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**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS**

Annotations to the provisional agenda

Note by the secretariat

1. Opening of the session.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

At its organizational meeting on 23 February 1984, the Council approved, by decision 84/1, the provisional agenda and a tentative schedule of work for its thirty-first session. The Council further decided to allocate certain items of the provisional agenda to the Committee of the Whole and the Budgetary and Finance Committee. The Council also agreed on the tasks to be assigned to the Drafting Group and on a number of principles which shall guide its work.

Documentation

Provisional agenda (DP/1984/L.3)

Organization of work (DP/1984/L.4)

Annotations to the provisional agenda, Note by the secretariat (DP/1984/3)

List of documents being submitted to the thirty-first session
(DP/1984/3/Add.1)

Status of pre-session documents, Note by the secretariat (DP/1984/3/Add.2)

Provisional agenda and organization of work of the Budgetary and Finance Committee (DP/1984/BFC/L.1)

Checklist of documents being submitted to the Budgetary and Finance Committee (DP/1984/BFC/L.1/Add.1)

Status of pre-session documents being submitted to the Budgetary and Finance Committee (DP/1984/BFC/L.1/Add.2)

3. Policy review: Measures to be taken to meet the changing technical co-operation requirements of the developing countries.

By its decision 83/41, the Council decided that the subject of the policy review item to be considered at its thirty-first session should be "Measures to be taken to meet the changing technical co-operation requirements of the **developing** countries". As a background document for this policy review, the Council will have before it a report of the Administrator which focuses on important changes in technical co-operation requirements in the 1980s. The report examines and analyzes major aspects of the technical co-operation provided by the United Nations system, and UNDP in particular, and how this system can be made more effective in responding to those needs. The report should be considered in conjunction with the Administrator's proposals regarding the "Preparation for the Fourth Cycle" (DP/1984/27).

Documentation

Policy review: Measures to be taken to meet the changing technical co-operation requirements of the developing countries, Report of the Administrator (DP/1984/4)

4. (a) Annual report of the Administrator for 1983.

The annual report of the Administrator for 1983 provides, as in past years, a comprehensive account of the Programme's operational activities in 1983, including a wide range of statistical data covering not only the UNDP main programme but also the work of various special funds and activities administered by UNDP or its Administrator. The report is divided into nine parts. In an introduction, the Administrator outlines the main thrusts and direction of the Programme in 1983, emphasizing in particular the positive accomplishments registered since the thirtieth session of the Governing Council and the improved resource outlook, generally, but with special focus on resource mobilization efforts at the developing country level.

Addendum 1 is divided in two parts, the first providing a narrative of project results in 1983 by region, and the second presenting a similar account of results and project outputs under the global and interregional programme and certain special funds administered by UNDP.

Addendum 2 details the main Programme record in 1983, including brief résumés of the work of each of the special funds and activities under UNDP administration during the year. The remaining four addenda are devoted to statistical tables. Addendum 3 covers basic programme data; addendum 4,

supplementary data; addendum 5, subcontracts awarded (Part I) and equipment ordered (Part II); and addendum 6 covers contributions and expenditures registered under UNDP-administered special funds. Readers may wish to note that contributions stemming from trust funds and sub-trust funds are included by country in the 1983 report for the first time.

The Council will also have before it for consideration a note by the Administrator which draws attention to those reports of the JIU which were issued in 1983 and which are of direct interest or concern to the Council in its work. Four of these reports, together with the relevant comments of the Secretary-General, will be made available in their entirety in view of their particular relevance to the Programme's activities. The reports concerned deal with the following subjects: regional programmes in the conservation and management of African wildlife; UNDP field offices; the evaluation system of UNDP; and the UNDP Office for Projects Execution (OPE). In addition, with regard to the JIU report on OPE, the Council will have before it the Comments of the Administrator. Also, a summary of the comments on the JIU report which have been received by the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation from other organizations of the United Nations system will be submitted to the Council.

Documentation

Annual report of the Administrator for 1983: Introduction by the Administrator (DP/1984/5)

Annual report of the Administrator for 1983: Project results: by region (DP/1984/5/Add.1 (Part I))

Annual report of the Administrator for 1983: Project results: Global/interregional programme and special funds (DP/1984/5/Add.1 (Part II))

Annual report of the Administrator for 1983: Main programme record (DP/1984/5/Add.2)

Annual report of the Administrator for 1983: Basic programme data (DP/1984/5/Add.3)

Annual report of the Administrator for 1983: Supplementary programme data (DP/1984/5/Add.4)

Annual report of the Administrator for 1983: Subcontracts awarded (DP/1984/5/Add.5 (Part I))

Annual report of the Administrator for 1983: Equipment ordered (DP/1984/5/Add.5 (Part II))

Annual report of the Administrator for 1983: UNDP-administered special funds: Contributions and expenditures (DP/1984/5/Add.6)

Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit, Note by the Administrator (DP/1984/6)

