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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 7 January 2013. According to the established pattern of rotation of posts among the various regional groups, the President of the Executive Board for 2013 should be elected from the Board members of the African 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 2012. 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 2013 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/2013/L.1)

Report of the second regular session 2012 (DP/2013/1)

Decisions adopted by the Executive Board during 2012 (DP/2013/2)

Annual workplan for 2013 (DP/2013/CRP.1)

UNDP segment

Item 2

Gender in UNDP

As requested by the Executive Board in its decision 2006/3 and reiterated in subsequent decisions, including in decision 2012/2, an oral progress report on the implementation of the corporate gender equality strategy will be presented under this item and a background paper will be provided in advance of the first regular session. As in previous years, the Executive Board may wish to take a decision commenting on UNDP progress in addressing gender equality and women's empowerment in its work, including gender parity within the organization.

Item 3

Country programmes and related matters

In accordance with decision 2012/2, the Executive Board will have before it for review and approval the draft country programme document for Eritrea.

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: Cameroon, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Liberia, South Africa;

Asia and the Pacific States region: Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan (common country programme), subregional programme for the Pacific Island Countries and Territories;

Arab States region: Libya, Sudan, the United Arab Emirates;

Latin America and the Caribbean region: Haiti, Nicaragua.

Documentation:

Draft country programme document for Eritrea (DP/DCP/ERI/2)

Item 4 Evaluation

The evaluation of the contribution of UNDP to poverty reduction is part of the Evaluation Office work programme for 2011-2012, approved by the Executive Board. It assesses the effectiveness, efficiency and sustainability of the UNDP contribution to multi-dimensional poverty reduction across all its focus areas. It assesses the overall performance of UNDP and identifies systemic issues to be addressed. The evaluation will be accompanied by the UNDP management response. The Executive Board may wish to take note of the findings, conclusions and recommendations of the evaluation and of the management response.

The evaluation of UNDP support to conflict-affected countries in the context of United Nations peace operations is part of the Evaluation Office work programme for 2011-2012, approved by the Executive Board. The evaluation considers the role of UNDP and its relationships and partnerships with other actors during integrated United Nations peacekeeping operations. It assesses the mandate, operational efficiency, resource capacity and comparative advantage of UNDP in crisis settings, as well as its contribution to developing national capacities for conflict prevention and recovery. The evaluation will be accompanied by the UNDP management response. The Executive Board may wish to take note of the findings, conclusions and recommendations of the evaluation and of the management response.

Documentation:

Evaluation of UNDP contribution to poverty reduction (DP/2013/3)

Management response to the evaluation of UNDP contribution to poverty reduction (DP/2013/4)

Evaluation of UNDP support to conflict-affected countries in the context of United Nations peace operations (DP/2013/5)

Management response to the evaluation of UNDP support to conflict-affected countries in the context of United Nations peace operations (DP/2013/6)

Item 5

Financial, budgetary and administrative matters

In its decision 2008/24, the Executive Board endorsed a four-year pilot period to enable UNDP to participate financially in pooled funding and sector budget support arrangements upon the request of programme countries and within certain provisions and limitations. As requested by the Executive Board in that decision, this paper reviews the usefulness and effectiveness of this exercise at the end of the pilot phase.

The review indicates that the provisions of the pilot period provided UNDP country offices with the flexibility they needed to remain key, innovative partners in a changing development cooperation environment at the country level. It allows country offices to: (a) not only advocate for effective development cooperation but also “walk the talk”, that is, participate in direct budget support if so requested by the government; (b) enhance the UNDP policy contribution by being part of key policy fora; and (c) leverage UNDP capacity development support. In a direct budget support environment, country offices require flexibility to engage in the whole array of available aid modalities. The pilot has contributed to increased national ownership and created more space for quality policy engagement in the respective sectors. The value-added contribution of UNDP lies particularly in its support of national capacities to negotiate, design and manage direct budget support.

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

Documentation:

Review of the UNDP engagement in direct budget support and pooled funding (DP/2013/7)

Item 6

Programming arrangements

Under this item, the Executive Board will have before it an informal note prepared in follow-up to Executive Board decision 2012/28 on the programming arrangements, 2014-2017, in which the Board requested UNDP to continue the dialogue on elements of the programming arrangements, particularly with respect to other budget lines in the arrangements; the possible inclusion of UNCDF in the arrangements; the establishment of a contingency fund; and the proposal submitted by UNDP on global strategic presence. A decision is expected from the Executive Board on this note that would inform the development of the 2014-2017 strategic plan and the 2014-2017 integrated budget.

