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Provisional agenda, annotations, list of documents and workplan

Note by the Executive Board secretariat

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Item 1 Organizational matters

Under this item, the Executive Board will adopt the agenda for the second regular session 2019 and agree on the workplan for the session as presented by the Secretary of the Board. The Board may wish to approve the report of its annual session 2019. A draft report was distributed to members of the Board for their comments; the final report reflects the comments received.

In accordance with decision 96/25, a draft workplan for 2020 is being submitted to the Executive Board. The document will be finalized by the secretariat in close consultation with the Bureau of the Board and will be submitted to the Board for adoption at its first regular session 2020.

Documentation:

Provisional agenda, annotations, list of documents and workplan (DP/2019/L.3)

Report of the annual session 2019 (DP/2019/24)

Decisions adopted at the annual session 2019 (DP/2019/25)

Draft annual workplan of the Executive Board for 2020 (DP/2019/CRP.2)

UNDP segment

Item 2 Structured funding dialogue

Under this item, the Board will have before it the report on the UNDP structured funding dialogue and the report on the annual review of the financial situation, 2018.

The format and content of the report on the UNDP structured funding dialogue have been modified in response to Executive Board decision 2018/16, requesting UNDP to review the format and content of the annual report on contributions and revenue projections for future years, in order to improve the quality of the structured funding dialogue. The modified report adds an overview of the funding in relation to funding requirements for the implementation of the Strategic Plan, 2018-2021, taking into account both regular and other resources, and reflections on topical issues raised in previous structured funding dialogues, informal briefings and consultations by members of the Board, and discussions with other funds and programmes.

The report on the annual review of the financial situation undertakes a comprehensive review and analysis, from the financial perspective, of UNDP activities at the global and aggregate levels. The overview assesses the performance of the organization against the various sources for programming: UNDP regular resources, other resources, and provides the financial position at the end of 2018 with illustrative comparators to the previous year.

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

Documentation:

Annual review of the financial situation, 2018 (DP/2019/26)

Detailed information relating to the annual review of the financial situation 2018 (DP/2019/26/Add.1)

Structured dialogue on financing the results of the UNDP Strategic Plan, 2018-2021 (DP/2019/27)

Item 3 Country programmes and related matters

Under this item, the Executive Board will be asked to: (a) take note of the first oneyear extension of the country programme for Madagascar from 1 January to 31 December 2020; (b) approve the fourth extension of the country programme for Yemen for one year, from 1 January to 31 December 2020; and (c) review and approve, in accordance with Executive Board decision 2014/7, the country programme documents for Angola, Liberia and Sierra Leone.

Documentation:

Extensions of country programmes (DP/2019/28/Rev.1)

Africa

Country programme document for Angola (DP/DCP/AGO/4)

Country programme document for Liberia (DP/DCP/LBR/3)

Country programme document for Sierra Leone (DP/DCP/SLE/4)

Item 4 Evaluation

In its decision 2016/17, approving the revised UNDP evaluation policy (DP/2016/23), the Executive Board requested that the policy be reviewed and presented to the Board for consideration in 2019. The Independent Evaluation Office (IEO) thus facilitated an independent policy review carried out by a team of evaluators during January – March 2019. The independent review of the UNDP evaluation policy (DP/2019/13), together with the management response jointly formulated by IEO and UNDP (DP/2019/14), was presented to the Board at its annual session 2019. In its decision 2019/7, the Board requested IEO, in close consultation with UNDP management, to draft a revised evaluation policy for consideration and approval by the Board at the second regular session 2019. The Board may wish to adopt a decision.

Documentation:

Revised UNDP evaluation policy (DP/2019/29)

UNFPA segment

Item 5 UNFPA structured funding dialogue The Executive Board will hold a structured funding dialogue within the framework of the United Nations Funding Compact (A/74/73/Add.1) and the evolving financing landscape. UNFPA will report on its efforts to explore incentives, mechanisms and funding windows to broaden its donor base, improve communications with donors, and exchange on options to enhance the quality of dialogues and contributions to finance development results in a predictable and sustainable manner. In accordance with United Nations General Assembly resolution 71/243 (2016) on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system, the UNFPA resource mobilization strategy and Executive Board decision 2018/18, the report provides an overview of resource trends, current situation and funding perspective of the Fund, taking into account both core and non-core resources.