Progress report on the implementation of recommendations on regional programmes in the conservation and management of African wildlife (JIU/REP/83/3) (E/1984/3)

Comments of the Secretary-General on JIU/REP/83/3 (E/1984/3/Add.1)

Field Offices of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) (JIU/REP/83/4), Note by the Administrator (DP/1983/67)

Comments of the Secretary-General on JIU/REP/83/4 (DP/1984/7)

Report on the Evaluation System of the United Nations Development Programme (JIU/REP/83/5), Note by the Administrator (DP/1983/68)

Comments of the Secretary-General on JIU/REP/83/5 (DP/1984/9)

Report of the JIU on the UNDP Office for Projects Execution (JIU/REP/83/9) (A/39/80), Comments of the Secretary-General (A/39/80/Add.1), Comments of the Administrator (DP/1984/8), Summary of comments of the other organizations of the United Nations system, Note by the Administrator (DP/1984/74).

4. (b) Implementation of decisions adopted by the Governing Council at previous sessions.
 - (i) Understanding of role and activities of UNDP and of its resource needs.

By decision 83/5, section II. C, the Governing Council "agreed that the Administrator should explore and implement the action proposals in his note on measures to promote a better understanding of the role and activities and of the resource needs of the Programme (DP/1983/ICW/7) and report thereon to the Governing Council". Accordingly, the Administrator submits for consideration by the Council a progress report on implementation of this decision. No policy or budgetary decision by the Council is requested in that connection.

Documentation

Measures to promote better understanding of the role and activities of UNDP and of the resource needs of the Programme, Note by the Administrator (DP/1984/10)

(ii) Pre-investment activities.

In response to its decision 82/9, the Council will have before it a report which summarizes the progress achieved since the twenty-ninth session with respect to the various measures undertaken by the Administrator to stimulate UNDP-assisted pre-investment activities.

Documentation

Progress report on pre-investment activities, Report of the Administrator (DP/1984/11).

(iii) Government contributions to local office costs.

The Council will have before it a report, submitted in accordance with paragraph 4 of decision 82/18, which provides details on: (a) the waiver formula established by the Administrator; and (b) the status and results of negotiations with Governments on their contributions to local office costs. The report also contains proposals for follow-up action in three respects: (i) continuing negotiations; (ii) creating an accounting linkage between contributions to general resources and contributions to local office costs, in order to compensate for shortfalls in contributions to local office costs; and (iii) establishing conditions under which charges to IF's for shortfalls in contributions to local office costs may be made. The report also includes information on a revised method for calculating interest on cost-sharing balances and on a proposed method for dealing with negative balances.

Documentation

Government contributions to local office costs, Report of the Administrator (DP/1984/12 and DP/1984/12/Add.1)

(iv) Implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries (LDCs) for the 1980s.

Pursuant to its decision 83/9, operative paragraph 4, the Council will have before it a document providing a brief overview of the state of the assistance available to LDCs and discussing the status of the round-table conferences. The process, which slowed down somewhat in 1983, is regaining momentum, and a number of conferences are expected to be held in the course of 1984 while others are planned for the first half of 1985.

The Administrator hopes to submit a supplementary report to the thirty-first session of the Council on the results of a more comprehensive assessment now being carried out in UNDP headquarters of the contributions of the round-table conference to development in the LDCs.

Documentation

Implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries (LDCs) for the 1980s, Report of the Administrator (DP/1984/13)

(v) UNDP Development Study Programme.

The Council will receive an oral report summarizing the activities carried out since the twenty-ninth session under the auspices of the UNDP Development Study Programme, established by Council decision 81/30. This report will also respond to Council decision 82/10.

4. (c) Special programmes of assistance.

(i) Assistance to national liberation movements recognized in its area by the Organization of African Unity.

The Council will have before it a report of the Administrator which responds to decision 81/12 whereby the Council requested him to continue to assist the NLMs recognized by the OAU, and to report to the Council on this assistance. The report will focus on measures taken to improve further the delivery and monitoring of this assistance and, in the process, encourage the NLMs to gain experience and assume greater responsibility in determining their own development priorities for assistance within the context of the UNDP mandate.

Documentation

Assistance to national liberation movements (NLMs) recognized in its area by the Organization of African Unity, Report of the Administrator (DP/1984/15)

(ii) Namibia.

The Council will have before it a report by the Administrator submitted in response to decision 83/10, which deals with matters relating to support cost reimbursement in respect of projects financed by the United Nations Fund for Namibia. The report provides the views of executing agencies on the possibility of granting total waiver of support costs to such projects. It also describes the agreement reached to treat, where appropriate, the costs of projects financed from the Fund as Government Cash Counterpart Contributions (GCCC).

Documentation

Special Programme of Assistance: Assistance to Namibia, Report of the Administrator (DP/1984/14 and DP/1984/14/Add.1).

(iii) Assistance to the Palestinian people.

