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A Joint Regional Commission Initiative and Some Views from Western Asia

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Regional Perspectives

- **Four UN regional commissions will produce a joint report on post-2015 UN development agenda (2013)**
- **Integrated thematic approach focusing on regional development perspectives, as opposed to aggregation of regional chapters**
- **Identification of key regional development priority issues beyond 2015**
- **Capitalize on the role of UN regional commissions as institutional conduits between global, regional and national levels**



Regional Valued Added

- **Regional consultations:** Regional voices to review global and regional development goals and targets
- **Bottom-up approach** to the global debate on the future UN development agenda, including civil society
- **National ownership:** Views of a broader range of stakeholders in the formulation, implementation and monitoring of the development agenda
- **Focus on youth perspectives**



Structure of the Report

The report will be structured around six main chapters:

- **Historical perspective on the current MDG agenda**
- **Review of progress in the implementation of MDGs**
- **Lessons learned in phases of implementation**
- **Key global and regional priority development issues beyond 2015**
- **Implementation mechanisms for the future UN development agenda**
- **Policy options and recommendations.**



Selected priority regional development issues: Some views from Western Asia post-Arab spring

- **Equitable and inclusive growth: poverty & inequality**
- **Social inclusion and social protection**
- **Women and youth perspectives**
- **Democratic governance and participation**
- **Peace and security**



Regional Challenges Ahead

- **How to build inclusive institutions and foster a democratic culture?**
- **How to avert a setback or a relapse into violence?**
- **Getting economic policies right**
- **Managing expectations in the short run**
- **Role of international development community**



Thank you

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