional development partners. (Thailand)
IMO	No	NA	NA
ITU	No	NA	NA
UNESCO	Yes – regional	Regional Bureau for Education / Sciences / Culture	Regional Bureau for Education in the Arab States and Cluster Office for Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Iraq and the Palestinian Territories (Beirut) Regional Bureau for Sciences in the Arab States – Cluster office for Egypt and Sudan (Cairo) Regional Office for Culture in Latin America and the Caribbean – Cluster office to Cuba, Dominican Republic and Haiti (Havana) Asia and Pacific Regional Bureau for Sciences and Cluster Office for Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Timor-Leste (Jakarta) Regional Bureau for Sciences in Latin America and the Caribbean – Cluster Office for Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay (Montevideo) South-East Europe and part of Mediterranean, UNESCO Regional Bureau for Science and Culture in Europe (Venice)
UNIDO	Yes – national and global	9 Investment and Technology Promotion Office (ITPO) Their mandate is to promote international	ITPO Germany (Bonn) ITPO Russian Federation (Moscow) ITPO Italy (Rome)

		cooperation in the economic, technological, industrial and scientific spheres between the specific country national enterprises and SMEs, associations and organizations and firms and SMEs from developed and developing countries.	ITPO Nigeria (Abuja) ITPO Bahrain (Manama) ITPO China (Beijing) ITPO China (Shanghai) ITPO South Korea (Seoul) ITPO Japan (Tokyo)
UNWTO	No	NA	NA
UPU	No	NA	NA
WHO	Yes - global	Other offices - global and they operate across borders	WHO Global Service Centre – Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (administrative support) WHO Lyon Office is part of the Department of Country Readiness Strengthening, Lyon, France (Emergency Preparedness) WHO Centre for Health Development – the WHO Kobe Centre, Kobe, Japan (Research, capacity building and information exchange). WHO Academy (Global), Campus in Lyon in 2023
WIPO	No	NA	NA
WMO	No	NA	NA