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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 2024 and agree on the workplan for the session as presented by the Secretary of the Board. The Board may wish to adopt the report of its annual session 2024. 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 2025 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 2025.

#### *Documentation:*

Provisional agenda, annotations, list of documents and workplan (DP/2024/L.3)

Report of the annual session 2024 (DP/2024/24)

Decisions adopted at the annual session 2024 (DP/2024/25)

Draft annual workplan of the Executive Board for 2025 (DP/2024/CRP.2)

## **Joint segment**

### **Item 2**

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

During the second regular session 2020, the Executive Boards of UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF and UN-Women approved the joint cost-recovery policy (DP/FPA-ICEF-UNW/2020/1) including cost-classification categories, methodology and rates. The Executive Boards requested the agencies present a comprehensive review of the cost-recovery policy and its implementation for decision at the second regular session 2024. The report responds to the comprehensive review requested by the Executive Boards. It includes a review of past trends for each agency with regard to the implementation of the cost recovery policy, finding that the joint cost-recovery policy has been helpful in enabling full cost recovery and driving harmonization among the agencies. It proposes to maintain the joint comprehensive approach to cost recovery including harmonized cost-classification categories, methodology and rates. The report also outlines additional improvements to further enable full cost recovery and enhance transparency among all agencies.

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

#### *Documentation:*

Comprehensive review of the joint cost-recovery policy and its implementation (DP/FPA-ICEFUNW/2024/1)

### **Item 9**

#### **Update on the assessment of how the Executive Board executes its governance and oversight functions**

During the annual session 2024, the Executive Board considered the report by the Joint Inspection Unit titled 'Review of governance and oversight of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, and UN-Women (JIU/REP/2023/7).'

The related decision (2024/23) requested the Bureau to provide, in consultation with the bureaux of the participating Boards, an update on the implementation of this decision at the second regular session 2024. In the same decision, the Board also decided to include an item for decision on the progress of the consideration of the Joint Inspection Unit report on the agendas of every formal session, until decided otherwise.

The Executive Board may wish to adopt a decision on this topic.

## **UNDP segment**

### **Item 3 UNDP structured funding dialogue**

Under this item, the Board will have before it the report on the structured dialogue on financing the results of the UNDP Strategic Plan, 2022-2025. The report provides an update on the structured funding dialogue, an overview of resource trends and progress made towards financing the UNDP Strategic Plan, 2022-2025, and harmonized annual reporting on the implementation of entity-specific commitments of the Funding Compact. A full review of the 2023 financial situation is presented in annex I and progress on the entity-specific commitments of the Funding Compact in annex II. The annexes are available separately on the Executive Board website.

Under this item, the Board will also have before it the report on the annual review of the financial situation of the United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF) for 2023. The report provides an overview of the financial position of UNCDF at the end of 2023 and of its financial performance for 2023. In 2023, UNCDF maintained an overall positive financial position and liquidity, despite a 17 per cent decrease in revenue and 13 per cent decrease in expenses. The decrease in revenue is due to an increase in donor refunds and the decrease in expenses is mainly due to a decrease in grants and other transfers of \$14.6 million in 2023.

Under this item, the Board will also have before it the Global Environment Facility: amendments to GEF Instrument. The Seventh Global Environment Facility (GEF) Assembly held in Vancouver, Canada on 22-26 August 2023, approved amendments to the Instrument for the Establishment of the Restructured Global Environment Facility (GEF Instrument). In accordance with paragraph 34 of the GEF Instrument, these amendments may become effective only after adoption by the three GEF Implementing Agencies: UNDP, United Nations Environment Programme and the World Bank. The Administrator has received a letter from the GEF Chief Executive Officer (annexed to the Note by the Administrator) informing him of the amendments and requesting him to facilitate the adoption of the amendments in accordance with the rules and procedural requirements of UNDP. The Note by the Administrator describes the amendments proposed for adoption and outlines their rationale and key implications for UNDP.

The Executive Board may wish to adopt a decision on this item.

#### *Documentation:*

Structured dialogue on financing the results of the UNDP Strategic Plan, 2022-2025 (DP/2024/26 and annexes)

Annual review of the financial situation of the United Nations Capital Development Fund, 2023 (DP/2024/27)

## **Item 4**

### **UNDP country programmes and related matters**

Under this item, the Executive Board will be asked to (a) approve, in accordance with decision 2014/7, the UNDP country programme documents for the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Namibia, Sierra Leone and Ukraine; (b) take note of the first one-year extension, approved by the UNDP Administrator, of the country programme for Yemen; and (c) approve the third one-year extension of the country programme for Myanmar.

