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Item 1

Organizational matters

In accordance with Executive Board decision 2006/14 and rule 7 of the rules of procedure of the Executive Board of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS, the Board will elect a new Bureau consisting of a President and four Vice-Presidents. The election will take place on 10 January 2024. According to the established pattern of rotation of posts among the various regional groups, the President of the Executive Board for 2024 should be elected from the Board members of the Asia and Pacific group.

Under this item, the Executive Board will adopt the agenda and agree on the workplan for the session as presented by the Secretary of the Board. The Board will also approve the report of its second regular session 2023. The draft report was distributed to Board members for their comments; the final report contains comments received by or before the deadline.

In accordance with decision 96/25, a workplan for 2024 was prepared by the secretariat in consultation with the Bureau of the Executive Board and is submitted to the Board for adoption.

Documentation:

Provisional agenda, annotations, list of documents and workplan (DP/2024/L.1)

Report of the second regular session 2023 (DP/2024/1)

Decisions adopted by the Executive Board during 2023 (DP/2024/2)

Annual workplan of the Executive Board for 2024 (DP/2024/CRP.1)

Joint segment

Item 2

Recommendations of the Board of Auditors

In response to Executive Board decision 2022/1, which recalled decision 2021/1, UNDP, the United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF), UNFPA and UNOPS will present their reports in a harmonized report template.

The UNDP report on the implementation of the recommendations of the United Nations Board of Auditors for 2022 reports progress on the implementation status of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors for the year ended 31 December 2022 and prior years. The United Nations Board of Auditors has issued an unqualified (clean) audit opinion on the UNDP financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022, which marks 18 consecutive years of unqualified audit opinions for UNDP. Pursuant to Executive Board decision 2010/9, details of the implementation status of the individual audit recommendations and the full audit report of the United Nations Board of Auditors (A/78/5/Add.1) are available on the UNDP Executive Board website.

The UNCDF report on the implementation of the recommendations of the United Nations Board of Auditors for 2022 reports on the implementation status of the recommendations of the United Nations Board of Auditors for the year ended December 2022 and prior years. Pursuant to Executive Board decision 2010/9, details of the implementation status of the audit recommendations and the full audit report of the United Nations Board of Auditors for UNCDF (A/78/5/Add.2) is available on the

Executive Board website. In its report, the United Nations Board of Auditors awarded UNCDF an unqualified (clean) audit opinion for the year ended 31 December 2022 – marking the eleventh full year of reporting under the International Public Sector Accounting Standards.

The UNFPA Executive Director is pleased to submit, in accordance with Executive Board decision 97/2, the present report on the implementation of the recommendations contained in the report of the United Nations Board of Auditors for the financial period ended on 31 December 2022 (A/78/5/Add.8).

The United Nations Board of Auditors acknowledged that UNFPA closed 2022 in strong financial health owing to the continued support of its donors and sound financial management practices, including processes and controls designed to keep the expenses within the available financial resources. In the opinion of the Board of Auditors, the organization's financial statements represent fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of UNFPA as of 31 December 2022 and its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended, in accordance with the International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS).

A separate table, available on the UNFPA Executive Board website, provides an updated status of the implementation of the audit recommendations.

UNOPS has responded to the recommendations made in the report of the United Nations Board of Auditors (A/78/5/Add.11) and provided an update on the status of implementation. The report of the United Nations Board of Auditors on UNOPS activities for the year ended 31 December 2022 was unqualified. In the elements of a decision, UNOPS management emphasizes the importance of addressing audit concerns. According to UNOPS assessment, progress has been achieved in the implementation of recommendations made for the year ended 31 December 2022. UNOPS continues to address the remaining recommendations. The Executive Board may wish to acknowledge the progress UNOPS has achieved and welcome the next report on implementation.

The Executive Board may wish to adopt a decision on the reports of UNDP, UNCDF, UNFPA and UNOPS on the implementation of the recommendations of the United Nations Board of Auditors for 2022.

Documentation:

UNDP: Report on the status of implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors, 2022 (DP/2024/3)

UNCDF: Report on the implementation of the recommendations of the United Nations Board of Auditors, 2022 (DP/2024/4)

UNFPA: Report on the implementation of the recommendations of the United Nations Board of Auditors, 2022 (DP/FPA/2024/3)

UNOPS: Report on the implementation of the recommendations of the United Nations Board of Auditors, 2022 (DP/OPS/2024/1)

Item 3

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 of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS. The report focuses on the implementation of decisions from the fifty-first and fifty-second Programme Coordinating Board meetings. It also highlights the contributions of UNDP and UNFPA to the HIV response.

The Executive Board may wish to take note of the joint report.

