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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 6 December 2021. According to the established pattern of rotation of posts among the various regional groups, the President of the Executive Board for 2022 should be elected from the Board members of the Western European and other States 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 2021. 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 2022 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/2022/L.1)

Report of the second regular session 2021 (DP/2022/1)

Decisions adopted by the Executive Board during 2021 (DP/2022/2)

Annual workplan of the Executive Board for 2022 (DP/2022/CRP.1)

Joint segment

Item 2

Recommendations of the Board of Auditors

The UNDP report on the implementation of the recommendations of the United Nations Board of Auditors for 2020 includes an update on the top seven audit-related management priorities for 2020-2021 (as presented in last year's report (DP/2021/3) and supported by Executive Board decision 2021/1), noting progress in certain areas within the audit priorities (annex I); reports progress on the implementation status of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors for the year ended 31 December 2020 and prior years (annex II); and provides an update on root cause analysis actions. 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/76/5/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 2020 reports on the implementation status of the recommendations of the United Nations Board of Auditors for the year ended 31 December 2020 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/76/5/Add.2) are available on the Executive Board website.

Per Executive Board decision 97/2, the UNFPA report on the implementation of the recommendations contained in the report of the United Nations Board of Auditors covers the financial period ended on 31 December 2020 (A/76/5/Add.8).

The United Nations Board of Auditors acknowledges that UNFPA closed 2020 in good financial health and through sound financial management practices, including processes and controls designed to keep its expenses within 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 2020 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 is pleased to respond to the recommendations made in the report of the Board of Auditors (A/75/5/Add.11) and to provide an update on the current status of implementation. The report of the Board of Auditors for the year ended 31 December 2020 was unqualified. UNOPS management continues to emphasize the importance of addressing audit concerns and according to UNOPS assessment, progress has been achieved in the implementation of recommendations made for the year ended 31 December 2020. UNOPS continues to address the remaining recommendations.

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 2020.

Documentation:

UNDP: Report on the implementation of the recommendations of the United Nations Board of Auditors, 2020 (DP/2022/3)

UNCDF: Report on the implementation of the recommendations of the United Nations Board of Auditors, 2020 (DP/2022/4)

UNFPA: Report on the implementation of the recommendations of the United Nations Board of Auditors, 2020 (DP/FPA/2022/2)

UNOPS: Report on the implementation of the recommendations of the United Nations Board of Auditors, 2020 (DP/OPS/2022/1)

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 (UNAIDS). It focuses on the implementation of decisions from the 47th and 48th Programme Coordinating Board meetings held in December 2020 and June 2021 and the special sessions held in March and October 2021. The report also highlights the contributions of UNDP and UNFPA to the global HIV response.

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

Documentation:

Joint UNDP and UNFPA report on the implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the Programme Coordinating Board of UNAIDS (DP-FPA/2022/1)

Item 4 Protection against sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment

Under this item, UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS will provide updates on their responses to sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment. This update is in line with decision 2020/11 of the Executive Board which requests UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS "to continue to take action to ensure a victim-centred, system-wide and coherent approach at all levels to prevent and tackle sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment" and "to continue providing updates to the Executive Board on how UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS are preventing and responding to sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment in its policies, procedures and operations at all levels, taking into account recommendations from the independent review".

The Executive Board may wish to adopt a decision on the protection against sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment.

Documentation:

UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS background note on the prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment

UNDP segment

Item 5 Human Development Report

The Human Development Report Office (HDRO) will present an oral report on consultations regarding the Human Development Report 2021/22 in accordance with General Assembly resolution 57/264. The HDRO Director will describe the preparation process (consultations, commissioned contributions and the review process; the sourcing of data; briefings with Member States). He will situate the preparation of the report within the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, articulating how the concept of human development can support progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals. The Director will also remind the Board how data for the human development indices relies upon publicly available figures produced by the various United Nation system entities that have the mandate to compile data from each country, verifying and standardizing them according to agreed norms, to ensure the international comparability, transparency, and integrity of the global statistical system.

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

Item 6 Country programmes and related matters

Under this item, the Executive Board will be asked to: (a) review and approve the regional programme documents for Africa, Arab States, Asia and the Pacific, Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States, and Latin America and the Caribbean for the period 2022-2025; (b) review and approve, in accordance with Executive Board decision 2014/7, the country programme documents for Guinea-Bissau, Mozambique,

Malaysia, Maldives, Thailand, Viet Nam, Barbados, Belize, El Salvador, Guyana, Honduras, Jamaica, Peru, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago; (c) take note of the first one-year extensions of the country programmes for Brazil, Haiti, Saudi Arabia, and the first six-months extension of the country programme for Papua New Guinea; and (d) approve the second one-year extensions of the country programmes for Algeria and Bahrain from 1 January to 31 December 2022, the third one-year extensions of the country programmes for Afghanistan and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) from 1 January to 31 December 2022, and the sixth extensions of the country programme for Yemen from 1 January to 31 December 2022 and of the country programme for the Syrian Arab Republic from 1 January to 30 June 2022.

