

The reform of the UN Development System and its implications for multilateral aid channels

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The UN Development System (UNDS) embarked on an ambitious repositioning to attain the 2030 Agenda since May 2018 that yields more integrated, focused on delivery on the ground, accountability for contributions with better align capacities, skillsets, and resources to the Agenda. Reform of the UNDS is also a response to re-emerging skepticism about the value of multilateralism and the relevance of multilateral institutions. Current addressed global challenges we face require inclusive and integrated approaches, which has limitation for a single agency to fully and unilaterally provide the needs. The center of the transformation is the Resident Coordinator (RC) System to deliver collective responses to national needs, which emphasizes the importance of the effectiveness of multilateral aid channel. Thus, the paper reviews the reform of the UNDS and the new challenges for multilateral aid channels that contributes the valid implication of multilateral aid that would sufficiently account for aid allocation of the international community's most prominent development challenge.

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