#### *Documentation:*

Country programme document for:

Democratic Republic of the Congo (DP/DCP/COD/4);  
Djibouti (DP/DCP/DJI/4);  
Namibia (DP/DCP/NAM/4);  
Sierra Leone (DP/DCP/SLE/5); and  
Ukraine (DP/DCP/UKR/4)

Extensions of country programmes (DP/2024/28)

## **UNFPA segment**

### **Item 5**

#### **UNFPA structured funding dialogue**

Under this item, the Executive Board will consider the report on the UNFPA structured funding dialogue, 2023-2024. It is prepared in response to General Assembly resolution [75/233](#) to further improve the functioning and effectiveness of structured dialogues on how to fund the development results agreed in the strategic plans, including through the implementation of the United Nations Funding Compact commitments.

The UNFPA structured funding dialogues are informed by General Assembly resolution 72/279 on the repositioning of the United Nations development system and conducted under the UNFPA proposal to the Executive Board on structured funding dialogues (DP/FPA/2018/10/Add.1), within the framework of system-wide funding and collaboration, as spelled out in the Funding Compact, endorsed at the operational activities for development segment of the United Nations Economic and Social Council in May 2019 (A/74/73/Add.1).

In line with the UNFPA Strategic Plan, 2022-2025, this report provides an overview of resource trends, the current situation and funding perspectives, considering both regular (core) and other (non-core) resources. It also presents forward-looking perspectives on UNFPA funding in 2024 and 2025. The report concludes with elements of a decision and an annex on UNFPA progress in implementing the Funding Compact, available separately on the UNFPA website.

The Executive Board may wish to adopt a decision on this item.

#### *Documentation:*

Report on the structured funding dialogue, 2023-2024 (DP/FPA/2024/11)

### **Item 6**

#### **UNFPA country programmes and related matters**

Under this item, the Executive Board will be asked to (a) approve, in accordance with decision 2014/7, the UNFPA country programme documents for Democratic Republic

of the Congo, Djibouti, Namibia, Sierra Leone and Ukraine; (b) take note of the first one-year extension, approved by the UNFPA Executive Director, of the country programmes for Cuba, Liberia, Mexico and Yemen; and (c) approve the first, two-year extension of the country programme for the Republic of the Congo; the third one-year extension of the country programme for Myanmar; and the fourth one-year extension of the country programme for the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

*Documentation:*

Country programme documents for:

Democratic Republic of the Congo (DP/FPA/CPD/COD/6);

Djibouti (DP/FPA/CPD/DJI/6);

Namibia (DP/FPA/CPD/NAM/7);

Sierra Leone (DP/FPA/CPD/SLE/8); and

Ukraine (DP/FPA/CPD/UKR/4);

Extensions of UNFPA country programmes (DP/FPA/2024/12)

## **UNOPS segment**

### **Item 7**

#### **Statement by the UNOPS Executive Director**

In response to Executive Board decision 2023/23, the Internal Audit and Investigations Group will present the terms of reference for the second interim external third-party review of the status of the implementation of the remaining recommendations. In 2022, at the request of the Executive Board, UNOPS commissioned two third-party reviews. The second review focused on the UNOPS mandate, governance, risk management and internal control systems, performance management and accountability. In response to the review, UNOPS drew up a comprehensive response plan, which was presented to the Executive Board at its special session in 2022.

Under this item, the Board will also consider two information notes: (i) an update on the implementation strategy for the Process Innovation and Digitalization Programme that focuses on strengthening UNOPS delivery for partners and beneficiaries. Initiated in 2023, the five-year Programme aims at optimizing UNOPS processes and adopting the most appropriate digital systems; and (ii) an update on the approximate amount remaining of undisbursed funds including its excess reserves accumulated as of 31 December 2024. UNOPS will present options for alternative use of undisbursed funds for consideration by the Board in response to Executive Board decision 2024/6.

The Executive Board may wish to adopt a decision on these items.