Documentation:

Extensions of country programmes (DP/2022/5)

Addendum (DP/2022/5/Add.1)

Regional programme document for Africa (2022-2025) (DP/RPD/RBA/4)

Regional programme document for Asia and the Pacific (2022-2025) (DP/RPD/RAP/4)

Regional programme document for Arab States (2022-2025) (DP/RPD/RAS/5)

Regional programme document for Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States (2022-2025) (DP/RPD/REC/5)

Regional programme document for Latin America and the Caribbean (2022-2025) (DP/RPD/RLA/4)

Africa

Country programme document for Guinea-Bissau (DP/DCP/GNB/3)

Country programme document for Mozambique (DP/DCP/MOZ/4)

Asia-Pacific

Country programme document for Malaysia (DP/DCP/MYS/4)

Country programme document for Maldives (DP/DCP/MDV/4)

Country programme document for Thailand (DP/DCP/THA/4)

Country programme document for Viet Nam (DP/DCP/VNM/3)

Latin America and the Caribbean

Country programme document for Barbados (DP/DSP/CAR/4)

Country programme document for Belize (DP/DCP/BLZ/4)

Country programme document for El Salvador (DP/DCP/SLV/4)

Country programme document for Guyana (DP/DCP/GUY/4)

Country programme document for Honduras (DP/DCP/HND/4)

Country programme document for Jamaica (DP/DCP/JAM/4)

Country programme document for Peru (DP/DCP/PER/4)

Country programme document for Suriname (DP/DCP/SUR/4)

Country programme document for Trinidad and Tobago (DP/DCP/TTO/4)

Item 7 Evaluation

In line with the UNDP evaluation policy (DP/2019/29), the Independent Evaluation Office (IEO) is submitting its multiyear programme of work for the period 2022-2025 and two corporate evaluations.

The IEO multiyear programme of work was developed in accordance with the UNDP strategic plan, 2022-2025, and its programming and budget proposals are designed to meet Executive Board expectations as set out in the UNDP evaluation policy. The programme of work describes IEO activities in the areas of corporate and thematic evaluations, independent country programme evaluations, evaluation capacity development, as well as a new IEO work stream focused on knowledge and data management. The plan proposes evaluation topics for IEO corporate and thematic evaluations, introduces new evaluation products: synthesis studies and rapid evaluation assessments (the Reflections series), and explains a new rating scheme that the IEO will use for evaluating UNDP country programmes. The programme of work mentions the Global Evaluation Initiative, a global collaborative initiative with the World Bank to strengthen national evaluation capacity support, and highlights the IEO new data mining and lessons support system: Artificial Intelligence for Data Analytics (AIDA).

The evaluation of UNDP support to youth economic empowerment assesses this support at the global, regional and country levels and the extent to which the UNDP three-pronged approach has contributed to enhancing youth psychological, behavioural and economic empowerment and to creating an enabling environment for poverty reduction and livelihood improvement. It is the first IEO evaluation specifically focused on youth. The evaluation focuses on interventions implemented at country level from 2015 to mid-2021. The evaluation found several areas of success but points out that the UNDP response was skewed towards fostering employability through skills development, rather than emphasizing the need for more attention to foster labour market demands and to address structural challenges to youth economic empowerment.

The evaluation of UNDP support to energy access and transition assesses UNDP support in relation to signature solution 5, introduced as part of the UNDP strategic plan, 2018-2021. The evaluation assessed the extent to which the energy objectives of UNDP were being met and whether the organization's interventions remain relevant to the global efforts to meet Sustainable Development Goal 7 - ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all. The evaluation covered all projects with a significant energy component and budget expenditures between 2018 and 2021. The evaluation notes important UNDP contributions and the positive role it plays in supporting governments with strategic advice and practical demonstrations on access to renewable energy and energy efficiency solutions. The report also recognizes the considerable challenge facing UNDP and partner governments to show substantial progress on achieving universal access to clean and affordable energy by 2030.

The evaluations will be accompanied by management responses.

