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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 8 January 2014. According to the established pattern of rotation of posts among the various regional groups, the President of the Executive Board for 2014 should be elected from the Board members of the Asia-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 2013. A 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 2014 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/2014/L.1)

Report of the second regular session 2013 (DP/2014/1)

Decisions adopted by the Executive Board during 2013 (DP/2014/2)

Annual workplan for 2014 (DP/2014/CRP.1)

UNDP segment

Item 2 Gender in UNDP

In line with Executive Board decision 2013/1, the annual report of the Administrator of the implementation of the UNDP gender equality strategy in 2013 presents the results of UNDP during 2013, which is the final year of the gender equality strategy, 2008-2013. It provides an overview of development and institutional results and includes in-depth reporting on four priority areas (poverty and the Millennium Development Goals, democratic governance, crisis prevention and recovery, environment and sustainable development) and institutional results, including accountability, knowledge and capacities, gender parity and inter-agency cooperation.

The UNDP gender equality strategy, 2014-2017, has been prepared in accordance with Executive Board decision 2013/1 and within the framework of the UNDP strategic plan, 2014-2017. It is the product of extensive discussions with the Executive Board, United Nations agencies, independent experts and UNDP staff. It builds on the achievements and lessons learned from the UNDP gender equality strategy, 2008-2013, and the comparative advantages of UNDP among multilateral

development actors. It proposes that UNDP commit to a mission that focuses on the eradication of poverty and the significant reduction of gender inequalities by empowering women and promoting and protecting their rights. The strategy provides entry points for integrating gender equality into each outcome area of the strategic plan, including but not limited to outcome 4 on reducing gender inequalities and promoting women's empowerment, and institutional transformation needed to deliver on this mission, as well as revitalization of South-South cooperation, partnerships and coordination. The Board may wish to approve the UNDP gender equality strategy, 2014-2017, and adopt a decision.

Documentation:

Report of the Administrator on the implementation of the UNDP gender equality strategy in 2013 (DP/2014/3)

UNDP gender equality strategy, 2014-2017 (DP/2014/4)

Item 3 Country programmes and related matters

UNDP pursues global and regional development commitments and priorities through its global and regional programmes, within the framework of the strategic plan, 2014-2017. The regional programmes for Africa, Asia and the Pacific, Arab States, Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States and Latin America and the Caribbean for the period 2014-2017 have been designed through broad and deep consultative processes that have engaged regional bodies, national governments and members of the Executive Board. The programmes respond to regional needs and priorities in a forward-looking and disciplined manner, by implementing a set of principles that focus on value addition that is either unique to or best achieved at the regional level. They have also systematically identified opportunities for inter-regional cooperation. The global programme builds on these opportunities for inter-regional cooperation to ensure a critical mass of effort on a strategic set of issues by UNDP worldwide. These are issues that are tackled optimally through a global perspective, approach and response. The global programme also focuses on aspects of development effectiveness – such as the organization of policy services and quality assurance – that benefit UNDP's entire portfolio of development work. In these multiple but complementary ways, the package of global and regional programmes contributes directly to the vision of the strategic plan and the results specified in its integrated results and resources framework.

The Executive Board may wish to approve the regional and global programmes for 2014-2017.

As requested by the Executive Board in its decisions 2001/11 and 2006/36, the following country programmes will be approved on a no-objection basis, without presentation or discussion, unless at least five members have informed the secretariat in writing before the meeting of their wish to bring a particular country programme before the Board:

Africa region: Namibia;

Latin America and the Caribbean region: Mexico.

Documentation:

UNDP global programme, 2014-2017 (DP/GP/3)

Regional programme document for Africa (DP/RPD/RBA/2)

Regional programme document for Asia and the Pacific (DP/RPD/RAP/2)

Regional programme document for the Arab States (DP/RPD/RAS/3)

Regional programme document for Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States (DP/RPD/REC/3)

Regional programme document for Latin America and the Caribbean (DP/RPD/RLA/2)

