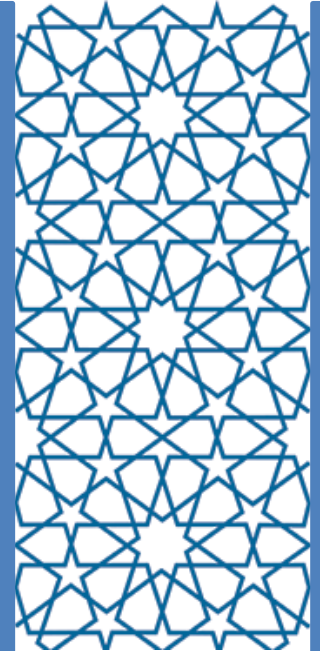


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# A UN 'fit for purpose'

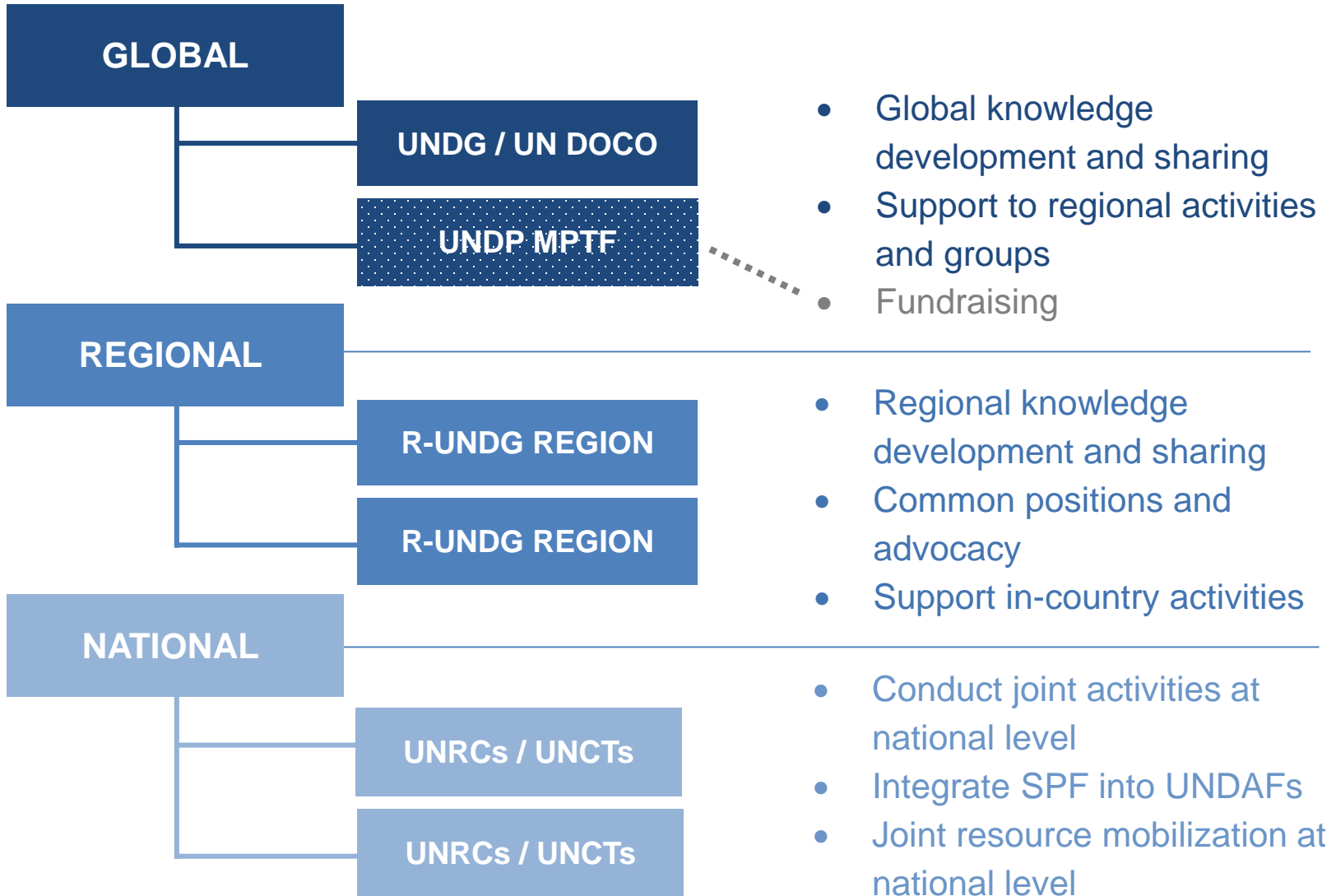
- SDGs will require renewed collaboration
  - UN CEB Social Protection Floor Initiative (SPF-I) created in 2009
  - Calls for increased collaboration on social protection from UNDG, UN DOCO (2014 & 2015)
- For impact, UN must operate at sufficient scale
  - Combining strengths, competencies
  - Engaging with BWIs, non-UN, EU
  - Closing resource gaps



