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Item 1

Organizational matters

Under this item, the Executive Board will adopt the agenda for the annual session 2022 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 first regular session 2022. A draft report was distributed to members of the Board for their comments; the final report contains comments received within the deadline.

Documentation:

Provisional agenda, annotations, list of documents and workplan (DP/2022/L.2)

Report of the first regular session 2022 (DP/2022/13)

Decisions adopted at the first regular session 2022 (DP/2022/14)

Joint segment

Item 2

Update on implementation efforts on the repositioning of the United Nations development system

In line with Executive Board decision 2019/4, UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS will report to the Executive Board on the status of implementation of General Assembly resolution 72/279 on the repositioning of the United Nations development system, and General Assembly resolution 76/4 on the review of the functioning of the reinvigorated resident coordinator system, including its funding arrangement, within the framework of General Assembly resolution 75/233 on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system.

The Executive Board may wish to take note of the update of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS on implementation efforts on the repositioning of the United Nations development system.

Item 3

Internal audit and investigation

Under this item, the Executive Board will have before it the reports of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS on internal audit and investigation. The structure and content of the reports are harmonized with each other and the annual reports of United Nations Children's Fund and the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women.

Pursuant to decision 2016/13 of the Executive Board, the UNDP Office of Audit and Investigations submits the present report covering its activities in 2021. It includes an opinion, based on the scope of work undertaken, concerning the adequacy and effectiveness of the UNDP framework of governance, risk management and control; and the criteria that support the opinion. It also includes a concise summary of the implementation of the annual workplan of the office.

The management response to this report is presented separately (decision 2006/13) and the annual report of the Audit and Evaluation Advisory Committee is appended to this report (in accordance with document DP/2008/16/Rev.1).

The report on the UNFPA internal audit, advisory services, and investigation activities of the Office of Audit and Investigation Services (OAIS) for the year ending 31 December 2021 responds to Executive Board decisions 2015/2 and 2015/13 and earlier pertinent Board decisions. It presents a synthesis of activities completed in 2021 by OAIS on internal audit, advisory, and investigation. The report contains information on (a) mandate of OAIS, (b) internal audit opinion on the governance, risk management, and internal controls that are in place in the Organization, (c) a statement on the independence of OAIS and conformance to professional standards, (d) the resources in OAIS for 2021; (e) results of the implementation of the 2021 risk-based audit plan, (f) significant issues and recommendations resulting from audit, advisory, and investigation activities; (g) disclosure of internal audit reports, and (h) investigations, including information on the nature of cases received, investigated, and actions taken. Annexes to this report are available separately on the UNFPA website.

Pursuant to Executive Board decision 2015/2 and earlier pertinent decisions, the annual report of the UNFPA Oversight Advisory Committee and its revised Terms of Reference is provided as an addendum to the report. A management response to the two reports is also available (DP/FPA/2022/CRP.2).

The Executive Board will also have before it the activity report on UNOPS internal audit and investigation services for the year ended 31 December 2021, submitted by the Internal Audit and Investigations Group. The report is accompanied by the management response presented separately (in accordance with decision 2006/13) and the annual report of the UNOPS Audit Advisory Committee for 2021.

The Executive Board may wish to adopt a decision on the internal audit and investigation reports of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS.

Documentation:

UNDP: Annual report of the Office of Audit and Investigations on internal audit and investigation activities in 2021 (DP/2022/15)

UNFPA: Report of the Office of Audit and Investigation Services on UNFPA internal audit and investigation activities in 2021 (DP/FPA/2022/6)

Annual report of the UNFPA Oversight Advisory Committee (DP/FPA/2022/6/Add.1)

Terms of Reference of the UNFPA Oversight Advisory Committee (available on the UNFPA website alongside the annual report of the OAC)

UNOPS: Annual report of the Internal Audit and Investigations Group on internal audit and investigations activities in 2021 (DP/OPS/2022/3)

Item 4 Ethics

Under this item, the Executive Board will have before it the reports of the Ethics Offices of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS.

Pursuant to decision 2008/37 of the Executive Board, the UNDP Ethics Office submits the present report covering its activities in 2021. The report includes, inter alia, two recommendations to management to strengthen UNDP culture of ethics and integrity. In accordance with the Secretary-General's bulletin on United Nations system-wide application of ethics: separately administered organs and programmes (ST/SGB/2007/11), the Ethics Panel of the United Nations reviewed the report in

February 2022. This is the fourteenth annual report presented by the Ethics Office since its establishment in 2007. The report is accompanied by a management response.