Documentation:

Joint UNDP and UNFPA on the implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (DP-FPA/2024/1)

Item 4 Field visits

Under this item, the Executive Board will have before it the report of the joint field visit of the Executive Boards of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) and the World Food Programme (WFP) to Senegal (2 to 6 October 2023). The Board may wish to take note of the report of the joint field visit to Senegal. The visit sought to highlight the commitment and contribution of the United Nations system in Senegal in the context of national and regional priorities. Focus was on inter-agency collaboration in implementing the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework aligned with the three national priorities of the Plan for an Emerging Senegal, and how the United Nations entities are contributing to the fulfilment of national priorities through their country programmes, where applicable. The visit also sought to highlight the United Nations efficiency agenda and regional focus of its work in West and Central Africa.

The Executive Board will also hear a presentation on the Executive Board field visit to Uruguay (11 to 15 December). The Board may wish to take note of the presentation of the field visit to Uruguay.

Documentation:

Report of the joint field visit of the Executive Boards of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP to Senegal (DP/FPA/OPS-ICEF-UNW-WFP/2024/1)

UNDP segment

Item 5 Human Development Report

The Human Development Report Office (HDRO) will present an oral report on consultations for the preparation of the Human Development Report 2023/2024, to be launched in early 2024, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 57/264.

The Board may wish to take note of the update on Human Development Report consultations.

Item 6 UNDP country programmes and related matters

Under this item, the Executive Board will be asked to: (a) review and approve, in accordance with Executive Board decision 2014/7, the country programme documents for the Gambia, Guinea, Madagascar, Mauritius, Seychelles; Bhutan, Cambodia, the Philippines; and Brazil; (b) take note of the first one-year extensions of the country programmes for Sudan and Ukraine; and (c) approve the third and second-year extensions of the country programmes for Sudan and Ukraine.

Documentation:

Extensions of country programmes (DP/2024/5)

Africa

Country programme document for the Gambia (DP/DCP/GMB/4)

Country programme document for Guinea (DP/DCP/GIN/4)

Country programme document for Madagascar (DP/DCP/MDG/5)

Country programme document for Mauritius (DP/DCP/MUS/5)

Country programme document for Seychelles (DP/DCP/SYC/4)

Asia-Pacific

Country programme document for Bhutan (DP/DCP/BTN/3)

Country programme document for Cambodia (DP/DCP/KHM/5)

Multi-country programme document for the Philippines (DP/DSP/PHL/4)

Latin America and the Caribbean

Country programme document for Brazil (DP/DCP/BRA/4)

Item 7**UNDP evaluation**

The Independent Evaluation Office (IEO) of UNDP will present the results of the evaluation of the UNDP support to digitalization of public services, in line with the IEO multiyear programme of work, 2022-2025 (DP/2022/6) approved by the Executive Board at its first regular session 2022. This evaluation assessed UNDP support to the digitalization of public services for the period 2015 to 2023, covering eight programme streams across different thematic areas and cross-cutting issues. The evaluation affirms several areas of UNDP contributions to building and accelerating the digitalization of public service. UNDP has played a crucial role in enhancing digital public infrastructure, critical for digital transformation across public services. Strategic preparedness at the corporate level enabled UNDP to respond swiftly to pandemic-related requirements, ensuring the uninterrupted delivery of public services. For effective public services, there is considerable scope for UNDP support to strengthen digital public infrastructure and digital privacy.

The evaluation will be accompanied by management response.

In accordance Board decision 2019/19, IEO will also present its plan for reviewing the UNDP evaluation policy to be carried out in 2024, as indicated in document DP/2022/6.

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

Documentation:

Evaluation of UNDP support to the digitalization of public services (DP/2024/6)

Management response to the evaluation of UNDP support to the digitalization of public services (DP/2024/7)

UNFPA segment

Item 8

UNFPA evaluation

The Board will consider two documents under this agenda item.

The UNFPA evaluation policy is the result of extensive consultations with key stakeholders. The policy outlines evaluation principles and procedures; sets out roles and responsibilities; describes contributions to system-wide, inter-agency and joint evaluations and national evaluation capacity development; highlights human and financial resource requirements and funding mechanisms; and concludes with a note on the policy's implementation, reporting and future review.

The multi-year costed evaluation plan for 2024-2027 has been prepared in line with the evaluation policy of UNFPA (DP/FPA/2024/1) and following relevant Executive Board decisions as well as General Assembly resolution 75/233 on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system.

The plan presents the strategic approach to evaluation planning and details proposed centralized and decentralized programme evaluations for UNFPA, together with information on costs, key risks and reporting arrangements.

The Executive Board may wish to adopt a decision approving the 2024 evaluation policy of UNFPA and the multi-year costed evaluation plan for 2024-2027.

Documentation:

UNFPA evaluation policy (DP/FPA/2024/1)

Multi-year costed evaluation plan, 2024-2027 (DP/FPA/2024/2)

Item 9

UNFPA 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: Brazil, Bhutan, Cambodia, the Gambia, Guinea, Madagascar, Nicaragua, Papua New Guinea and the Philippines; and (b) approve the third one-year extensions for Sudan.