Item 4 South-South cooperation

The overall purpose of the strategic framework of the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation, 2014-2017, is to enable the United Nations system to promote South-South cooperation in accordance with the principles laid out in the Nairobi outcome document of the High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation (A/RES/64/222). The framework thus contains proposals in areas where the Office can effectively act on its mandate to achieve this aim by providing support to: (a) global and United Nations policy development and advocacy; (b) inter-agency coordination and facilitation; (c) catalysing innovative mechanisms; (d) fostering inclusive partnerships and mobilizing resources from both public and private entities to support multi-agency collaboration in implementing the recommendations in the Nairobi outcome document; and (e) supporting knowledge-sharing, networking and the exchange of best practices, including through Southern centres of excellence. The framework draws on policy guidance from the General Assembly and the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation, relevant decisions and commitments of the 2012 quadrennial comprehensive policy review, and the UNDP strategic plan, 2014-2017. It also responds to recommendations of the 2011 Joint Inspection Unit report on South-South and triangular cooperation in the United Nations system and discussions on the post-2015 global development agenda.

The Board may wish to approve the strategic framework of the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation, 2014-2017.

Documentation:

Strategic framework of the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation, 2014-2017 (DP/CF/SSC/5)

Item 5 Evaluation

In accordance with Executive Board decision 2013/15, the Board will have before it a medium-term evaluation plan established by the UNDP Evaluation Office. It is designed to conform to current budget levels and to provide evidence from which to report to the Board on UNDP results and performance across the organization's global, regional and country-level activities.

The Board may wish to take note of the medium-term evaluation plan, 2014-2017.

Documentation:

Medium-term evaluation plan, 2014-2017 (DP/2014/5)

**Item 9
Financial, budgetary and administrative matters**

In its decision 2013/28, the Executive Board decided, in continuance of existing arrangements, to grant the Administrator with exceptional authority, during 2014-2017, in addition to the approved appropriation from regular resources for the institutional component of the integrated budget of \$1,510.4 million, to access up to \$30 million in regular resources for security measures. The Board also requested UNDP to provide additional information clarifying: (a) the rationale for the amount reserved; (b) situations under which it would be utilized; (c) new and emerging security mandates, as defined in the directives of the United Nations Department of Safety and Security, and the role of UNDP in this regard; and (d) the timeline for review of the amount committed under this provision. The present document has been prepared in response to this request.

The Executive Board may wish to take note of the information contained in the report.

Documentation:

Response to the Executive Board on decision 2013/28 on additional resources for security measures (DP/2014/6)

**Item 10
United Nations Capital Development Fund**

Under this item, the Executive Board will have an opportunity to be briefed and engage in a dialogue on the UNCDF strategic framework for the 2014-2017 period and preliminary operational and institutional results for 2013.

In late 2012 to mid-2013 UNCDF arranged a series of stakeholder consultations on scenarios for UNCDF future, mandated by the Executive Board in its decision 2012/12. As specified in an informal report to the Board and presented by the Executive Secretary at the annual session 2013, the consultations focused on three topics: (1) UNCDF value proposition, (2) UNCDF role in the emerging post-2015 framework and wider development architecture, and (3) UNCDF financial situation with an emphasis on the urgent need to increase its core resources by at least \$10 million annually to reach the \$25 million minimum threshold level required to sustain UNCDF programming and investment capacity in 40 least developed countries (LDCs).

At the annual session 2013, the Executive Secretary also announced the intention to continue the consultations with UNCDF stakeholders regarding the UNCDF strategic framework, 2014-2017. An informal session was held on 21 November 2013 where Board members, observers and stakeholders from key philanthropic foundations supporting UNCDF were briefed on the UNCDF draft strategic framework, 2014-2017.

The framework is consistent with and guided by General Assembly resolution 67/226 on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review and is developed in close

connection with the UNDP strategic plan, 2014-2017, to maximize synergies. It reaffirms the commitment of UNCDF to help accelerate progress towards the Millennium Development Goals and to shape and implement the post-2015 development agenda. The framework highlights the organization's strong commitment to focus its work in the LDCs, and incorporates UNCDF leading role in fostering financial inclusion and local development finance systems by applying its uniquely flexible investment mandate and technical presence in the LDCs. The framework introduces information and communication technology for development as a key vector to amplify the impact of UNCDF core expertise, accelerate development in the LDCs and share lessons learnt globally. The framework also envisages the development of innovative financing tools and structures to generate a steadier flow of financing for sustainable development in the LDCs.