The UNFPA report is submitted to the Executive Board pursuant to its decision 2015/2 and earlier pertinent Board decisions. In accordance with the Secretary-General's bulletin on United Nations system-wide application of ethics: separately administered organs and programmes (ST/SGB/2007/11), the report was considered at the 131st meeting of the Ethics Panel of the United Nations and presented to the UNFPA Executive Director. The report provides a summary of the activities of the UNFPA Ethics Office during 2021 and describes trends in the mandated areas of its work. It also provides recommendations to management to further strengthen the organizational culture of integrity and compliance. A management response to the report is also available (DP/FPA/2022/CRP.3).

Pursuant to Executive Board decision 2010/17, the Chief Ethics and Compliance Officer of UNOPS submits to the Board the report on the activities of the Ethics and Compliance Office during 2021. This report has been reviewed by the Ethics Panel of the United Nations, in accordance with section 5.4 of the Secretary-General's bulletin on United Nations system-wide application of ethics: separately administered organs and programmes (ST/SGB/2007/11), as amended. The report is accompanied by a management response.

The Executive Board may wish to adopt a decision on the reports of the Ethics Offices of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS.

Documentation:

Activities of the UNDP Ethics Office in 2021 (DP/2022/16)

UNFPA: Report of the Ethics Office 2021 (DP/FPA/2022/7)

Activities of the UNOPS Ethics and Compliance Office in 2021 (DP/OPS/2022/4)

Item 15 Protection against sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment

Under this item, UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS, in line with decision 2022/2, will provide "an update on how each organization is improving its organizational culture to address all forms of sexual harassment, and its actions to prevent and respond to sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment in its policies, procedures, operations, and through improvement of organizational culture at headquarters, regional and country levels".

UNDP segment

Item 5 Annual report of the Administrator

The UNDP Strategic Plan, 2018-2021 set out the direction for a new UNDP, optimized to help countries achieve the ambitions of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. This final report of the Administrator on that plan reports on development results in 2021. It highlights successes and lessons learned from reporting on the signature solutions and from evaluations and audits, all within the context of the repositioning of the United Nations development system. The report

considers complex challenges to development around the world in 2021 while offering valuable insights into the continuing transformation of UNDP, which is now equipped to take forward the Strategic Plan, 2022-2025, with its vision for accelerating progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals and leaving no one behind. Annexes to the report, including a comprehensive Integrated Results and Resources Framework (IRRF) report card and financial data, are available on the Executive Board website.

In line with General Assembly resolutions 59/267 and 62/246, the UNDP report on the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) provides a summary of UNDP management responses to the recommendations contained in the reports issued by the JIU in 2021, as well as the implementation status of relevant JIU recommendations issued in 2020 and 2019.

The statistical annex contains detailed financial information on the annual stock of revenue and expenses for UNDP country programme activities from all sources of regular resources (core) and other resources (non-core) funding.

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

Documentation:

Annual report of the Administrator for 2021 (DP/2022/17)

Report of UNDP on the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit in 2021 (DP/2022/17/Add.1)

Statistical annex (DP/2022/17/Add.2)

Item 6 Gender equality at UNDP

Under this item, UNDP presents its third gender equality strategy, this one for the period 2022–2025. The new strategy complements the UNDP Strategic Plan, 2022-2025 and follows the requirements of the United Nations System-wide Action Plan on Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women. The strategy establishes priorities towards gender equality and the empowerment of women within each signature solution, including signature solution 6 on gender equality. It builds on an unprecedented co-creation process which engaged more than 1,000 people, including three informal consultations with the Executive Board. The strategy places increased emphasis on interventions that target structural changes to address the root causes of inequalities. It proposes scaling up successful existing work and opening new arenas building on the added value of UNDP. It reflects an intentional effort to strengthen gender equality interventions in crisis and conflict contexts, and to re-envision the way UNDP partners with the United Nations, civil society and beyond. The strategy lays out the commitments of UNDP for the next four years towards its own internal institutional transformation.

The Board may wish to take note of the UNDP gender equality strategy, 2022-2025.

The UNDP gender equality strategy, 2018-2021, has been the road map to advancing gender equality and women's empowerment in the development work and institutional performance of UNDP during the last four years. Gender equality was already one of the six signature solutions of the previous Strategic Plan, 2018-2021 across three outcomes: (a) eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions; (b) accelerating structural transformations for sustainable development; and (c) building resilience to crises and shocks. The present report highlights the progress made in 2021 in the development work and institutional performance of UNDP, as

well as challenges and emerging trends. Building on the progress reported in previous years, it provides a cumulative analysis, lessons learned and a way forward while transitioning to the next UNDP gender equality strategy, 2022-2025.

The Board may wish to take note of the report.

Documentation:

UNDP gender equality strategy, 2022-2025 (DP/2022/18)

Annual report on the implementation of the UNDP gender equality strategy, 2018-2021 (DP/2022/19)

Item 7
UNDP country programmes and related matters

Under this item, the Executive Board will be asked to: (a) take note of the first one-year extension of the country programme for Angola; and (b) review and approve, in accordance with Executive Board decision 2014/7, the country programme documents for Kenya, the United Republic of Tanzania and the Syrian Arab Republic.