The Administrator will submit a report which reviews the progress achieved in implementing the programme of assistance to the Palestinian people, particularly in light of Governing Council decision 83/11. In the report, the Administrator recommends that the Council reiterate its appeal to Governments and inter-governmental organizations to supplement the resources available from UNDP special programme resources in order to carry out the programme of assistance.

Documentation

Assistance to the Palestinian people, Report of the Administrator
(DP/1984/16)

(iv) Assistance to specific countries.

At the thirty-eighth session of the General Assembly, a series of resolutions was adopted calling for UNDP to bring to the attention of its Governing Council, for its consideration, information about the special needs of 12 countries, and to report to the Secretary-General about any pertinent action by the Council (The resolutions are 38/205, 38/207, 38/210, 38/211, 38/212, 38/215, 38/218, 38/219, 38/221, and 38/222). The Administrator is submitting a report which informs the Council of actions taken or being taken in favour of the countries concerned.

Documentation

Assistance to specific countries, Report of the Administrator (DP/1984/17)

(v) Implementation of General Assembly resolution 38/201 concerning the liquidation of the United Nations Emergency Operations Trust Fund and the allocation of its remaining balance.

The Council will have before it a report by the Administrator, pursuant to the request by the General Assembly in its resolution 38/201, regarding action taken to implement this resolution concerning the liquidation of the United Nations Emergency Operation Trust Fund and the allocation of its remaining balance.

Documentation

Implementation of General Assembly resolution 38/201 concerning the liquidation of the United Nations Emergency Operations Trust Fund and the allocation of its remaining balance, Report of the Administrator
(DP/1984/71)

4. (d) Evaluation.

In response to its decision 83/12, the Council will receive a report on the progress made in strengthening evaluation in UNDP and on the results of the thematic evaluations carried out.

The Council, by decision 84/2, further requested the Administrator to report to the Council on the actions taken or his recommendations in respect of each separate recommendation contained in the Joint United Nations/UNDP/UNIDO evaluation of UNDP-financed technical co-operation activities of UNIDO in the field of manufactures. The Council decided to examine further the report by the Administrator thereon, submitted to the organizational meeting of the Council (DP/1984/1), in the light of recommendations and observations of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination.

Responding to decision 83/12, III, adopted at the thirtieth session of the Governing Council, a report is submitted which describes the purpose and methodology of an evaluation study of women's participation in technical co-operation undertaken by those organizations of the United Nations development system that are significantly concerned with women's role in development. The report is submitted to the Council for its information.

Documentation

Programme implementation: Evaluation, Report of the Administrator (DP/1984/18)

Status of thematic evaluations (DP/1984/18, Annex I)

Summary of the UNDP/FAO thematic evaluation study on national agricultural research (DP/1984/18, Annex II)

Summary of the UNDP/ILO thematic evaluation study on training of industrial manpower (DP/1984/18, Annex III)

Interorganizational evaluation study of women's participation in development, Report of the Administrator (DP/1984/19)

5. (a) Mid-term review of the third programming cycle, 1982-1986.

In response to Governing Council decision 80/30, paragraph 14, the Administrator is reporting on the development of voluntary contributions during the first years of the third cycle and projections for the remaining years, as well as the actions taken to plan and implement the programme within available resources. The report also covers the question of a review of the illustrative IFs for the third cycle, with special emphasis on those countries whose real economic situation had substantially deteriorated. The progress of various groups of countries towards net contributor status, as

called for in decision 80/30, paragraph 6, is also examined. Furthermore, the report also deals with certain matters related to the IFs of Brunei, St. Helena and Ascension.

In a separate note, issued as an addendum to the mid-term review report, the Administrator is presenting the special situation of the global and interregional programmes for discussion by the Council.

Documentation

Mid-term review of the third programming cycle 1982-1986, Note by the Administrator (DP/1984/20); Global and interregional programme, Note by the Administrator (DP/1984/20/Add.1)

5. (b) Country and intercountry programmes and projects.

(i) Trends and problems in country programmes.

The Council will have before it a report of the Administrator in which are reviewed seven country programmes being submitted to the thirty-first session for consideration and approval. The report is organized in a format similar to that used for the reports to the special meetings in May 1982 and February 1983 and the thirtieth session in June 1982.

Documentation

Relevant trends and problems in the country programmes proposed for approval in June 1984, Report of the Administrator (DP/1984/21)

(ii) Implementation of selected country programmes.

In its decision 81/15 the Governing Council invited the regional bureaux to prepare for the Council's information an annual progress report on programme implementation, highlighting significant developments in selected programmes.

The Council will have before it documents which briefly describe some of the most important aspects of progress in implementing UNDP's programme of technical co-operation in the African, Arab, Asia and Pacific, European and the Latin American and Caribbean regions. The reports will selectively highlight developments from within the regions.

