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## **Annotations and list of documents**

### **Item 1 Organizational matters**

In accordance with Executive Board decision 2006/14 and rule 7 of the rules of procedure of the Executive Board of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS, the Board will elect a new Bureau consisting of a President and four Vice-Presidents. The election will take place on 7 January 2015. According to the established pattern of rotation of posts among the various regional groups, the President of the Executive Board for 2015 should be elected from the Board members of the Latin American and Caribbean group.

Under this item, the Executive Board will adopt the agenda and agree on the workplan for the session as presented by the Secretary of the Board. The Board will also approve the report of its second regular session 2014. A draft report was distributed to Board members for their comments; the final report contains comments received by or before the deadline.

In accordance with decision 96/25, a workplan for 2015 was prepared by the secretariat in consultation with the Bureau of the Executive Board and is submitted to the Board for adoption.

#### *Documentation:*

Provisional agenda, annotations, list of documents and workplan (DP/2015/L.1)

Report of the second regular session 2014 (DP/2015/1)

Decisions adopted by the Executive Board during 2014 (DP/2015/2)

Annual workplan for 2015 (DP/2015/CRP.1)

## **UNDP segment**

### **Item 2 Financial, budgetary and administrative matters**

The report on direct budget support, 2008-2014, responds to Executive Board decision 2013/3, which in paragraph five requested “UNDP to provide a report, prior to the first regular session 2015 of the Executive Board, on the UNDP approach to assessing, prior to allocating funds, the full range of risks associated with the provision of direct budget support and pooled funding, and on the actions taken to continuously monitor and review those risks, with recommendations on the most appropriate approach to assessing the associated risks”.

The report also responds in summary form to paragraphs four and six, through which the Executive Board requested “UNDP to submit the evaluations and audits”, as well as any “refinement of the rules and regulations, for the consideration of the Executive Board at its first regular session 2015, in order for the Board to adopt a decision on continued UNDP engagement in direct budget support and pooled funding”.

The Board may wish to adopt a decision, elements of which are contained in the report.

The Board will also have before it an oral presentation on the resource mobilization strategy designed to support the implementation of the UNDP strategic plan, 2014-2017. The strategy will outline actions to protect and increase regular (core) resources, broaden the donor base, diversify funding sources and improve quality and quantity of other (non-core) resources.

*Documentation:*

Report on direct budget support, 2008-2014 (DP/2015/3)

### **Item 3 Country programmes and related matters**

Under this item, the Executive Board will be asked to: (a) review and approve, in accordance with Executive Board decision 2014/7, the country programme documents for Chile, Guatemala, Madagascar and Mali; and (b) approve the nine-month extension of the country programme for Colombia and the two-year extensions of the country programmes for Myanmar and Papua New Guinea.

*Documentation:*

Extensions of country programmes (DP/2015/4)

*Africa*

Country programme document for Madagascar (DP/DCP/MDG/3)

Country programme document for Mali (DP/DCP/MLI/3)

*Latin America and the Caribbean*

Country programme document for Chile (DP/DCP/CHL/3)

Country programme document for Guatemala (DP/DCP/GTM/3)

### **Item 4 Evaluation**

As requested by the Executive Board, a review of the Evaluation Policy of UNDP was carried out by an external consulting firm in 2014. A draft review report was presented informally to the Executive Board at its second regular session 2014; the final report is submitted to the Board for consideration at its current session. The review report assesses the performance of the UNDP evaluation function since 2011, the extent to which the organization has responded to the requirements of the policy, and the status of policy implementation. It identifies areas that require policy changes or management decisions to improve the evaluation function. The report is accompanied by responses from the UNDP management and the Independent Evaluation Office.

The Executive Board may wish to take note of the findings and recommendations set out in the review and the accompanied management responses.

*Documentation:*

Report on the review of the UNDP evaluation policy (DP/2015/5)

Management response to the review of the UNDP evaluation policy (DP/2015/6)

Independent Evaluation Office response to the review of the UNDP evaluation policy (DP/2015/7)

## **UNFPA segment**

### **Item 5 Oversight**

The first UNFPA oversight policy (document DP/FPA/2008/14) was approved by the Executive Board in decision 2008/37. Since 2008, developments related to oversight have warranted updating the policy. The revised UNFPA oversight policy contained in the present report reflects these changes.

*Documentation:*

Revised oversight policy (DP/FPA/2015/1)

### **Item 6 Financial, budgetary and administrative matters**

UNFPA seeks to provide more funding to countries experiencing emergencies, as well as to scale up its humanitarian response while awaiting dedicated donor funding, with minimal risk exposure. UNFPA proposes to increase the emergency funds annual allocation from regular resources, from the current authorized limit of \$5 million to \$10 million, and grant authority to the Executive Director to increase this amount by a maximum of 20 per cent in a given year if the number and the extent of the emergencies so warrant, with post-facto approval of the Executive Board. UNFPA also proposes to establish a humanitarian response reserve in the amount of \$10 million, as a one-time allocation from regular resources.

*Documentation:*

Scaling up UNFPA humanitarian response funding (DP/FPA/2015/2)

### **Item 7 Country programmes and related matters**

The Executive Board will be asked to (a) approve, in accordance with decision 2014/7, the country programme documents for Madagascar and Mali; (b) take note of the first one-year extensions of the country programmes for Iraq and the Lao People's Democratic Republic and the nine-month extension of the country programme for Colombia; and (c) approve the two-year extension of the country programme for Myanmar.

*Documentation:*

Country programme document for Madagascar (DP/FPA/CPD/MDG/7)

Country programme document for Mali (DP/FPA/CPD/MLI/7)

Extensions of country programmes (DP/FPA/2015/4)

## **UNOPS segment**

### **Item 8**

#### **United Nations Office for Project Services**

The Executive Director of UNOPS will deliver her statement to the Executive Board.