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

Documentation:

Independent Evaluation Office multiyear programme of work (2022-2025) (DP/2022/6)

Evaluation of UNDP support to youth economic empowerment (DP/2022/7)

Management response to the evaluation of UNDP support to youth economic empowerment (DP/2022/8)

Evaluation of UNDP support to energy access and transition (DP/2022/9)

Management response to the evaluation of UNDP support to energy access and transition (DP/2022/10)

Item 8 United Nations Volunteers

Pursuant to Executive Board decision 2013/17, the United Nations Volunteers (UNV) programme submits its third Strategic Framework covering the period 2022 – 2025. The Strategic Framework reflects the strategic direction of UNV in the next four years, focusing on three outcomes in the following areas: a people-centred United Nations; serving the United Nations; and promoting volunteerism. The Strategic Framework is closely aligned with General Assembly resolution 75/233 of 21 December 2020 on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system, as well as with the 2030 Agenda and the Secretary General's report "Our Common Agenda".

The Board may wish to take note of the UNV Strategic Framework, 2022-2025.

Documentation:

UNV Strategic Framework, 2022-2025 (DP/2022/11)

Item 9 United Nations Capital Development Fund

The UNCDF Strategic Framework, 2022-2025, describes how UNCDF will work primarily with the least developed countries (LDCs) to make progress in three interlinked areas of change: (a) catalyze additional flows of private and public capital; (b) strengthen market systems and financing mechanisms; and (c) accelerate inclusive, diversified, green economic transformation.

Progress in these areas will help LDCs advance achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and enable people to live in dignity, access finance and key goods and services, and build resilience. Learning from experiences and lessons of the past four years, UNCDF will contribute to these areas of change by strengthening its role as a hybrid development organization and development finance institution. It will do so by further expanding its financing support through direct capital deployment, financial advisory and capital catalyzation. This financing support will be combined with development policy and technical assistance to provide integrated support across five priority areas of work: in the well-established flagship areas of inclusive digital economies and local transformative finance, and in the emerging areas of women's economic empowerment; climate, energy, and biodiversity finance; and sustainable food systems finance.

UNCDF will continue to collaborate closely with UNDP and the United Nations development system, combining its financing capabilities with the wider development and operational capacities of the United Nations development system to deliver more impactful support for the LDCs. UNCDF will also build strong partnerships with private and public actors to unlock additional financing and achieve greater sustained development impact.

The Board may wish to take note of the UNCDF Strategic Framework, 2022-2025.

Documentation:

UNCDF Strategic Framework, 2022-2025 (DP/2022/12)

Item 12 **United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation**

The purpose of the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC) Strategic Framework, 2022-2025, is to guide works of the Office in serving as the focal point for promoting and facilitating South-South and triangular cooperation for development on a global and United Nations system-wide basis, in accordance with the principles laid out in the Buenos Aires outcome document of the second High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation (A/RES/73/291). The Strategic Framework reflects the strategic direction of UNOSSC in the coming four years, centred around three outcomes covering the following areas: (a) advancing South-South and triangular cooperation policymaking and implementation; (b) strengthening the capacity of United Nations entities to provide support for South-South and triangular cooperation to developing countries; and (c) enabling developing countries to implement the 2030 Agenda through harnessing South-South and triangular cooperation knowledge exchange and capacity development as well as facilitating technology development and transfer. The Strategic Framework is closely aligned with General Assembly resolution 75/233 of 21 December 2020 on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The Board may wish to take note of the UNOSSC Strategic Framework, 2022-2025.

Documentation:

UNOSSC Strategic Framework, 2022-2025 (DP/CF/SSC/7)

UNFPA segment

Item 10

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: Argentina, the Caribbean subregional programme, Cameroon, El Salvador, Eritrea, Guinea-Bissau, Honduras, Malaysia, Maldives, Mozambique, Peru, Thailand and Viet Nam; (b) take note of the first one-year extensions of the country programmes for Brazil and Haiti; and (c) approve the second one-year extensions for Afghanistan and Algeria, the third one-year extension for Venezuela, the sixth one-year extension for Yemen, and the sixth, six-month extension for the Syrian Arab Republic (from 1 January to 30 June 2022).

Documentation:

Extensions of country programmes (DP/FPA/2022/3)

Country programme documents for:

Africa

Cameroon (DP/FPA/CPD/CMR/8); Eritrea (DP/FPA/CPD/ERI/6); Guinea- Bissau (DP/FPA/CPD/GNB/7); Mozambique (DP/FPA/CPD/MOZ/10);

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Asia-Pacific
Malaysia (DP/FPA/CPD/MYS/1);
Maldives (DP/FPA/CPD/MDV/7);
Thailand (DP/FPA/CPD/THA/12);
Viet Nam (DP/FPA/CPD/VNM/10);

Latin America and the Caribbean
Argentina (DP/FPA/CPD/ARG/1);
Caribbean subregional programme (DP/FPA/CPD/CAR/7);
El Salvador (DP/FPA/CPD/SLV/9);
Honduras (DP/FPA/CPD/HND/9);
Peru (DP/FPA/CPD/PER/10).
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Item 11 Evaluation

The quadrennial budgeted evaluation plan for 2022-2025 has been prepared in line with the evaluation policy of UNFPA (DP/FPA/2019/1) 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 corporate and decentralized programme-level evaluations for UNFPA, together with information on budget, key risks and reporting arrangements.

