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Provisional annotated agenda

1. Opening of the session

The Executive Board will hear opening statements by the President of the Executive Board and the Executive Director

Organizational and procedural matters

2. Adoption of the provisional annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work

For action [E/ICEF/2012/15]

The provisional agenda has been prepared in consultation with the Bureau of the Executive Board based on the programme of work adopted by the Executive Board at its 2011 second regular session. The provisional agenda also takes into account consultations with the Bureau of the Executive Board following the adoption of decision 2011/14 on the proposed programme of work for Executive Board sessions in 2012. The Executive Board will adopt the agenda for the session, making any amendments it considers necessary.

3. Proposed programme of work for Executive Board sessions in 2013

For action [E/ICEF/2012/16]

The proposed programme of work is based on suggestions by the secretariat and on Executive Board decisions, including decision 2010/11, which called for a better balance of agenda items throughout the year and for the possibility to harmonize the schedule for relevant items with that of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and of the United Nations Office for Project Services. It has been prepared in consultation with the Bureau of the Executive Board of UNICEF and is presented to the Executive Board for approval. Once adopted, it serves as a framework for setting the agenda for 2013 Executive Board sessions, subject to decisions by the Executive Board and modifications introduced in consultation with the Bureau of the Executive Board.

Programme and policy matters

4. Report on the implementation of the strategic framework for partnerships and collaborative relationships

For discussion [E/ICEF/2012/18]

This report provides a review of the implementation of the strategic framework for partnerships and collaborative relationships, which was endorsed by the Executive Board at its annual session of 2009. In accordance with Executive Board decision 2009/9, the focus of the strategic framework is widened to include all actors, including multilateral organizations.

5. Report on the implementation of the “modified system for allocation of regular resources for programmes” approved by the Executive Board in 1997

For action [E/ICEF/2012/19]

In accordance with Executive Board decision 2008/15, this report highlights progress and developments in the implementation of the regular resource allocation system and its implications for the cooperation between UNICEF and programme countries.

6. Proposals for UNICEF programme cooperation

(a) Approval of revised country programme documents

For action

At its 2012 annual session, the Executive Board discussed 16 draft country programme documents (Belize, the Plurinational State of Bolivia, Bulgaria, Costa Rica, Djibouti, Guinea, India, Jordan, Lesotho, Liberia, Nepal, Pacific Island Countries, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Sierra Leone, and Sri Lanka). The comments made were shared with the respective country offices and the draft country programme documents were revised as appropriate and posted on the UNICEF Executive Board website within six weeks of the session. The Executive Board will approve the country programme documents on a no-objection basis unless at least five members have informed the secretariat in writing of their wish to bring a particular country programme document before the Executive Board for discussion.

(b) Draft country programme and common country programme documents

For action

The nine country and common country programme documents noted below are presented to the Executive Board for discussion and comments, and for approval of the aggregate totals of estimated regular and other resources in the programme budget. The summary results matrix for each programme is posted on the UNICEF Executive Board website, and the United Nations Development Assistance Framework results matrices are available through the UNICEF Executive Board website, where applicable. The draft common country programme document includes the results and resources framework for UNICEF. Also available on the website, in accordance with Executive Board decision 2008/17, are the consolidated results and performance data for the previous programme cycles of each of the nine draft country programmes.

Taking into account the comments made at the second regular session, the draft country and common country programme documents will be revised and posted on the UNICEF Executive Board website, at the latest, six weeks after the second regular session for further review by members of the Executive Board. The revised country programme and common country programme documents will be approved by the Executive Board on a no-objection basis at the first regular session of 2013 unless at least five members have informed the secretariat in writing of their wish to bring a particular draft country programme document or common country programme document before the Executive Board.

The nine country programme and common country programme documents for this session will be presented by region:

- Americas and the Caribbean
 - Haiti (E/ICEF/2012/P/L.30)
 - Nicaragua (E/ICEF/2012/P/L.31)
- Eastern and Southern Africa
 - South Africa (E/ICEF/2012/P/L.32)
- Middle East and North Africa
 - Libya (E/ICEF/2012/P/L.33)
 - Sudan (E/ICEF/2012/P/L.34)
- South Asia
 - Pakistan (E/ICEF/2012/P/L.38)
- West and Central Africa
 - Cameroon (E/ICEF/2012/P/L.35)
 - Democratic Republic of the Congo (E/ICEF/2012/P/L.36)
 - Equatorial Guinea (E/ICEF/2012/P/L.37)

(c) Regional summaries of midterm reviews of country programmes

For discussion

The regional summaries of midterm reviews of ongoing country programmes specify, inter alia, the results achieved, lessons learned and the need for any adjustment in the country programmes. The Executive Board is requested to review the reports and provide guidance to the secretariat, if necessary. The following five reports will be presented and discussed at this session:

- (i) Americas and the Caribbean region (E/ICEF/2012/P/L.26) covering the midterm review of the country programme of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela;
- (ii) East Asia and the Pacific region (E/ICEF/2012/P/L.27) covering the midterm review of the country programme of Timor-Leste;
- (iii) Eastern and Southern Africa region (E/ICEF/2012/P/L.24) covering the midterm reviews of the country programmes of Angola, Kenya and Uganda;
- (iv) South Asia region (E/ICEF/2012/P/L.28) covering the midterm review of the country programme of Afghanistan;
- (v) West and Central Africa region (E/ICEF/2012/P/L.25) covering the midterm reviews of the country programmes of Benin, the Republic of the Congo and Niger.