Documentation

Implementation of selected country programmes in the African region, Report of the Administrator (DP/1984/22)

Implementation of selected country programmes in the Arab States region, Report of the Administrator (DP/1984/23)

Implementation of selected country programmes in the Asia and Pacific region, Report of the Administrator (DP/1984/24)

Implementation of selected country programmes in the European region, Report of the Administrator (DP/1984/26)

Implementation of selected country programmes in the Latin America and Caribbean region, Report of the Administrator (DP/1984/25)

(iii) Consideration and approval of country programmes
(including requests for extensions).

Rule 4 of the rules of procedure of the Governing Council stipulates that consideration of proposed country and intercountry programmes and projects shall normally take place in private meetings or portions thereof unless otherwise decided by the Governing Council. This rule notwithstanding, the Governing Council has decided at each session since its twenty-fourth session to suspend this rule and to consider country programmes in open meetings, with the understanding that at any time a member of the Council may request that rule 4 be applied. The Council may therefore wish to decide whether to proceed in accordance with this practice.

Seven country programmes are being submitted for consideration and approval by the Council. A note by the Administrator accompanies those programmes whose resources for the third programming cycle, 1982-1986, including illustrative indicative planning figures and planned cost sharing, amount to \$20 million or more, or where there are specific issues which the Administrator wishes to bring to the attention of the Council.

Taking into account all the country programmes which will be considered at the session, the Administrator will also submit a separate note containing a compilation of the various recommendations regarding these country programmes.

The Council will further have before it, for information, notes by the Administrator on those country programmes which have been extended by the Administrator in accordance with the revised procedures contained in document DP/518 and Corr.1, which the Council endorsed by its decision 81/15.

Documentation

<u>Country</u>	<u>Document</u>
Afghanistan	DP/CP/AFG/3, DP/CP/AFG/NOTE/3
Benin	DP/CP/BEN/3
Bolivia	DP/CP/BOL/3, DP/CP/BOL/NOTE/3
El Salvador	DP/CP/ELS/3
Lebanon	DP/CP/LEB/2
Singapore	DP/CP/SIN/5 and Corr.1
Swaziland	DP/CP/SWA/3

Extensions

Guatemala
Suriname

DP/CP/GUA/EXTENSION
DP/CP/SUR/EXTENSION

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Recommendations regarding country and intercountry programmes and projects, Note by the Administrator (DP/1984/L.5)

(iv) Global and interregional projects.

Under this item, a request for supplementary assistance for the following global projects is being submitted for consideration and approval of the Council:

Documentation

International Maize Testing Programme and Selected Training Activities, Project recommendation of the Administrator (DP/PROJECTS/REC/12)

International Rice Testing and Improvement Programme (Phase II), Project recommendation of the Administrator (DP/PROJECTS/REC/13)

Maximizing Crop Production through Biological Nitrogen Fixation, Project recommendation of the Administrator (DP/PROJECTS/REC/14)

5. (c) Preparations for the fourth programming cycle.

The Council will have before it a report by the Administrator proposing a timetable for the preparations for the fourth programming cycle. In addition, the report raises a number of preliminary issues which the Council is requested to discuss and to provide guidance to enable the Administrator to proceed further in elaborating future plans for the fourth IFP cycle. This report should be read in the context of the report and discussion under agenda item 3, Policy review: Measures to be taken to meet the changing technical co-operation requirements of the developing countries (DP/1984/4).

Documentation

Preparations for the fourth programming cycle, Note by the Administrator (DP/1984/27)

6. United Nations Fund for Population Activities.

(a) Report of the Executive Director on 1983 activities.

Under this item, the Council will have before it the annual report of the Executive Director of UNFPA, which describes UNFPA activities during the year 1983. A separate document provides supplementary information on the work in 1983 of the agencies and organizations executing UNFPA programmes and projects. Another document provides a listing of all project allocations made in 1983.

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Documentation

Report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA) for 1983 (DP/1984/28 (Part I) and DP/1984/28 (Part II))

Supplementary information on the work in 1983 of agencies and organizations executing UNFPA-funded programmes and projects, Report of the Executive Director (DP/1984/29)

Report of the Executive Director on allocations to projects in 1983 (DP/1984/30 and Add.1)

6. (b) Ongoing work programme of the UNFPA.

As a result of Governing Council decision 83/17, the Executive Director will submit several documents reporting on the ongoing work programme of the UNFPA.

Documentation

Report of the Executive Director on the evaluation activities of UNFPA (DP/1984/33).

Report of the Executive Director on programme planning (DP/1984/34).

Report of the Executive Director reviewing UNFPA programming procedures (DP/1984/35).

6. (c) Future programme of the UNFPA.

In accordance with Council decision 83/17, the Executive Director will submit to the Council several documents in order that the Council may conduct within its mandate a discussion of the future programme of UNFPA.

