



# Yemen National Dialogue and Constitutional Reform Trust Fund (YNDCRTF)



## Overview

The YNDCRTF (the “Trust Fund”) is established to support Yemen’s national dialogue and constitution-making processes. The support will be provided in accordance with the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Initiative and the Agreement on the implementation mechanism for the transition process in Yemen (the “Agreement”) signed by both Yemeni sides on 23 November 2011.

On 12 June 2012, the Security Council passed resolution 2051 on Yemen (S/2012/2051) in which they reaffirmed the need for the full and timely implementation of the Transition Agreement in accordance with resolution 2014 (2011) including “convening an all-inclusive National Dialogue Conference”. The National Dialogue Conference is critical to the political transition as a mechanism to build consensus on a new vision for the State, ultimately contributing to a durable peace. This process will require a high degree of technical support and political facilitation to assist with the process and to deal with the multiple agendas that need to be addressed.

The Trust Fund is established under the sponsorship of the Government of Yemen (GoY) and the United Nations, represented by the Office of the UN Special Adviser of the Secretary-General on Yemen (OSASG), in consultation with the UN Resident Coordinator and the UN Country Team. The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), through its Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office (MPTF Office) is the Trust Fund Administrative Agent.

All programmes/projects funded by the Trust Fund will be strictly aligned with the GoY priorities, ensuring national ownership, and will complement other support to Yemen’s political transition. The Trust Fund will enhance coherence, transparency and accountability of the national dialogue process towards Yemeni authorities, citizens and Yemen’s development partners.

## Assistance Strategy

The Trust Fund is established to support a national dialogue and constitution-drafting process that is genuinely inclusive, transparent, and participatory. Specifically, it seeks to:

- Contribute toward an inclusive, participatory and transparent process based on applicable international norms, standards and best practices;
- Facilitate the inclusion of the extra-parliamentary opposition and other key constituencies in the political process (including the Houthis, the Hiraak, various political parties, civil society representatives, and women’s groups);



Sana'a- One year anniversary since the signing of the November Transition Agreement. (SG Special Adviser Jamal Benomar, GCC Secretary General Abdul Latif Bin Rashid Al Zayani, President of Yemen Abd-Rabbu Mansour Hadi, UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon).

- Contribute to Yemeni efforts to address the situation of the South, the situation in Sada'a, national reconciliation and transitional justice, and to launch the constitution-making process;
- Ensure appropriate participation of women throughout the transitional process; and
- Support the drafting and adoption of a new constitution which enjoys the support of Yemeni society.

## Governance

The governance structure consists of a Steering Committee dealing with strategic Fund oversight and programme/project allocation matters, assisted by the Fund Secretariat, and an Operations Working Group.

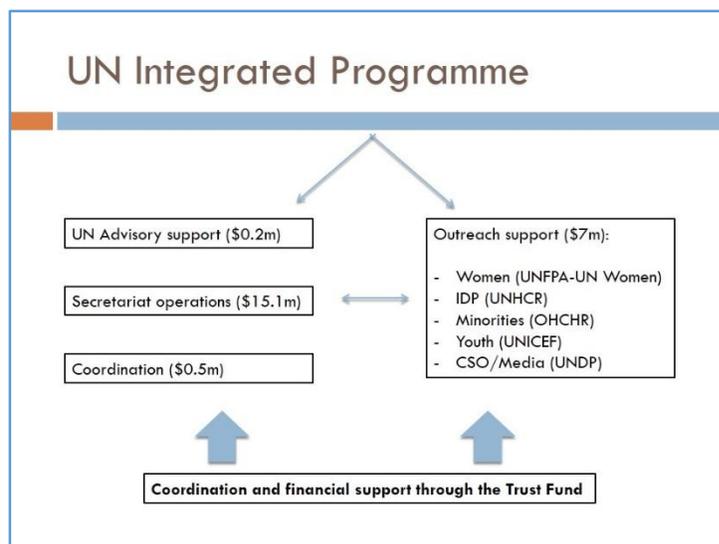
### The Steering Committee

The Trust Fund Steering Committee provides overall oversight of the Fund. The Steering Committee is co-chaired by the Representative of Government of Yemen (GoY) and the UN Special Adviser to the Secretary-General. It reviews and approves project proposals and allocates funds. Its membership consists of:

- Senior Government representative designated by the President (Co-Chair);
- UN Special Adviser to the Secretary-General, and in his absence the UN Resident Coordinator (Co-Chair);
- The UN Resident Coordinator and one or two Participating UN Organisations (PUNOs) on an annual or six-monthly rotational basis); and
- 2 to 3 representatives from contributing partners;
- 2 to 3 representatives from national authorities;
- The Administrative Agent as ex-officio member

### The Trust Fund Operations Working Group

The Operations Working Group would be established as a working level group of the Steering Committee and will meet on a regular basis as a forum for periodic review of the progress of the Trust Fund funded projects, the Working Group will allow to identify bottle necks and ensure Trust Fund activities are consistent with similar initiatives undertaken outside of the Fund.



## The UN Integrated Programme and Budget

UN Integrated Programme stands at \$23.1m. Of this \$15.1m is to finance the Secretariat and Conference, the implementing partner for this is UNOPS; and the remainder is for coordination of the programme (UNDP) and outreach to key groups such as women (UNFPA/UN Women), adolescents (UNICEF), Internally Displaced Peoples (IDPs) (UNHCR), minorities (OHCHR), and Civil Society Organisations (CSOs)/media (UNDP).

## Further Information and Contacts

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Further information, including realtime information on commitments and disbursements can be found at: <http://mptf.undp.org/factsheet/fund/YEM00>.