The Executive Board may wish to adopt a decision on the UNFPA structured funding dialogue.

Documentation:

Report on the UNFPA structured funding dialogue 2018-2019 (DP/FPA/2019/8)

Item 6 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 Angola, Congo, Liberia, Mexico and Sierra Leone; (b) take note of the first one-year extensions of the country programmes for Bosnia and Herzegovina, Madagascar, Timor-Leste and Tunisia; and (c) approve the first two-year extension for the country programme for Afghanistan, the second, two-year extension for the country programme for Comoros and the fourth, one-year extension for Yemen.

Documentation:

Extensions of country programmes (DP/FPA/2019/9)

Country programme documents for:

Mexico (DP/FPA/CPD/MEX/7),

Angola (DP/FPA/CPD/AGO/8),

Congo (DP/FPA/CPD/COG/6),

Liberia (DP/FPA/CPD/LBR/5),

Sierra Leone (DP/FPA/CPD/ SLE/7).

UNOPS segment

Item 7 United Nations Office for Project Services

Under this item, the Executive Board will have before it the budget estimates for the biennium 2020-2021 and the ACABQ report on the UNOPS budget estimates, as well as the annual statistical report on the procurement activities of United Nations system, 2018.

The UNOPS budget estimates for the biennium 2020-2021 are rooted in the UNOPS strategic plan, 2018-2021 (DP/OPS/2017/5). UNOPS management resources are targeted to UNOPS contribution goals: to enable partners, help people and support countries. The budget is dedicating resources to UNOPS management results, investment requirements and risk mitigation efforts. For each management result, the aspiration for the two-year period is articulated, together with the indicators of progress for which UNOPS will be held accountable. The Board may wish to adopt a decision, elements of which are contained in the report.

In its resolution 39/220 the General Assembly established the need for recurrent reporting of statistical data on procurement by United Nations agencies on operational activities. As of 2008 and pursuant to Executive Board decision 2007/38, the Executive Director of UNOPS has assumed the responsibility of compiling and submitting the report. The report provides details on United Nations system procurement by country of supply. The current report presents an analysis of the \$18.8 billion of goods and services procured by 39 United Nations organizations in 2018. The Board may wish to adopt a decision.

Documentation:

UNOPS budget estimates for the biennium 2020-2021 (DP/OPS/2019/5)

Report of the ACABQ on the UNOPS budget estimates for the biennium 2020-2021 (DP/OPS/2019/6)

Annual statistical report on the procurement activities of United Nations system, 2018 (DP/OPS/2019/7)

Joint segment

Item 8 Financial, budgetary and administrative matters

In its decision 2018/21, the Executive Board requested UNDP and UNFPA, together with UNICEF and UN-Women, to "jointly review existing cost definitions and classifications of activities and associated costs, with a view to further harmonize their approaches by determining common definitions of cost categories and corresponding activities and functions at a granular level, while taking into account the different business models of the individual agencies". The present joint report responds to this request and includes a proposal on further harmonization of cost definitions and classification of activities and associated costs for review and approval. The Board may wish to adopt a decision, elements of which are contained in the report.

The report of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS on joint procurement activities provides details on how UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS continue to show their commitment to joint procurement by initiating, supporting and participating in initiatives and activities globally to pursue benefits and opportunities that have resulted in stronger procurement practices, more efficient processes and lower costs for all participating organizations. The Executive Board may wish to take note of the present report and comment on the joint procurement activities delivered in 2018, as well as activities in progress in 2019.

Documentation:

Joint review of the existing cost definitions and classifications of activities and associated costs (DP/FPA-ICEF-UNW/2019/1)

Report of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS on joint procurement activities (DP/FPA/OPS/2019/3)

Item 9 Follow-up to UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board meeting

The joint UNDP and UNFPA report addresses the implementation of decisions and recommendations of the Programme Coordinating Board (PCB) of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS). The report focuses on the 42nd and 43rd PCB meetings, held in June and December 2018, respectively, as well the special session held in March 2019. The report also highlights the contributions of UNDP and UNFPA to the HIV/AIDS response. The Board may wish to take note of the report.

