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Dear Colleagues,

We would like to update you on our actions to coordinate with other staff unions. On 14 November 2021, Messkir M. Lemma, Chair of ECA, Staff Council and myself, President of ECA Staff Union participated in the mid-term meeting of CCISUA (the Coordinating Committee of International Staff Unions and Associations, a federation of global staff unions to which your union belongs), from 15 to 19 November in New York.

It was the first face-to-face staff union meeting since 2019 and allowed us to discuss and build common positions on a number of issues. These included: agile contracts, challenges at the pension fund investments and client service, post adjustment, mental health, the GS salary review, parental leave reform, staff safety, Covid matters, as well as diversity matters. In doing so we also met with a number of senior officials from the UN, and ICSC. We met among others, with the following people:

- Catherine Pollard: USG / Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance
- Rosemarie McClean: pension Administration
- Pedro Guazo: (SG's rep for Investments) on governance and investments policy at the Un pension Fund
- Therese Fitzpatrick: Global Lead, UN System Workplace Mental health and Well-being Strategy
- Shiren Dodson: UN Ombudsman
- Martha Helena Lopez: ASG/ OHR
- Phyllis Hwang and Georges Politakis on the WG on the review of the jurisdictional setup of the common system

In parallel the president of CCISUA, Ms. Prisca Chaoui (President of UNOG) delivered a statement to the General Assembly on our behalf.

We will continue to keep you apprised of any further developments, including the outcome of the General Assembly's deliberations.

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