Documentation

Update of the review and reassessment and work plan 1985-1988 and request for approval authority (DP/1984/31)

Report of the Executive Director on status of financial implementation of Governing Council-approved UNFPA country programmes and projects (DP/1984/32)

Report of the Executive Director on UNFPA strategy for support of contraceptive research (DP/1984/36)

Report of the Executive Director on programmes of the regional and interregional demographic training and research centres (DP/1984/41)

6. (d) Large-scale programmes and projects.

In accordance with a decision made by the Governing Council at its sixteenth session¹/, the Executive Director is submitting to the Council for its prior approval summaries of projects totalling \$1 million or more.

Documentation

Recommendations by the Executive Director on proposed projects and programmes (DP/FPA/PROJECTS/REC/9-15 and DP/1984/L.6)

6. (e) Budgetary and financial matters.

The Council will have before it several documents dealing with budgetary and financial matters: a comprehensive report to enable the Council to discuss in-depth the advantages and disadvantages of the phased inclusion of the UNFPA deputy representatives and limited local core staff in the regular manning table, proposed amendments to UNFPA financial regulations, and audited accounts of Participating and Executing Agencies. It will also have before it comments of the ACABQ on these matters.

Documentation

Report of the Executive Director on the inclusion of the UNFPA Deputy Representatives and limited local core staff in the regular manning table (DP/1984/38)

Amendments to UNFPA Financial Regulations (DP/1984/72)

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (DP/1984/40)

Audited accounts of Participating and Executing Agencies (DP/1984/39)

7. United Nations technical co-operation activities.

The Governing Council will have before it the annual report of the Secretary-General on technical co-operation activities, which covers the work of the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development (DTCD) of the United Nations Secretariat and provides an overview of the activities of other organizational entities of the United Nations which have responsibility for technical co-operation. In accordance with Governing Council decision 83/16, the report contains particular information on extrabudgetary resources and associated manning tables, as well as the analysis between programme delivery and administrative costs and the evaluation of completed projects requested by the General Assembly in its resolution 37/232. In response to that resolution, the report is also being made available to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council.

The report describes the main trends of programmes and activities undertaken by DTCD and funded by the United Nations Regular Programme of Technical Co-operation, UNDP, UNFPA and other sources. It draws attention to the major streamlining of the DTCD organizational structure which was undertaken as a result of the 1983 financial situation, and it highlights issues of particular concern in order to facilitate the involvement of Governments in solving the operational and other problems encountered by the Department in meeting the needs of developing countries. Among them are the need to make greater use of DTCD's technical competence and specialized expertise as an executing agency, its activities in connection with UNDP country programming, the least developed countries, integration of women in development, as well as other questions dealing with the improvement of project monitoring and evaluation, pre-investment and investment follow-up and computerization.

Documentation

United Nations Technical Co-operation Activities, Report of the Secretary-General (DP/1984/42 and Add. 1-3)

8. (a) United Nations Volunteers.

The Council will have before it the annual report on the United Nations Volunteers Programme which reviews UNV activities during 1983. The report highlights efforts made to widen participation in the programme to embrace all nationalities, as requested by the Governing Council at previous sessions, and to increase UNV's input into projects and programmes in the developing countries. The report also refers to the UNV Consultative Meeting, the first convened in accordance with the Sana'a Declaration.

Finally, the report emphasizes the need for increased contributions to the Special Voluntary Fund (SVF), their positive impact on UNV's ability to implement fully its mandate and to meet the growing demand from developing countries for United Nations volunteers. The Governing Council will be invited to call again upon countries to increase their contributions and/or begin contributing to the Fund.

Documentation

United Nations Volunteers: Annual report of the Administrator for 1983 (DP/1984/43)

8. (b) United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF).

The Administrator's annual report on UNCDF is submitted to the Governing Council in accordance with General Assembly resolution 36/200, which inter alia decided that "beginning in 1983, a broad policy review of those funds and programmes which are under the guidance of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme and managed by the Administrator of the Programme should be undertaken on a biennial basis, on the understanding that

a brief report, including a financial statement, on those funds and programmes should be made available to the Governing Council in the intervening years and invites the Governing Council to act accordingly". Therefore, the report describes the programme operations and related activities of the Fund in 1983, as well as its financial situation at year-end under the Partial Funding System, as requested by the Council in its decision 82/22. Information is also provided on trust fund contributions accepted by UNCTF in 1983, in accordance with Governing Council decisions 82/5 and 83/32.

Documentation

United Nations Capital Development Fund: Annual report of the Administrator (DP/1984/44)

8. (c) United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration (UNRF/NRE).

In accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1762(LIV), the Council will have before it the Administrator's annual report for 1983 on the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration (UNRF/NRE) which reviews progress achieved in Fund operations. The report also highlights pre-investment follow-up and the evaluation of new project requests in both the mineral and geothermal sectors. The continued serious financial constraints are reported and an appeal is made to Governments to increase voluntary contributions to the Fund. In a separate document, the Administrator recommends the approval of a project.

