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Country programmes and related matters

**Extensions of country programmes
Note of the Administrator**

Summary

The present note contains information on the extensions of the country programmes for Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and South Africa. Requests for first one-year extensions of country programmes are approved by the Administrator and presented to the Executive Board for information. Requests for second one-year extensions, two-year extensions and exceptional third year extensions of country programmes are submitted to the Board for approval.

Elements of a decision

The Executive Board may wish to: (a) take note of the first one-year extension of the country programme for Bosnia and Herzegovina from 1 January to 31 December 2019; (b) approve the second one-year extensions of the country programmes for the Democratic Republic of the Congo from 1 January to 31 December 2019 and for South Africa from 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020.



Annex

Table 1. For information by the Executive Board: Extensions of country programmes

Country	Years covered by original CPD	Year(s) covered by extension already approved	Year(s) proposed for new extension	Extension		Reason and explanation		
				One-year	Two-year	Harmonization of planning cycles	In-country political development	Other
Bosnia and Herzegovina	2014-2018	N/A	2019	x		The purpose of this extension, which follows discussions with the Government, is to align the programme cycle to the UNDAF cycle and to the next national planning document and SDG framework which is expected by the end of 2018.		

Table 2. For approval by the Executive Board: Extensions of country programmes

Country	Years covered by original CPD	Year(s) covered by extension already approved	Year(s) proposed for new extension	Extension		Reason and explanation		
				One-year	Two-year	Harmonization of planning cycles	In-country political development	Other
Democratic Republic of the Congo	2013-2017	2018	2019	x		The purpose of this extension is to align the programme cycle to the new national planning cycle taking into account the socio-political context around the ongoing electoral process.		
South Africa	2013-2017	March 2018-March 2019	April 2019-March 2020	x		The purpose of this extension is to ensure alignment between the United Nations programming cycle and the Government's next Medium-term Strategic Framework (2020-2025).		

CPD – country programme document

UNDAF – United Nations Development Assistance Framework