The Executive Director of UNOPS also submits the report on procurement by organizations of the United Nations system to the Executive Board pursuant to its decision 2007/38. The complete annual statistical report, 2023, on United Nations procurement may be obtained in the language of submission from the Executive Board Secretariat and at the United Nations Global Marketplace website. This report marks a significant milestone – the 40th year of the United Nations system reporting on its procurement activities through the annual statistical report. The annual statistical report, 2023, contains: (a) a trend analysis of United Nations procurement by organization, goods and services, sector and category of goods and services, countries, and regions of supply; (b) analysis of United Nations procurement from suppliers in least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States; (c) analysis of collaborative procurement among United

Nations organizations; and (d) analysis of sustainable procurement practices in the United Nations system. The 32 organizations that submitted data for inclusion in the report procured goods and services worth \$24.9 billion in 2023, representing a decrease of 15.7 per cent, or \$4.7 billion, compared to 2022. Procurement from least developed countries reached \$5 billion, or 20.1 per cent of total United Nations procurement.

The Executive Board may wish to adopt a decision on this item.

*Documentation:*

Terms of reference for the external third-party review at the end of the implementation period of the comprehensive response plan (DP/OPS/2024/5)

Annual statistical report on the procurement activities of United Nations system organizations, 2023 (DP/OPS/2024/9)

**Item 8**  
**Other matters**

The Executive Board is expected to adopt the decisions being considered during the second regular session 2024.

**TENTATIVE WORKPLAN** (as of 1 July 2024, check the Executive Board [website](#) for the latest versions)  
**EXECUTIVE BOARD OF UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS**  
**SECOND REGULAR SESSION 2024**  
**(26 – 29 August 2024, New York)**

<i>Day/date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Subject</i>
<b>Monday, 26 August</b>	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	1	<p>ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adoption of the agenda and workplan for the session</li> <li>• Adoption of the report of the annual session 2024</li> </ul> <p><b>UNFPA SEGMENT</b></p> <p>STATEMENT BY THE UNFPA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR</p>
	3 – 4:30 p.m.		THEMATIC INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE WITH THE UNFPA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
	4:30 – 5:30 p.m.	2	<p><b>JOINT SEGMENT</b></p> <p>FINANCIAL, BUDGETARY AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comprehensive review of the cost-recovery policy and its implementation</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday, 27 August</b>	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.		<p><b>UNDP SEGMENT</b></p> <p>INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE WITH THE UNDP ADMINISTRATOR</p>
	3 – 4:30 p.m.		THEMATIC INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE WITH THE UNDP ADMINISTRATOR
	4:30 – 6:00 p.m.	9	<p><b>JOINT SEGMENT (cont'd)</b></p> <p>UPDATE ON THE ASSESSMENT OF HOW THE EXECUTIVE BOARD EXECUTES ITS GOVERNANCE AND OVERSIGHT FUNCTIONS</p>
<b>Wednesday, 28 August</b>	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	7	<p><b>UNOPS SEGMENT</b></p> <p>STATEMENT BY THE UNOPS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comprehensive response plan in response to the recommendations of the two independent third-party reviews of UNOPS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Terms of reference for the external third-party review at the end of the implementation period of the comprehensive response plan</li> <li>○ Implementation strategy for the Process Innovation and Digitalization Programme</li> <li>○ Update on approximate amount remaining of undisbursed funds</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Annual statistical report on the procurement activities of United Nations system organizations, 2023</li> </ul>
	3 – 6 p.m.	3	<p><b>UNDP SEGMENT (cont'd)</b></p> <p>UNDP STRUCTURED FUNDING DIALOGUE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Structured dialogue on financing the results of the UNDP Strategic Plan</li> </ul>

		5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Annual review of the financial situation of the United Nations Capital Development Fund, 2023</li> <li>Global Environment Facility: amendments to GEF Instrument</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>UNFPA SEGMENT (cont'd)</b></p> <p>UNFPA STRUCTURED FUNDING DIALOGUE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Report on the UNFPA structured funding dialogue 2023-2024</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday, 29 August</b>	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	4	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>UNDP SEGMENT (cont'd)</b></p> <p>UNDP COUNTRY PROGRAMMES AND RELATED MATTERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation and approval of country programme documents</li> <li>Extensions of country programmes</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>UNFPA SEGMENT (cont'd)</b></p> <p>UNFPA COUNTRY PROGRAMMES AND RELATED MATTERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation and approval of country programme documents</li> <li>Extensions of country programmes</li> </ul>
		6	
	3 – 4:30 p.m.	8	<p>OTHER MATTERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adoption of decisions</li> </ul> <p>ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS</p>
		1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Draft annual workplan of the Executive Board for 2025</li> <li>Adoption of the tentative workplan for the first regular session 2025</li> <li>Closing of the session</li> </ul>