Documentation

United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration, Annual Report of the Administrator (DP/1984/45)

Gold Exploration in the Sula Mountains-Kangari Hills of Sierra Leone (SIL/NR/82/001) (DP/NRE/PROJECTS/REC/3)

8. (d) Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries (TCDC).

(i) Pursuant to its decision 83/21, the Council will receive a report on the current policies and procedures governing the use of country IIF's for TCDC activities, and on the consequences and impact of the proposals for greater flexibility in these policies and procedures pursuant to decision 3/10 of the High-level Committee for the Review of Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries. The report contains recommendations on the further streamlining of some procedures.

Documentation

Use of country indicative planning figures for TCDC activities, Report of the Administrator (DP/1984/47)

(ii) In response to paragraphs 2 and 3 of Council decision 83/21, it will receive a document describing the functions and the staffing of the Special Unit for TCDC, and explaining, in the light of UNDP's budgetary constraints, the Administrator's difficulty in recommending the restoration of the staffing of the Unit to the 1979 level as requested by the High-level Committee on the Review of TCDC in paragraphs 4 and 6 of its decision 3/8.

Documentation

Activities and staffing of the Special Unit for TCDC, Report of the Administrator (DP/1984/46)

(iii) In response to its decision 83/15, the Council will have before it a report of the Administrator on the progress of the Information Referral System (INRES), and on the implications of paragraphs 3 and 5 of decision 3/9 of the High-level Committee on the Review of TCDC concerning INRES. The report discusses the relationship between the Multisectoral Information Network (MSIN), INRES and other multisectoral information systems in the United Nations development system, and presents some conclusions.

Documentation

Progress Report on the TCDC Information Referral System (INRES), Report of the Administrator (DP/1984/48)

8. (e) United Nations Financing System for Science and Technology for Development (UNFSTD).

Under the terms of General Assembly resolutions 34/218 and 36/183, the Administrator is responsible for the overall supervision of the operations of the Financing System and is required to submit annual reports to the Governing Council on its operations and management. This report includes information on the current financial status of the Financing System, recent developments regarding its operations, particularly those financed through non-core resources, and a review of the intergovernmental consultations on the System's long-term financial and institutional arrangements. Since these consultations are still underway, an updated report will be provided to the Council during its thirty-first session.

Documentation

United Nations Financing System for Science and Technology for Development, Report of the Administrator (DP/1984/49)

8. (f) Activities of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office (UNSO) and assistance to other drought-stricken countries in Africa.
- (i) Plan of Action to Combat Desertification in the Sudano-Sahelian Region.

As requested by the Governing Council in its decision 83/24, the Administrator is submitting an annual report for 1982 on the implementation in the Sudano-Sahelian region of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification. The report describes the desertification control programme and project activities supported by UNSO in the region, the principal thrusts of its project identification, implementation and resource mobilization operations, and the role UNSO has played in co-ordination and interorganizational co-operation in the exercise of its desertification control mandate.

Documentation

Implementation in the Sudano-Sahelian region of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification, Report of the Administrator (DP/1984/50)

- (ii) Implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region.

The Council will have before it the report of the Secretary-General, providing a summary account of the activities undertaken by the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office (UNSO) during 1983 in assisting the eight States members of the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel (CILSS), to implement their programme of medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation from drought. This includes a brief description of the specific accomplishments of UNSO in implementing priority projects, both regional and national, and in the related resource mobilization, as well as a brief outline of other relevant questions. The report also summarizes some of the activities undertaken by UNSO under its mandate of desertification control in the States members of CILSS.

Documentation

Implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region, Report of the Secretary-General (A/39/.....).

- (iii) Financing UNSO-UNDP/UNEP Joint Venture.

By decision 83/25, the Governing Council requested the Administrator, in consultation with the Executive Director of UNEP, to present to the Governing Council proposals outlining alternative ways and means of financing the UNSO-UNDP/UNEP Joint Venture beyond the 1984-1985 biennium so as to ensure that activities aimed at combating desertification in the Sudano-Sahelian region continue at an appropriate level. The Administrator is therefore submitting a report which surveys various possible means of financing the Joint Venture and evaluates which sources appear to be the most practical and viable for financing the Joint Venture beyond the 1984-1985 biennium.

Documentation

Alternative ways and means of financing UNSO-UNDP/UNEP Joint Venture beyond the 1984-1985 biennium (DP/1984/51)

(iv) Assistance to other drought-stricken countries in Africa.

The Council will, under this item, have before it a report of the Administrator which provides information concerning the drought in various areas of Africa during the most recent crop season. The report will also contain information about emergency food aid requested and the efforts of the international community and the African Governments concerned to mitigate the consequence of unpredictable weather conditions.

Documentation

Assistance to drought-stricken countries in Africa, Report of the Administrator (DP/1984/52)

See also Government contributions to local office costs, Report of the Administrator (DP/1984/12 and DP/1984/12/Add.1)

8. (g) Programmes in energy development.