UNFPA segment

Item 6 Evaluation

Under this item, in accordance with Executive Board decision 2013/21, the Executive Board will discuss the UNFPA transitional biennial budgeted evaluation plan, 2014-2015. The draft plan was discussed at an informal consultation held during the second regular session 2013 and builds on the feedback of member states provided therein.

The UNFPA transitional biennial budgeted evaluation plan, 2014-2015 is in line with the revised evaluation policy approved by the Executive Board decision 2013/21 and with the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system (A/RES/67/226, paragraphs 174 and 175). The proposed plan for the biennium 2014-2015 encompasses both corporate evaluations, which include thematic and independent country programme evaluations, as well as programme-level evaluations. The document also presents the resources allocated to evaluation which are incorporated in the UNFPA integrated budget estimates, 2014-2017 (DP/FPA/2013/14) approved by the Board at its second session of 2013. The document further presents the approach to the planning and coverage of evaluations over this time period, including selection criteria, process and coverage of outcomes of the UNFPA strategic plan, 2008-2013, with a view to inform the midterm review of the strategic plan, 2014-2017. Together, these elements constitute an evaluation package that will demonstrate: (a) accountability to stakeholders on performance achieved regarding development results; (b) support evidence-based decision-making; and (c) contribute important lessons learned to accelerate implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and on how UNFPA can best support the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals.

The Executive Board may wish to approve the UNFPA transitional biennial budgeted evaluation plan, 2014-2015.

Documentation:

UNFPA transitional biennial budgeted evaluation plan, 2014-2015 (DP/FPA/2014/2)

Item 7

Country programmes and related matters

In accordance with decision 2006/36 of the Executive Board, the following two country programmes, which were discussed earlier at the second regular session 2013, will be approved by the Board on a no-objection basis, without presentation or discussion, unless at least five members have informed the secretariat in writing before the session of their wish to bring a particular country programme before the Executive Board:

East and Southern Africa region: Namibia

Latin America and the Caribbean region: Mexico.

Joint segment

Item 8

Recommendations of the Board of Auditors

Pursuant to decision 97/2, the UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS reports on the implementation of the recommendations of the United Nations Board of Auditors for 2012 are submitted to the Executive Board at the current session. The reports provide updated information on further actions taken towards the implementation of the recommendations of the United Nations Board of Auditors for the year that ended on 31 December 2012 (for UNDP: A/68/5/Add.1, for UNFPA: A/68/5/Add.7, for UNOPS: A/68/5/Add.10).

The UNDP report reviews progress made in addressing the top nine audit-related management priorities for 2012-2013 (as presented in document DP/2013/8 and approved by Executive Board decision 2013/7) and provides an update on the status of implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors for the year ended 31 December 2012. The report of the United Nations Board of Auditors (A/68/5/Add.1) issued an unqualified audit opinion on UNDP annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2012. This is significant as 2012 was the first year of the implementation of the international public sector accounting standards in UNDP.

UNFPA is pleased to have received an unmodified audit opinion from the United Nations Board of Auditors for the financial statements of the year that ended on 31 December 2012. The report of the Board of Auditors (A/68/5/Add.7) acknowledges that UNFPA is in good financial health and considers the UNFPA implementation of the international public sector accounting standards framework in 2012 as a major achievement. In providing an update on the actions taken to implement the recommendations of the United Nations Board of Auditors, the UNFPA report indicates the priority accorded to each of the audit recommendations. A separate table, available on the UNFPA website, provides an up-to-date status of the implementation of the audit recommendations.

UNOPS is pleased to respond to the recommendations made in the report of the Board of Auditors (A/68/5/Add.10) and to provide an update on the current status of implementation. The report of the United Nations Board of Auditors for the biennium ended 31 December 2012 was unqualified.

The Executive Board may wish to adopt a decision on the reports of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS on the implementation of the recommendations of the United Nations Board of Auditors for the year that ended on 31 December 2012.