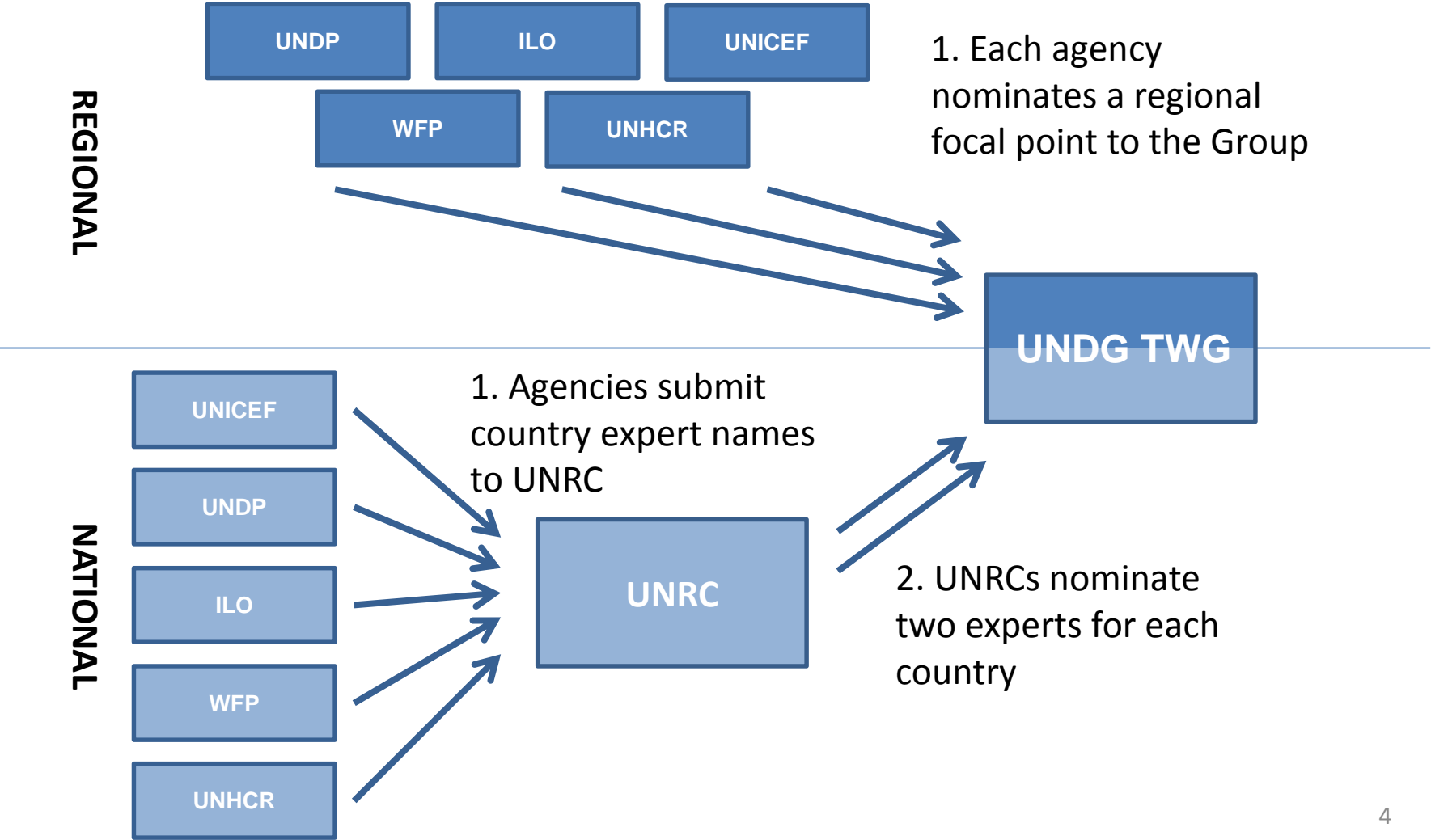
*UN Secretary-General  
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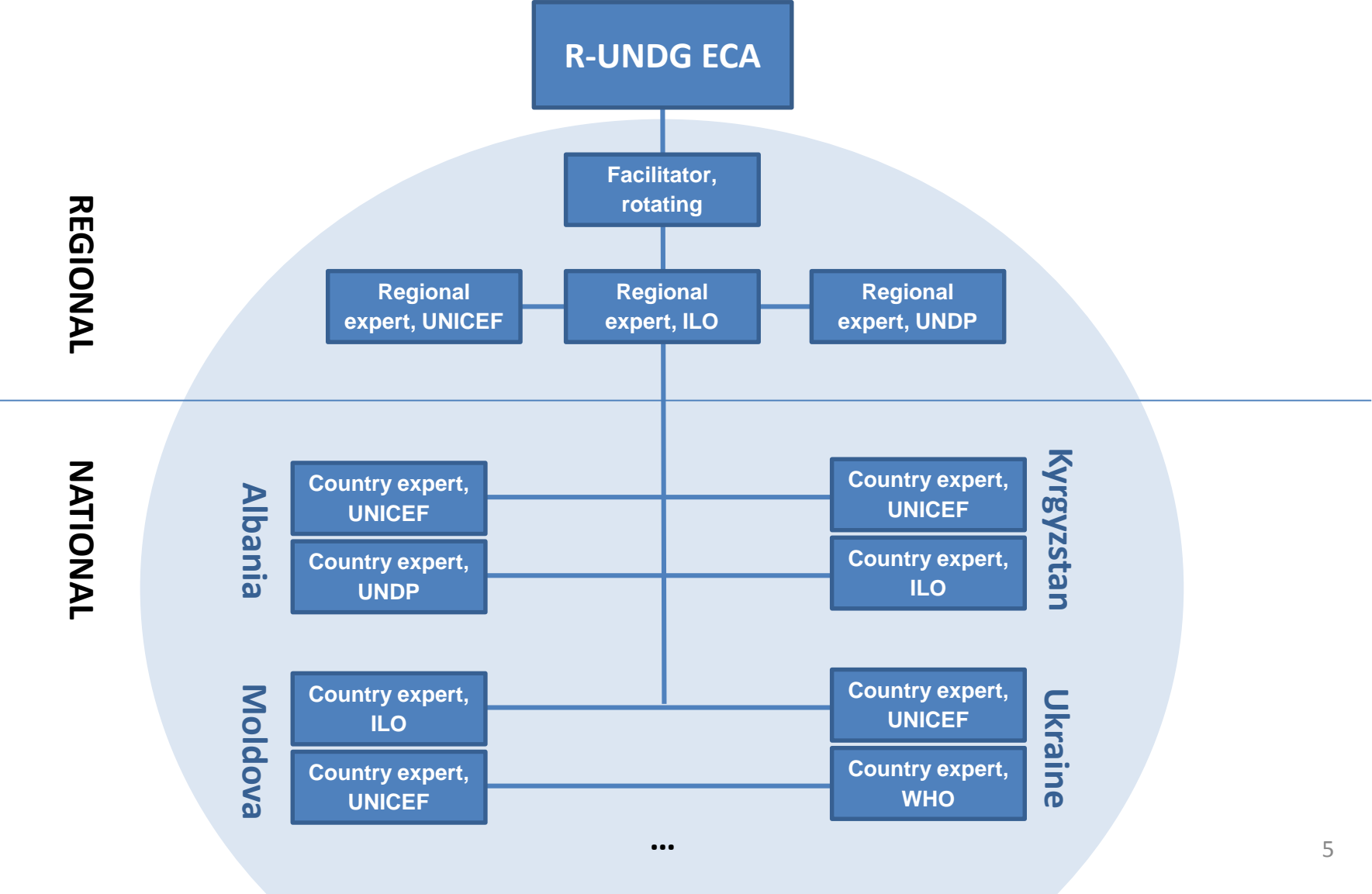
# SPF-I structures