By decision 82/23, the Governing Council requested the Administrator to report to its thirty-second session on supporting activities for energy. At its organizational meeting in February 1984, the Council was informed that the Secretary-General was submitting a proposal to strengthen the UNDP Energy Account in the light of the increasing requirements of developing countries for programmes and projects in new and renewable sources of energy, to the Intergovernmental Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy, which will meet from 25 April to 4 May 1984. In the light of this development, the Council agreed to include this item on the agenda, so that the Administrator could provide the Council with information on current activities being financed from the Energy Account.

Documentation

Emergency Account, Note by the Administrator (DP/1984/37)

9. Financial, budgetary and administrative matters.

(a) Annual review of the financial situation, 1983.

The Council will have before it a report of the Administrator which provides a comprehensive review of the financial operations during 1983 and the financial position as at the end of the year. The report includes estimates of anticipated resources and expenditures for 1984 and 1985, and provides information on cost-sharing activities. In addition, information is provided on the utilization of accumulated non-convertible currencies, the collection of outstanding accounts receivable, the placement of UNDP funds, the Operational Reserve, and the status of Special Programme Resources and of the Special Measures Fund for the Least Developed Countries.

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This report will also provide information on the status of the Reserve for Construction Loans to Governments and related matters, in accordance with paragraph 5 of decision 82/30; information on support cost flexibility arrangements, in accordance with paragraph 8 of decision 82/36; and details concerning a request received from the International Telecommunications Union for additional support cost reimbursement relating to its implementation of UNDP-financed projects.

Documentation

Annual review of the financial situation, 1983, Report of the Administrator (DP/1984/53)

9. (b) Revised budget estimates for the biennium 1984-1985.

Under this item, the Administrator will submit for the approval of the Council revised budget estimates for 1984-1985. The Council will also be provided with: (a) information on the status of the job classification exercise; (b) proposals for technical changes in the presentation of biennial budget estimates for 1986-1987; (c) a proposal for a contingency authority to exceed appropriations in the event of dramatic cost changes, due to such factors as currency fluctuations and inflation, occurring after the Governing Council session in the second year of the biennium; and (d) a report on the carry-over of OPE support cost earnings in 1982-1983 to 1984-1985, pursuant to Governing Council decision 83/30, paragraph 3.

Documentation

Revised 1984-1985 biennial budget estimates, Report of the Administrator (DP/1983/54)

Comments of the ACABQ, Note by the Administrator (DP/1984/56).

9. (c) Extrabudgetary resources.

As requested by paragraph 5 of decision 83/31, the Administrator will submit a comprehensive review of the definition, origin and use of administrative expenditures presently labelled as extrabudgetary resources. The Administrator's report provides a definition of extrabudgetary resources and then attempts to present the rationale behind the concept of extrabudgetary resources. It also describes the development and use of such resources and the procedures that exist to control them.

Documentation

The concept of extrabudgetary resources, Report of the Administrator (DP/1984/55)

9. (d) Trust funds.

In accordance with the provisions of UNDP Financial Regulation 5.1 and as requested by paragraph 2 of decision 83/33, under this item the Administrator will provide a report containing comprehensive and detailed information on all trust funds established by him during 1983. This report will also be submitted to the ACABQ, whose comments thereon will accordingly be available to the Council.

Under this item the Council will also have before it the comprehensive report, requested in paragraph 3 of decision 83/32, on the results of the experimental period ending 30 April 1984 during which the Administrator was authorized to accept trust funds conditioned on procurement from a donor country in respect of the operations of UNSO, UNCTF, and UNFSSD. This authority was granted by decision 82/5, part IV, paragraphs 4 and 5, and extended by decision 83/32, paragraph 1. In order to ensure that the report provided to the Council on this matter is comprehensive, an addendum to the main document will be prepared which will include all relevant additional information obtained after the time of preparing the main document up to 30 April 1984.

Documentation

Trust Funds established by the Administrator in 1983, Report of the Administrator (DP/1984/69 and DP/1984/69/Add.1)

Trust Funds conditioned on procurement from a donor country, Report of the Administrator (DP/1984/58 and DP/1984/58/Add.1)

Comments of the ACABQ, Note by the Administrator (DP/1984/56)

9. (e) UNDP Financial Regulations.

Under this item, the Council will have before it information concerning those financial regulations and other matters on which consensus was not achieved at the twenty-ninth and thirtieth sessions and which are, in accordance with decision 83/35, to be considered by the Budgetary and Finance Committee during its meeting commencing immediately prior to the thirty-first session of the Governing Council.

As requested by paragraph 4 of decision 83/34, the Council will also be provided with a progress report relating to guidelines for the procurement of equipment, supplies and services. This report provides a brief summary of the history of this issue and describes the further action taken since the thirtieth session of the Council in June 1983. It also advises the Council that additional information, based on discussions of the Inter-Agency Working Group on Procurement, will be provided to the Council's thirty-first session.