## **Joint segment**

### **Item 9**

#### **Recommendations of the Board of Auditors**

The UNDP report on the implementation of the recommendations of the United Nations Board of Auditors for 2013 reviews the progress made in addressing the top nine audit-related management priorities for 2012-2013 (as presented in document DP/2013/8 and approved by the Executive Board decision 2013/7); presents the top eight audit-related management priorities for 2014-2015 and management actions that will be taken thereon; and reports on the implementation status of the recommendations of the United Nations Board of Auditors for the year ended 31 December 2013. Pursuant to Executive Board decision 2010/9, details of the implementation status of the audit recommendations and the full audit report of the United Nations Board of Auditors (A/69/5/Add.1) are available on Executive Board website.

Pursuant to decision 97/2 of the Executive Board, the Executive Director of UNFPA reports on the implementation of the recommendations contained in the report of the United Nations Board of Auditors for the financial period that ended on 31 December 2013 (A/69/5/Add.8). UNFPA again received an unmodified audit opinion from the United Nations Board of Auditors for its financial statements for the year that ended on 31 December 2013. The report of the United Nations Board of Auditors (A/69/5/Add.8) acknowledges that UNFPA is in good financial health. UNFPA also addressed audit issues in the report of the Director, Division for Oversight Services, on UNFPA internal audit and oversight activities in 2013 (DP/FPA/2014/6), presented at the annual session 2014 of the Executive Board. A separate table, available on the web page of the UNFPA Executive Board, provides an updated status of the implementation of the audit recommendations.

UNOPS is pleased to respond to the recommendations made in the report of the Board of Auditors (A/69/5/Add.11) and to provide an update on the current status of implementation. The report of the United Nations Board of Auditors for the year ended 31 December 2013 was unqualified.

The Executive Board may wish to adopt a decision on the reports of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS on the implementation of the recommendations of the United Nations Board of Auditors for the year that ended on 31 December 2013.

*Documentation:*

UNDP: Report on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors, 2013 (DP/2015/8)

Follow-up to the report of the United Nations Board of Auditors for 2013: status of implementation of the recommendations (DP/FPA/2015/3)

UNOPS: Report on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors, 2013 (DP/OPS/2015/1)

**Item 10**  
**Other matters**

**Joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP (2 February 2015)**

Themes:

1. In partnership with others: lessons learned on scaling up innovation to reach people in need;
2. Innovative approaches to program design and implementation to support the operationalization of the post-2015 development agenda.

**TENTATIVE WORKPLAN  
EXECUTIVE BOARD OF UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION 2015  
(26 – 30 January 2015, New York)**

<i>Day/Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Subject</i>
<b>Wednesday, 7 January</b>			Election of the Bureau of the Executive Board for 2015
<b>Monday, 26 January</b>	10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	1	ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adoption of the agenda and workplan for the session</li> <li>• Adoption of the report of the second regular session 2014</li> <li>• Adoption of the annual workplan 2015 of the Executive Board</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>UNDP SEGMENT</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">STATEMENT BY THE ADMINISTRATOR</p>
		2	FINANCIAL, BUDGETARY AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report on direct budget support, 2008-2014 (decision 2013/3)</li> </ul>
	3 – 5:30 p.m.	2	FINANCIAL, BUDGETARY AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (cont'd) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oral presentation of the UNDP resource mobilization strategy (decision 2014/24)</li> </ul>
	<i>5:30 to 6 p.m.</i>		<i>Informal consultations on draft decisions</i>
<b>Tuesday, 27 January</b>	10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	4	<b>UNDP SEGMENT (cont'd)</b>
			EVALUATION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report on the review of the UNDP evaluation policy and management response</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Informal consultation on the costed programme of work of the Independent Evaluation Office and ADR reform issues</i></p>
	3 – 5 p.m.	3	COUNTRY PROGRAMMES AND RELATED MATTERS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation and approval of country programme documents</li> <li>• Extensions of country programmes</li> </ul>
	<i>5 – 6 p.m.</i>		<i>Informal consultations on draft decisions</i>
<b>Wednesday, 28 January</b>	10 a.m.–1 p.m.		<b>UNFPA SEGMENT</b>
			STATEMENT BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
		5	OVERSIGHT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revised UNFPA oversight policy</li> </ul>
	6	FINANCIAL, BUDGETARY AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scaling up UNFPA humanitarian response funding</li> </ul>	
	7	COUNTRY PROGRAMMES AND RELATED MATTERS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approval of country programme documents</li> <li>• Extensions of country programmes</li> </ul>	
3-5:30 p.m.		9	<b>JOINT SEGMENT</b>
			RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BOARD OF AUDITORS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reports of UNDP and UNOPS on the status of implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors for 2013</li> </ul>

<i>Day/Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Subject</i>
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UNFPA report on the follow-up to the report of the United Nations Board of Auditors for 2013: Status of implementation of recommendations</li> </ul>
	5:30 - 6 p.m.		<i>Informal consultations on draft decisions</i>
<b>Thursday, 29 January</b>	10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	8	<b>UNOPS SEGMENT</b>  STATEMENT BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
	3 – 6 p.m.		
<b>Friday, 30 January</b>	10 a.m.- 1 p.m.		
	3 – 6 p.m.	10	OTHER MATTERS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adoption of pending decisions</li> </ul>
		1	ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adoption of the tentative workplan for the annual session 2014</li> </ul>
<b>Monday, 2 February</b>	10 a.m. to 1 p.m. 3 to 6 p.m.		JOINT MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARDS OF UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-WOMEN AND WFP