Documentation:

Report of UNDP on the status of implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors for 2012 (DP/2014/7)

Follow-up to the report of the United Nations Board of Auditors for 2012: status of implementation of the recommendations (DP/FPA/2014/1)

Report of UNOPS on the status of implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors for 2012 (DP/OPS/2014/1)

Item 11
Field visits

Under this item, the Executive Board will have before it the report on the field visit of the Executive Board of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS to Tajikistan (24-30 June 2013). The Board may wish to take note of the report.

Documentation:

Report on the Executive Board field visit to Tajikistan (DP-FPA/2014/CRP.1)

Item 12
Other matters

Joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP (3 February 2014)

Themes:

Performance standard on gender mainstreaming across the Strategic Plans 2014-2017 of UNDP, UNFPA, UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP

- Emphasizing the UN-SWAP (UN System-wide Action Plan on gender equality and the empowerment of women);

Coherence of UN action against poverty and vulnerability and towards resilience

- Emphasizing the Delivering As One at country level to ensure the coherence of UN action.

**TENTATIVE WORKPLAN
EXECUTIVE BOARD OF UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS
FIRST REGULAR SESSION 2014
(28 – 31 January 2014, New York)**

<i>Day/Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Subject</i>	
Wednesday, 8 January	10 – 11:30 a.m.		Election of the Bureau of the Executive Board for 2014	
Monday, 27 January	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 second regular session 2013 • Adoption of the annual workplan 2014 of the Executive Board <p style="text-align: center;">UNDP SEGMENT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">STATEMENT BY THE ADMINISTRATOR</p>	
		2	GENDER IN UNDP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report of the Administrator on the implementation of the UNDP gender equality strategy in 2013 (decision 2013/1) • UNDP gender equality strategy, 2014-2017 (decision 2013/1) 	
		3	COUNTRY PROGRAMMES AND RELATED MATTERS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNDP global programme, 2014-2017 • Regional programme documents • Approval of country programme documents 	
		1:15-2:45 p.m.		<i>Informal consultation on the UNDP country office support initiative</i>
		3 – 5 p.m.	3	COUNTRY PROGRAMMES AND RELATED MATTERS (cont'd)
	5 to 6 p.m.		<i>Informal consultations on draft decisions</i>	
Tuesday, 28 January	10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	6	UNFPA SEGMENT STATEMENT BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EVALUATION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNFPA transitional biennial budgeted evaluation plan, 2014-2015 	
		7	COUNTRY PROGRAMMES AND RELATED MATTERS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of country programme documents 	
		1:15-2:45 p.m.		<i>Informal consultation on UNFPA agenda items</i>
		3 – 4 p.m.	7	COUNTRY PROGRAMMES AND RELATED MATTERS (cont'd)
		4 - 5 p.m.	8	JOINT SEGMENT RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BOARD OF AUDITORS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reports of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS on the status of implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors for 2012
		5 to 6 p.m.		<i>Informal consultations on draft decisions</i>
Wednesday, 29 January	10 – 11 a.m.		UNOPS SEGMENT STATEMENT BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	

UNDP SEGMENT (cont'd)			
	11 a.m. – 1 p.m.	5	EVALUATION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medium-term programme of work of the Evaluation Office
		9	FINANCIAL, BUDGETARY AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Response to the Executive Board on decision 2013/28 on additional resources for security measures
	1:15 – 2:45 p.m.		<i>Informal consultation on the status of the UNDP results frameworks</i>
	3-5 p.m.	4	SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic framework of the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation, 2014-2017
	5 - 6 p.m.		<i>Informal consultations on draft decisions</i>
Thursday, 30 January	10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	10	UNITED NATIONS CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUND <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNCDF strategic framework, 2014-2017, and preliminary results for 2013
		11	FIELD VISITS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report on the Executive Board field visit to Tajikistan
	1:15 – 2:45 p.m.		<i>Informal consultation on the UNV strategic framework, 2014-2017</i>
	3 – 6 p.m.	12	OTHER MATTERS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption of pending decisions
		1	ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption of the tentative workplan for the annual session 2014
Friday, 31 January			
Monday, 3 February	10 a.m. to 1 p.m. 3 to 6 p.m.		JOINT MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARDS OF UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-WOMEN AND WFP