The Council will also have before it for consideration under this item a document containing the Administrator's proposals for two annexes to the UNDP Financial Regulations in respect of the UNCTF and the UNFENRE respectively,

which have been prepared in response to the Council's request, contained in decision 81/28, that the Administrator prepare, where appropriate, annexes to the UNDP Financial Regulations covering the unique requirements of the funds and programmes entrusted to UNDP for administration. This document also contains details of proposed amendments to: (a) UNDP Financial Regulations concerning UNFPA; (b) UNDP Financial Regulation 16.3 concerning the annual submission of audited accounts; and (c) the Information Annex to the UNDP Financial Regulations which contains additional terms of reference governing the audit of the accounts by the United Nations Board of Auditors. The comments of the ACABQ on these matters will also be available to the Council.

Documentation

Matters on which consensus was not achieved at the thirtieth session,
Note by the Administrator (DP/1984/60)

Guidelines for the procurement of equipment, supplies and services,
Note by the Administrator (DP/1984/59)

Annexes and Amendments to UNDP Financial Regulations,
Note by the Administrator (DP/1984/61 and DP/1984/61/Add.1)

Comments of the ACABQ, Note by the Administrator (DP/1984/56)

9. (f) Agency support costs.

As requested in paragraph 4 of decision 83/37, and pursuant to paragraph 2(g) of decision 80/44, the Council will be provided with the first ex post facto report on support costs incurred and reimbursements received thereon by executing agencies in their implementation of technical co-operation activities, including UNDP-financed projects. This report covers the biennial period 1982/1983.

Documentation

Ex post facto reporting on agency support costs, Note by the
Administrator (DP/1984/62)

9. (g) Audit reports.

Under this item the Administrator will submit to the Council the audited accounts and audit reports of the executing agencies relating to funds allocated to them by UNDP as at 31 December 1982, together with his comments on significant observations included in the reports of the external auditors of the agencies. The Council will also be provided with a summary of the action taken by UNDP in response to decision 83/38, requesting the Administrator to convey to the Panel of External Auditors and to the executing agencies concerned the view of the Council concerning improvements in the style and scope of audit reports.

Documentation

Audit reports, Note by the Administrator (DP/1984/63 and DP/1984/63/Add.1)

9. (h) Sectoral support.

As requested in operative paragraph 8 of decision 83/39, the Council will be provided with a report by the Administrator containing information on the history and rationale of the sectoral support programme and an assessment of the Senior Industrial Development Field Advisers programme, as well as sectoral support provided to other agencies.

Documentation

Sectoral support, Report of the Administrator (DP/1984/64).

10. Other matters.

(a) United Nations system regular and extrabudgetary technical co-operation expenditures.

In accordance with decision 81/34, which requested the Administrator to continue to provide information relevant to this item until alternative arrangements were made within the United Nations system, the Administrator is submitting to the Council for its consideration a report containing statistical data and other information on the technical co-operation expenditures of United Nations system organizations in 1983, funded by other than UNDP resources together with data on various sources of extrabudgetary financing. Such alternative arrangements referred to in decision 81/34 relate to recommendations of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination regarding the definition of terms, and a system-wide review of the existing cross-organizational expenditure reporting requirements of intergovernmental bodies. Moreover, in view of the late availability each year of the data required to prepare the Administrator's report on this question, the Council will also have before it the corresponding report containing data for 1982 in order to give delegates the opportunity for a more thorough review than customary of the relevant information.

Documentation

United Nations system regular and extrabudgetary technical co-operation expenditures, Report of the Administrator (DP/1984/66)

Information on United Nations system regular and extrabudgetary technical co-operation expenditures in 1982 financed from sources other than UNDP, Report of the Administrator (DP/1983/57)

10. (b) Action taken by other organs of the United Nations system in 1983.

In accordance with established practice, the attention of the Governing Council will be drawn to those resolutions and decisions adopted by the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and organizations of the United Nations system which call for action or are of relevance to the Council. The appropriate operative paragraphs of those resolutions which require specific action by the Council or UNDP will be quoted for ease of reference. In accordance with Governing Council decision 79/14, the texts of resolutions already referred to in the documentation presented to the Council under other items will, however, not be reproduced. For those resolutions of general interest to the Governing Council and UNDP, only titles have been given in accordance with General Assembly resolution 2836 (XXVI).

Documentation

Action taken by other organs of the United Nations system in 1983 , Note by the Administrator (DP/1984/67 and DP/1984/67/Add.1)

11. Matters relating to the work of the Council in 1985.

In accordance with its decision 81/37, the Council will have to decide on the dates of its meetings during 1985, the subject of the policy review for the thirty-second session, an indicative quota for documents and any other matter of relevance for the conduct of future sessions.

At its organizational meeting, the Council also agreed to review in this connection the future requirements of the Committee of the Whole on programme matters.

12. Other matters.

Notes

1/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 2A (E/5365/Rev.1), para. 247.

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