UNFPA segment

Item 7

Evaluation

Under this item, in accordance with Executive Board decision 2012/26, the Board will discuss the thematic evaluation of UNFPA support to maternal health, 2000-

2011. This document is available on the UNFPA website. The management response will also be provided on the UNFPA website.

The Executive Board may wish to take note of the thematic evaluation of UNFPA support to maternal health, 2000-2011, and the management response.

In addition, in response to decision 2012/26, and further to earlier consultations with the Executive Board on the subject, UNFPA will provide a briefing on the road map and progress towards the revised UNFPA evaluation policy.

The Executive Board may wish to provide guidance for the finalization of the revised evaluation policy.

Documentation:

The thematic evaluation of UNFPA support to maternal health, 2000-2011, and the management response will be provided on the UNFPA website.

Item 8 Country programmes and related matters

In accordance with decision 2006/36 of the Executive Board, the following eight country programmes and one common country programme, which were discussed earlier at the second regular session 2012, 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 session of their wish to bring a particular country programme before the Executive Board:

Africa: Cameroon, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Liberia and South Africa

Arab States: the Sudan

Asia and the Pacific: Pakistan (common country programme)

Latin America and the Caribbean: Haiti and Nicaragua.

Furthermore, in accordance with decision 2012/22, the Executive Board will have before it for review and approval, on an exceptional basis, the draft country programme document for Eritrea.

Documentation:

Draft country programme document for Eritrea (DP/FPA/DCP/ERI/4)

Joint segment

Item 9 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 the biennium 2010-2011 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 biennium ended 31 December 2011 (for UNDP: A/67/5/Add.1; for UNFPA: A/67/5/Add.7; and for UNOPS: A/67/5/Add.10).

The UNDP report reviews the progress made by the organization in addressing the “top ten” audit-related management priorities for the 2010-2011 biennium, and outlines the management plans to address the revised set of the now “top nine” audit-related management priorities for the 2012-2013 biennium. The report also provides an implementation status update on the 33 audit recommendations made by the Board of Auditors for the biennium ended 31 December 2011. Pursuant to Executive Board decision 2010/9, the status of the audit implementation is available on the Executive Board website.

UNFPA is pleased to note the unmodified audit opinion of the United Nations Board of Auditors for the financial statements of the biennium that ended on 31 December 2011. 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.

The UNOPS report responds to the recommendations made in the report of the Board of Auditors (A/67/5/Add.10) and provides an update on the current status of implementation. The report of the United Nations Board of Auditors for the biennium ended 31 December 2011 was unqualified. According to the assessment of UNOPS, 45 per cent of the United Nations Board of Auditors recommendations for the biennium ended 31 December 2011 have been implemented.

UNOPS “went live” with the implementation of the International Public Sector Accounting Standards from January 2012. UNOPS wishes to inform the Executive Board that an opening balance audit on the Standards was conducted at UNOPS headquarters from 13 August-7 September 2012. The outcome of that audit revealed gaps, and actions are being taken to address those shortcomings.

The Executive Board may wish to take note of the UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS reports on the implementation of the recommendations of the United Nations Board of Auditors for the biennium 2010-2011.

Documentation:

UNDP: Report on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors, 2010-2011 (DP/2013/8)

UNFPA: Follow-up to the report of the United Nations Board of Auditors for 2010-2011: status of implementation of recommendations (DP/FPA/2013/1)

UNOPS: Report on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors, 2010-2011 (DP/OPS/2013/1)

Item 10

Report to the Economic and Social Council

The Executive Board will have before it the joint report of the Administrator of UNDP and the Executive Directors of UNFPA and UNOPS to the Economic and Social

Council. The report is submitted in compliance with General Assembly resolutions 56/201, 59/250, and 62/208 on the triennial comprehensive policy reviews of operational activities for development of the United Nations system. The report highlights progress, achievements, and challenges in the last year of the triennial comprehensive policy review cycle, including some developments from 2012, and takes stock of relevant studies and reports, including the independent evaluation of “Delivering as one”, in advance of the 2012 quadrennial comprehensive policy review process.