# Blending national, regional expertise



# Example: R-UNDG ECA structure



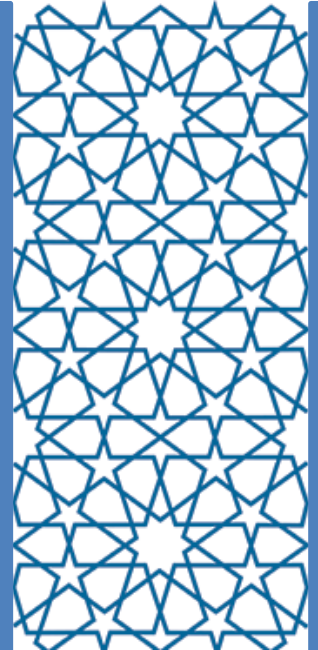
# UN cooperation in the Arab States

- UN-wide landscape analysis on social protection cooperation
  - “UN Arab States Social Protection Issues Brief”
    - UNDP, UNICEF, ILO, UNHCR, WFP contributing
    - Focus on closing humanitarian-development gap
- Joint country activities
- Joint fundraising efforts
- Adoption of shared regional approach to SP expansion

# R-UNDG Arab States TORs

- Coordination – information sharing
- Knowledge development and sharing – new research based on regional priorities (e.g. social protection for refugees)
- Support for in-country activities – capacity building efforts, application of tool-kits
- Common positions and advocacy – definitions and approaches

**Thank you.**



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