

## Regional Commissions New York Office New York, NY Established 1981

RCNYO is a joint office for policy advice and representation at the global level for the five UN Regional Commissions (ECA, ESCAP, ECLAC, ECE and ESCWA). In this regard, the office provides substantive and representational functions to the global UN intergovernmental bodies, notably GA and ECOSOC, under agenda items relevant to the work of the RegComs.

The Office provides strategic policy advice on UN deliberations and global policy matters highlighting regional innovations and perspectives to global policymaking / intergovernmental deliberations to backstop effective implementation of legislative mandates at the regional level,

In addition, RCNYO serves as the focal point for substantive and coordination activities of the five RegComs with departments, offices and funds and programmes at the United Nations Headquarters, New York.



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## Achievements of the Regional Commissions New York Office

The Regional Commissions New York Office provided strategic policy advice and coordination support to the Regional Commissions on a number of initiatives and joint events, promoted interregional cooperation and enhanced the visibility and accessibility of the Commissions' knowledge products to a wide range of stakeholders.

### a) Strategic policy advice and coordination

In 2021, the Office coordinated, under the leadership of the Coordinator of the regional commission, the organization of high-level round tables on extractive industries as an engine for sustainable development and coordinated contributions to the Secretary-General's policy brief inform the Global Roundtable on Extractive Industries held in May 2021. In the area of financing, the Office co-led efforts to advance the work of the cluster dealing with the operationalization of concerted measures to combat illicit financial flows. In promoting interregional cooperation, the Office supported the preparation of joint interregional policy briefs on Extractive Industries and on transforming food systems launched on the margins of the Food Systems Summit held in September 2021. On the margins of COP26, the Office facilitated a side event on the theme, "Bridging the gap in climate finance" to highlight regional perspectives and initiatives. The Office also played a central role in supporting the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda, noCOP26, the Office facilitated a side event on the theme,

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## **b) Representation, communication, and outreach**

The representation and advocacy efforts in 2021 contributed to continued recognition of the regional dimensions of development and the inclusion of explicit mandates for the regional commissions in resolutions adopted by the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council. Key highlights include the successful collaboration with the Offices of the Presidents of the Economic and Social Council and of the General Assembly in the preparation of high-level meetings such as the High-Level Political Forum, and Financing for Development Forum; as well as in support of their priorities in areas such as climate action, digital inclusion for all, New Urban Agenda, taxation, youth and natural resource management. The Office also represented the regional commissions in several interagency mechanisms, ensuring the Commissions' effective contributions to system-wide initiatives in such areas as COVID-19 socioeconomic response, extractives, and engagement with the G20.

## **c) Inter-regional cooperation and partnerships**

The Office collaborated with Coventry University to organize an event titled, Africa Conversations, aimed at fostering dialogue and cooperation with academia around joint initiatives for accelerated implementation of the SDGs. The Office also facilitated partnerships between the regional commissions, and civil society, private sector, and youth networks, including partnerships with Youth Advocates Ghana and the Ugandan National Chamber of Commerce and Industry. The Office also promoted interregional collaboration among the regional commissions, and to that end, supported the conceptualization and formulation of joint projects to be financed through the Development Account, in such areas as climate finance and illicit financial flows.