The Executive Board may wish to take note of this report and transmit it to the Economic and Social Council, together with comments and guidance provided by delegations.

Documentation:

Report of the Administrator of UNDP and the Executive Directors of UNFPA and UNOPS to the Economic and Social Council (E/2013/5)

Item 11 Financial, budgetary and administrative matters

The joint UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF and UN-Women informal note is prepared in follow-up to Executive Board decision 2012/27 on the road map towards an integrated budget and update on cost recovery. It responds to the request of the Board to further develop the harmonized conceptual framework and calculation methodology for cost-recovery rates to enable the Executive Board to take a decision on those rates within the context of the integrated budget beginning 2014, at its first regular session 2013.

Item 12 Other matters

Joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP (4 February 2012)

Themes:

- Operationalizing the QCPR recommendations
 - (a) linkage with the development of the strategic plans of the funds and programmes
 - (b) looking at ways of implementation
 - (c) measuring results
 - (d) supporting humanitarian and transition aspects
- Leveraging South-South and triangular cooperation
 - (a) capacity-building in South-South cooperation
 - (b) supporting humanitarian and transition aspects

**TENTATIVE WORKPLAN
EXECUTIVE BOARD OF UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS
FIRST REGULAR SESSION 2013
(28 January to 1 February 2013, New York)**

| <i>Day/Date</i> | <i>Time</i> | <i>Item</i> | <i>Subject</i> | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|--|---|--|
| Monday, 7 January | 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. | | Election of the Bureau of the Executive Board for 2013 | |
| Monday, 28 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 2012 • Adoption of the annual workplan 2013 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"> • Oral report of the Administrator on the implementation of the UNDP gender equality strategy and action plan | |
| | 1:15 – 2:45 p.m. | | <i>Informal consultation on the preliminary findings of the evaluation of the UNDP strategic plan, 2008-2013</i> | |
| | 3-5 p.m. | 5 | FINANCIAL, BUDGETARY AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of the UNDP engagement in direct budget support and pooled funds (decision 2008/24) | |
| | | 3 | COUNTRY PROGRAMMES AND RELATED MATTERS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft country programme document for Eritrea (decision 2012/22) • Approval of country programme documents | |
| 5 - 6 p.m. | | <i>Informal consultations on draft decisions</i> | | |
| Tuesday, 29 January | 10 a.m.- 1 p.m. | 7 | UNFPA SEGMENT STATEMENT BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EVALUATION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thematic evaluation of UNFPA support to maternal health, 2000-2011 (decision 2012/26) • Management response • Briefing on the road map to the UNFPA revised evaluation policy | |
| | | 8 | COUNTRY PROGRAMMES AND RELATED MATTERS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft country programme document for Eritrea (decision 2012/22) • Approval of country programme documents | |
| | 3 - 5 p.m. | 4 | UNDP SEGMENT (cont'd) EVALUATION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluation of UNDP contribution to poverty reduction and management response • Evaluation of UNDP support to conflict-affected countries in the context of United Nations peace operations and management response | |
| | 5 - 6 p.m. | | <i>Informal consultations on draft decisions</i> | |

| <i>Day/Date</i> | <i>Time</i> | <i>Item</i> | <i>Subject</i> |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|---|--|
| Wednesday, 30 January | 10 a.m.- 1 p.m. | 6 | UNDP SEGMENT (cont'd) PROGRAMMING ARRANGEMENTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow-up to decision 2012/28 on programming arrangements |
| | 3 – 5 p.m. | 9 | 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 the biennium 2010-2011 |
| | | 10 | REPORT TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report of the Administrator of UNDP and of the Executive Directors of UNFPA and UNOPS to the Economic and Social Council |
| <i>5-6 p.m.</i> | | <i>Informal consultations on draft decisions</i> | |
| Thursday, 31 January | 10 a.m. -12 p.m. | 11 | JOINT SEGMENT (cont'd) FINANCIAL, BUDGETARY AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Road map towards an integrated budget, beginning 2014, and update on cost recovery (decision 2012/27) |
| | <i>12 – 1 p.m.</i> | | <i>Informal consultations on draft decisions</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 2013 | |
| Friday, 1 February | | | |
| Monday, 4 February | | | JOINT MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARDS OF UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-WOMEN AND WFP |