Documentation:

Extensions of country programmes (DP/FPA/2024/4)

Asia-Pacific

Country programme document for Bhutan (DP/FPA/CPD/BTN/8)

Country programme document for Cambodia (DP/FPA/CPD/KHM/7)

Country programme document for Philippines (DP/FPA/CPD/PHL/9)

Country programme document for Papua New Guinea (DP/FPA/CPD/PNG/7)

East and Southern Africa

Country programme document for Madagascar (DP/FPA/CPD/MDG/9)

Latin America and the Caribbean

Country programme document for Brazil (DP/FPA/CPD/BRA/7)

Country programme document for Nicaragua (DP/FPA/CPD/NIC/10)

West and Central Africa

Country programme document for the Gambia (DP/FPA/CPD/GMB/9)

Country programme document for Guinea (DP/FPA/CPD/GIN/9)

UNOPS segment**Item 10****United Nations Office for Project Services**

UNOPS will present a self-assessment of the progress to date in implementing the comprehensive response plan. The Executive Board may wish to: (a) acknowledge the progress in implementing the comprehensive response plan, and encourage the ongoing transformation of UNOPS; (b) decide that the progress in implementing the outstanding recommendations will be reported to the Board through the regular reporting cycle of the UNOPS strategic plan, in line with decision 2023/17; (c) take note of the findings of the third-party review of the status of implementation of the recommendations; and (d) recall its decisions 2022/24 and 2023/23 for UNOPS to commission a third-party review, which will be presented to the Board at the end of the implementation period of the comprehensive response plan.

Pursuant to Executive Board decision 2023/4, UNOPS has been engaged with paying entities to distribute its excess reserve accumulated as of 31 December 2021. In accordance with decision 2023/18, UNOPS will present options for alternative use of undisbursed funds for consideration by the Board. Options include to extend engagement with paying entities or to repurpose the funds for the benefit of development needs.

Documentation:

Comprehensive response plan in response to the recommendations of the two independent third-party reviews of UNOPS (DP/OPS/2024/2)

Distribution of excess reserves to paying entities: UNOPS proposal on alternative use of undisbursed funds (DP/OPS/2024/3)

Item 11**Other matters**

**TENTATIVE WORKPLAN
EXECUTIVE BOARD OF UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS
FIRST REGULAR SESSION 2024
(29 January – 2 February 2024, New York)**

<i>Day/Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Subject</i>
Monday, 29 January	10 a.m.– 1 p.m.	1	<p>ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adoption of the agenda and workplan for the session Adoption of the report of the second regular 2023 Adoption of the annual workplan 2024 of the Executive Board <p style="text-align: center;">JOINT SEGMENT</p>
		2	<p>RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BOARD OF AUDITORS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> UNDP, UNCDF, UNFPA and UNOPS reports on the status of implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors for 2022
		3	<p>FOLLOW-UP TO UNAIDS PROGRAMME COORDINATING BOARD MEETING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joint UNDP and UNFPA report on the implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the Programme Coordinating Board of UNAIDS
	3 – 5 p.m.	11	<p>OTHER MATTERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Address by the Chairperson of the UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS/UN-Women Staff Council
		4	<p>FIELD VISITS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report on the field visit of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women, and WFP to Senegal Presentation on the field visit of the Executive Board to Uruguay
Tuesday, 30 January	10 a.m.– 1 p.m.	10	<p style="text-align: center;">UNOPS SEGMENT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">STATEMENT BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comprehensive response plan in response to the recommendations of the two independent third-party reviews of UNOPS Distribution of excess reserves to paying entities: UNOPS proposal on alternative use of undistributed funds Organizational culture
	3 – 5 p.m.	6	<p style="text-align: center;">UNDP SEGMENT</p> <p>UNDP COUNTRY PROGRAMMES AND RELATED MATTERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation and approval of country programme document Extensions of country programmes
Wednesday, 31 January	10 a.m.– 1 p.m.		<p style="text-align: center;">UNDP SEGMENT (cont'd)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE WITH THE ADMINISTRATOR</p>
	3 – 5 p.m.	5	<p>HUMAN DEVELOPMENT REPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update on the Human Development Report consultations (GA resolution 57/264)
		7	UNDP EVALUATION

<i>Day/Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Subject</i>
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluation of UNDP support to the digitalization of public services, and management response • Presentation of the plan for reviewing the UNDP evaluation policy to be carried out in 2024
Thursday, 1 February	10 a.m.– 1 p.m.		UNFPA SEGMENT STATEMENT BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
	3 – 6 p.m.	8 9	UNFPA EVALUATION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revised UNFPA evaluation policy • Multi-year costed evaluation plan, 2024-2027 UNFPA COUNTRY PROGRAMMES AND RELATED MATTERS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation and approval of country programme document • Extensions of country programmes
Friday, 2 February	10 a.m.– 1 p.m.	11 1	OTHER MATTERS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption of pending decisions ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption of the tentative workplan for the annual session 2024