Documentation:

Report on the implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (DP/2019/30 – DP/FPA/2019/10)

Item 10

Update on implementation of General Assembly resolution 72/279 on the repositioning of the United Nations development system

UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS remain committed to engaging with the Executive Board on providing updates on the status of implementation of the General Assembly resolution 72/279 of 31 May 2018 on the repositioning of the United Nations development system in the context of the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system, including the status of the progress made under the Funding Compact commitments.

Item 11 Working methods of the Executive Board

In its decision 2019/16, the Executive Board requested the secretariat of the Executive Board of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS to work together with the secretariats of the UNICEF and UN-Women Executive Boards, to present initial proposals to improve the working methods of the joint meetings of the Boards; to propose different alternatives of adjusting the dates of the second regular sessions; and to present practical proposals for improving efficiency of the sessions of the Executive Board. A joint proposal of the secretariats will be presented for consideration at the present session.

Item 12 Field visits

The Executive Board will have before it a report on the joint field visit to Colombia by the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP, which took place from 11 to 18 May 2019. The Board may wish to take note of the report.

Documentation:

Report on the joint field visit of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP to Colombia (DP/FPA/OPS-ICEF-UNW-WFP/2019/CRP.1)

Item 13 Other matters

TENTATIVE WORKPLAN EXECUTIVE BOARD OF UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS SECOND REGULAR SESSION 2019 (3 - 6 September 2019, New York)

| Day/date | Time | Item | Subject |
|-------------|------------------|------|---|
| Tuesday, | 10 a.m1 p.m. | 1 | ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS |
| 3 September | | | • Adoption of the agenda and workplan for the session |
| | | | • Adoption of the report of the annual session 2019 |
| | | | Joint segment |
| | | 10 | UPDATE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 72/279 ON THE REPOSITIONING OF THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM |
| | | | Status of Funding Compact |
| | | 2 | UNDP STRUCTURED FUNDING DIALOGUE |
| | | | UNDP annual review of the financial situation, 2018 Structured dialogue on financing the results of the UNDP Strategic Plan, 2018-2021 |
| | | 5 | UNFPA STRUCTURED FUNDING DIALOGUE |
| | | | • Report on contributions by Member States and others to UNFPA and revenue projections for 2019 and future years |
| | 3 – 5:30 p.m. | 8 | FINANCIAL, BUDGETARY AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS Cost recovery: Joint review of the existing cost definitions and classifications of activities and associated costs Report of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS on joint procurement activities |
| | | 11 | WORKING METHODS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD |
| Wednesday, | 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. | | UNDP segment |
| 4 September | | | INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE WITH THE UNDP ADMINISTRATOR |
| | 3 – 5:30 p.m. | | INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE WITH THE UNDP ADMINISTRATOR (cont'd) |
| | | 3 | UNDP COUNTRY PROGRAMMES AND RELATED MATTERS |
| | | | Presentation and approval of country programme documents Extensions of country programmes |
| | | 4 | EVALUATION |
| | | | • Revised UNDP evaluation policy |
| Thursday, | 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. | | UNFPA segment |
| 5 September | | | |

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| | 3 – 5:30 p.m. | 6 | UNFPA COUNTRY PROGRAMMES AND RELATED MATTERS |
| | | | • Presentation and approval of country programme documents |
| | | | • Extensions of country programmes |
| | | | Joint segment (cont'd) |
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| | | 9 | FOLLOW-UP TO UNAIDS PROGRAMME COORDINATING BOARD MEETING |
| | | | • Joint UNDP/UNFPA report on follow-up to recommendations of the Programme Coordinating Board of UNAIDS |
| | | 12 | FIELD VISITS |
| | | | • Report on the joint field visit to Colombia |
| Friday, | 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. | | UNOPS segment |
| 6 September | | | STATEMENT BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR |
| | | 7 | UNOPS biennial budget estimates, 2020-2021 |
| | | | Report of the ACABQ on the UNOPS biennial budget estimates, 2020- 2021 |
| | | | Annual statistical report on the procurement activities of United Nations system organizations, 2018 |
| | | | INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE WITH THE UNOPS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR |
| | 3 - 5 p.m. | 13 | OTHER MATTERS |
| | | | Address by the Chairperson of the UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS/ UN-Women Staff Council |
| | | | Adoption of pending decisions |
| | | 1 | ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS |
| | | | Draft annual workplan of the Executive Board for 2020 Adoption of the tentative workplan for the first regular session 2020 |