Documentation:

Extensions of country programmes (DP/2022/20)

Country programme document for Kenya (DP/DCP/KEN/4)

Country programme document for the United Republic of Tanzania (DP/DCP/TZA/3)

Country programme document for the Syrian Arab Republic (DP/DCP/SYR/4)

Item 8
Evaluation

The Independent Evaluation Office (IEO) of UNDP will present its annual report on evaluation for 2021, and the results of ‘Financing the recovery: A formative evaluation of the UNDP response to the COVID-19 pandemic and Sustainable Development Goal financing’, in line with IEO multiyear programme of work 2022-2025 (DP/2022/6) approved by the Executive Board during its first regular session 2022.

The annual report on evaluation 2021 presents the status of key initiatives undertaken by the IEO in 2021 and looks at progress to date in the implementation of its workplan and in advancing an evaluation culture in UNDP. The annual report includes the results of IEOs annual quality assessment of decentralized evaluations, as well as a synthesis of accomplishments and challenges emerging from IEO evaluations, in response to the Executive Board decision 2020/15. The report is accompanied by management commentaries.

Financing the recovery: A formative evaluation of the UNDP response to the COVID-19 pandemic and Sustainable Development Goal financing provides an assessment of UNDP pandemic response efforts focusing on recovery financing for the Sustainable Development Goals. The evaluation spans early measures taken in the first months of the crisis, including UNDP technical lead role for the development of socio-economic impact assessments and recovery plans, and ongoing programmes aimed at aligning financial resources to the achievement of the Goals. Focused on the critical area of development finance, this evaluation provides early evidence on emerging trends, challenges, and outcomes with a view to informing decision-making and adjustments

that will be necessary for achieving the priorities and goals set in UNDP strategic plan, 2022-2025. The evaluation is accompanied by management response.

In addition, as requested by the Executive Board in its decision 2022/3, IEO and UNDP management will present a plan to improve the independence, reliability and quality of decentralized evaluations.

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

Documentation:

Annual report on evaluation, 2021 (DP/2022/21)

Financing the recovery: A formative evaluation of the UNDP response to the COVID-19 pandemic and Sustainable Development Goal financing (DP/2022/22)

Management response to 'Financing the recovery: A formative evaluation of the UNDP response to the COVID-19 pandemic and Sustainable Development Goal financing' (DP/2022/23)

Item 9 United Nations Volunteers

Pursuant to Executive Board decision 2018/8, the United Nations Volunteers (UNV) programme submits the present report covering its performance in 2021, a brief presentation of its 50-year history and the baselines and targets of its new strategic framework, 2022-2025, which the Board noted at the first regular session 2022. On this basis, the report reflects on the achievements in the final year of the previous strategic framework and highlights priorities for 2022 and beyond.

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

Documentation:

United Nations Volunteers: Report of the Administrator (DP/2022/24)

Item 10 United Nations Capital Development Fund

Under this item, the United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF) is presenting the annual review of results achieved in 2021, the last year under the strategic framework, 2018-2021. The report examines UNCDF contributions towards the two outcome areas of the strategic framework: (a) enhancing inclusive financial markets and local development finance systems; and (b) unlocking public and private finance for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, primarily in least developed countries. The report also presents analysis of UNCDF institutional effectiveness and a summary of key evaluation findings.

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

Documentation:

Report on results achieved by UNCDF in 2021 (DP/2022/25)

UNFPA segment

Item 11 Annual report of the Executive Director

Under this item, the Executive Board will consider the final report of the Executive Director on the implementation of the Strategic Plan, 2018-2021 and provide an analysis of the cumulative progress in implementing the strategic plan.

Part I of the report provides an analysis of the progress in 2021 of the implementation of the UNFPA Strategic Plan, 2018-2021 including results achieved in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. An addendum to the report offers a statistical and financial review, summarizing the financial situation of UNFPA and providing statistical highlights concerning UNFPA finances and programmes in 2021. The figures for the financial information are provisional, subject to the report of the Board of Auditors. Part II of the report, on the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit in 2021, provides, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 59/267, a synopsis of UNFPA management responses to key recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit contained in its reports issued in 2021 that are relevant to UNFPA. Annexes to the annual report are available separately on the UNFPA website.

The Board may wish to adopt a decision on the annual report of the Executive Director.