The Executive Board may wish to adopt a decision on the quadrennial budgeted evaluation plan, 2022-2025.

Documentation:

Quadrennial budgeted evaluation plan, 2022-2025 (DP/FPA/2022/1)

UNOPS segment

Item 13

United Nations Office for Project Services

In its decision 2021/21, paragraph 7, the Executive Board requested "that UNOPS present an assessment and rationale for the proposal to create a separate Sustainable Investments in Infrastructure and Innovation (S3i) reserve and to report back to the Executive Board at its first regular session 2022, further requests that UNOPS conduct a comprehensive evaluation of the S3i initiative after the end of the pilot phase in December 2023, and present the findings to the Executive Board at the annual session 2024, as recommended by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions". The present report addresses the first part of the decision on the assessment and rationale for creation of a separate S3i reserve. To address the risk of fluctuation in S3i investments, UNOPS put forward to the Board the proposal to approve the establishment of a designated reserve for the funding and valuation of S3i investments, and the level initially approved by the Board. In addition to allowing UNOPS to meet the requirements, the separation of the S3i reserve from the growth and innovation reserve would improve the transparency and oversight of the S3i programme of work by having all financial impact reflected in one designated reserve, with the accuracy and veracity of the information confirmed by an external review.

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

Documentation:

United Nations Office for Project Services sustainable investments in infrastructure and innovation ('S3i') reserve (DP/OPS/2022/2)

Item 14 Other matters

TENTATIVE WORKPLAN **EXECUTIVE BOARD OF UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS** FIRST REGULAR SESSION 2022

(31 January – 4 February 2022, New York)

Day/Date	Time	Item	Subject
Monday, 31 January	10 a.m 1 p.m.	1	ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS • Adoption of the agenda and workplan for the session • Adoption of the report of the second regular session 2021 • Adoption of the annual workplan 2022 of the Executive Board
			JOINT SEGMENT
		2	RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BOARD OF AUDITORS
			 UNDP, UNCDF, UNFPA and UNOPS reports on the status of implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors for 2020
		3	FOLLOW-UP TO UNAIDS PROGRAMME COORDINATING BOARD MEETING
			 Joint UNDP and UNFPA report on the implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the Programme Coordinating Board of UNAIDS
	3 – 5 p.m.	4	PROTECTION AGAINST SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AND ABUSE AND SEXUAL HARASSMENT
		14	OTHER MATTERS
			 Address by the Chairperson of the UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS/UN-Women Staff Council
Tuesday,	10 a.m 1 p.m.		UNOPS SEGMENT
1 February		13	STATEMENT BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
			 United Nations Office for Project Services Sustainable Investments in Infrastructure and Innovation (S3i) reserve
	3 – 6 p.m.		UNDP SEGMENT
		8	UNITED NATIONS VOLUNTEERS • UNV strategic framework, 2022-2025
		9	 UNITED NATIONS CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUND UNCDF strategic framework, 2022-2025
		12	UNITED NATIONS OFFICE FOR SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION • UNOSSC strategic framework, 2022-2025
Wednesday, 2 February	10 a.m.– 1 p.m.		UNDP SEGMENT (cont'd)
			INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE WITH THE ADMINISTRATOR

Day/Date	Time	Item	Subject
	3 – 5 p.m.	5	HUMAN DEVELOPMENT REPORT • Update on the Human Development Report consultations (GA resolution 57/264)
		7	 UNDP EVALUATION Independent Evaluation Office workplan, 2022-2025 Evaluation of UNDP support to youth economic empowerment, and management response Evaluation of UNDP support to energy access and transition, and management response
Thursday, 3 February	10 a.m.– 1 p.m.		UNFPA SEGMENT
			STATEMENT BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
	3 – 5 p.m.	10	 UNFPA COUNTRY PROGRAMMES AND RELATED MATTERS Presentation and approval of country programme document Extensions of country programmes
		11	UNFPA EVALUATION • Quadrennial budgeted evaluation plan, 2022-2025
Friday, 4 February	10 a.m.– 1 p.m.		UNDP SEGMENT (cont'd)
		6	 UNDP COUNTRY PROGRAMMES AND RELATED MATTERS Regional programme documents for Africa, Asia and the Pacific, Arab States, Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States, Latin America and the Caribbean for the period 2022-2025 Presentation and approval of country programme documents Extensions of country programmes
	3 – 4 p.m.	14	OTHER MATTERS • Adoption of pending decisions
		1	ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS • Adoption of the tentative workplan for the annual session 2022

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