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Regional Coordination Mechanism  
Twelfth Meeting  
Beirut, 13-14 September 2008

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

1. Opening of the twelfth meeting of the Regional Coordination Mechanism (RCM).
2. Review of emerging global issues and challenges and their implications for achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) in the Arab region.
3. Renewed role and functions of the RCM in the Arab region in pursuance of United Nations "Delivering as One" at the regional level.
4. The Regional Directors' Team (RDT) in the Arab States and MENA region.
5. Progress report on the implementation of the recommendations of the eleventh RCM meeting.  
Launch of "Gender in the MDGs: Information Guide for Arab MDG reports".
6. Consideration of the proposed thematic working groups under RCM:
  - (a) MDGs in the Arab Region;
  - (b) Climate change;
  - (c) Food security.
7. The way forward and conclusion of the meeting.