Documentation:

Implementation of the UNFPA strategic plan, 2018-2021: Report of the Executive Director (DP/FPA/2022/4, Part I)

Statistical and financial review, 2021 (DP/FPA/2022 /4, Part I, Add.1)

Report on the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit in 2021 (DP/FPA/2022/4, Part II)

Item 12 Evaluation

In accordance with the revised evaluation policy of UNFPA (DP/FPA/2019/1) and relevant Executive Board decisions, the annual report on the evaluation function for 2021 provides information on the performance of the evaluation function at central and decentralized levels, as well as the contribution of UNFPA to the United Nations coherence in evaluation, including system-wide evaluations, and national evaluation capacity development.

The annual report on the evaluation function for 2021 will be accompanied by management commentaries on the report (DP/FPA/2022/CRP.1).

The Board may wish to adopt a decision on the annual report on the evaluation function.

Documentation:

Annual report on the evaluation function, 2021: Report of the Director, Evaluation Office (DP/FPA/2022/5)

Item 13

Country programmes and related matters

The Executive Board will be asked to approve, in accordance with decision 2014/7, the country programme documents for Kenya, Syrian Arab Republic and United Republic of Tanzania.

Documentation:

Country programme documents for:

Kenya (DP/FPA/CPD/KEN/10)

Syrian Arab Republic (DP/FPA/CPD/SYR/9)

United Republic of Tanzania (DP/FPA/CPD/TZA/9)

UNOPS segment

Item 14

Annual report of the Executive Director

The annual report of the Executive Director of UNOPS details the organization's support to the implementation of partners' peace and security, humanitarian and development projects. Through more than 1,000 projects in over 80 countries, UNOPS helps people build better lives and countries achieve peace and sustainable development. The report highlights key results across the organization in 2021, providing examples of the ways in which UNOPS supports governments, the United Nations system and other partners around the world. Despite the continuing challenges of a global pandemic, 2021 once more demonstrated the significant demand for UNOPS services, notably in relation to COVID-19 response and recovery activities and the health sector.

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

Documentation:

Annual report of the Executive Director (DP/OPS/2022/5)

Item 16

Other matters

**TENTATIVE WORKPLAN
EXECUTIVE BOARD OF UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS
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<i>Day/Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Subject</i>
Monday, 6 June	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	1	ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adoption of the agenda and workplan for the session Adoption of the report of the first regular session 2022 <p style="text-align: center;">JOINT SEGMENT</p>
		2	UPDATE ON IMPLEMENTATION EFFORTS ON THE REPOSITIONING OF THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM
		3	INTERNAL AUDIT AND INVESTIGATION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reports of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS on internal audit and investigation activities in 2021, and management responses
	3 – 5 p.m.	4	ETHICS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reports of the Ethics Offices of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS on activities for 2021, and management responses
		15	PROTECTION AGAINST SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AND ABUSE AND SEXUAL HARASSMENT
Tuesday, 7 June	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.		UNFPA SEGMENT
		11	STATEMENT BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND ANNUAL REPORT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progress on the implementation of the UNFPA strategic plan, 2018-2021 Report on the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit in 2021 Statistical and financial review, 2021
	3 – 5 p.m.	12	EVALUATION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual report on the UNFPA evaluation function 2021, and management commentaries
		13	UNFPA COUNTRY PROGRAMMES AND RELATED MATTERS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation and approval of country programme documents Extensions of country programmes
Wednesday, 8 June	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.		UNDP SEGMENT
		5	INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE WITH THE UNDP ADMINISTRATOR AND ANNUAL REPORT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report of the Administrator on results for 2021 UNDP report on the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit in 2021 Statistical annex
	3 – 5 p.m.	6	GENDER EQUALITY AT UNDP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> UNDP gender equality strategy, 2022-2025 Annual report on the implementation of the UNDP gender equality strategy, 2018-2021
		7	UNDP COUNTRY PROGRAMMES AND RELATED MATTERS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation and approval of country programme documents Extensions of country programmes

Thursday, 9 June	10 a.m.– 1 p.m.	8	<p style="text-align: center;">UNDP SEGMENT (cont'd)</p> <p>EVALUATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual report on evaluation, 2021, and management commentaries • Financing the recovery: A formative evaluation of the UNDP response to the COVID-19 pandemic and Sustainable Development Goals financing, and management response
	3 – 5 p.m.	9	<p style="text-align: center;">UNDP SEGMENT (cont'd)</p> <p>UNITED NATIONS VOLUNTEERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • United Nations Volunteers: annual report of the Administrator
		10	<p>UNITED NATIONS CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report on results achieved by UNCDF in 2021
Friday, 10 June	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	14	<p style="text-align: center;">UNOPS SEGMENT</p> <p>STATEMENT BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND ANNUAL REPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual report of the Executive Director
	3 – 4 p.m.	16	<p>OTHER MATTERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption of decisions
		1	<p>ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption of the tentative workplan for the second regular session 2022 • Closing of the session