(d) Extensions of ongoing country programmes

For action [E/ICEF/2012/P/L.39]

In accordance with Executive Board decision 2009/11, the Executive Board will be:

- (i) informed of the one-year extensions of the ongoing country programmes of Guinea Bissau and Mali, and the six-month extension of the ongoing country programme of Rwanda; and (ii) requested to approve the second consecutive one-year extension of

the country programme of the Syrian Arab Republic and the six-month extension of the ongoing country programme of Egypt.

Resources, financial and budgetary matters

In addition to the agenda items listed under resources, financial and budgetary matters, a report on funds allocated from regular resources to cover overexpenditures for completed projects funded from other resources up to 31 December 2010 is available on the website.

7. Medium-term strategic plan: planned financial estimates for the period 2012-2015

For action [E/ICEF/2012/AB/L.4]

In accordance with Executive Board decision 2000/3, a medium-term financial plan is presented with the UNICEF medium-term strategic plan, and the estimates on which the financial plan is based are reviewed and revised annually. This report contains the planned financial estimates for the period 2012-2015, which provide a basis for determining the level of regular resources programme submissions for approval in 2013.

8. Private fundraising: financial report and statements for the year ended 31 December 2011

For discussion [E/ICEF/2012/AB/L.5]

This report is presented annually to the Executive Board for review and comments.

9. Steps taken and progress achieved towards an integrated budget: joint report of UNDP, UNFPA and UNICEF

For action [E/ICEF/2012/AB/L.6]

A joint report of UNDP, UNFPA and UNICEF is presented to the Executive Board in accordance with the updated road map towards an integrated budget discussed by the Executive Board at its 2011 second regular session. The joint report contains the results of a joint review on the impact of harmonized cost recovery rates within the context of the integrated budget and new strategic plans from 2014 onwards. A mock integrated budget and an update on steps taken and progress achieved towards the integrated budget are also presented to the Executive Board for discussion.

Other matters and adoption of draft decisions

10. Other matters

The Executive Board may consider discussing any other issue under this agenda item.

11. Adoption of draft decisions

12. Closing statements by the Executive Director and the President of the Executive Board

The Executive Board will hear statements by the Executive Director and the President of the Executive Board.

**Provisional timetable and organization of work for the 2012 second regular session of UNICEF Executive Board
11-14 September 2012¹**

Tuesday, 11 September	a.m. 10:00-1:00	Item 1	Opening of the session: Statements by the President of the Executive Board and the Executive Director
		Item 2	Adoption of the provisional annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work
			Special focus session on the work of UNICEF in humanitarian situations, including the collaboration with the European Commission
	p.m. 3:00-5:00	Item 7	Medium-term strategic plan: planned financial estimates for the period 2012-2015
		Item 5	Report on the implementation of the “modified system for allocation of regular resources for programmes” approved by the Executive Board in 1997
	5:00-6:00		<i>Informal consultations</i>
Wednesday, 12 September	a.m. 10:00-1:00	Item 6	Proposals for UNICEF programme cooperation: (a) Approval of revised country programme documents discussed at the 2012 annual session (b) Draft country programme and common country programme documents (c) Regional summaries of midterm reviews of country programmes (d) Extensions of ongoing country programmes
	p.m. 3:00-5:00	Item 6 (continued)	Proposals for UNICEF programme cooperation: (continuation of unfinished items above)
	5:00-6:00		<i>Informal consultations</i>
Thursday, 13 September	a.m. 10:00-1:00	Item 4	Report on the implementation of the strategic framework for partnerships and collaborative relationships
	1:15-2:45	Item 8	Private fundraising: financial report and statements for the year ended 31 December 2011 <i>Informal consultations</i>

¹ When consideration of an agenda item concludes ahead of the allocated time, the next item will be taken up for consideration and the timetable adjusted accordingly.

	p.m. 3:00-5:00	Item 9	Steps taken and progress achieved towards an integrated budget: joint report of UNDP, UNFPA and UNICEF
	4:00-5:00		“Progress in reducing under nutrition — update on the Scaling Up Nutrition Movement and the role of UNICEF”
	5:00-6:00		<i>Informal consultations</i>
Friday, 14 September	a.m. 10:00-1:00	Item 3	Proposed programme of work for the Executive Board sessions in 2013
		Item 10	Other matters Provisional list of agenda items for the 2013 first regular session of the Executive Board
	p.m. 3:00-5:00	Item 11	Adoption of draft decisions
		Item 12	Closing of the session: Statements by the Executive Director and the President of the Executive Board