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MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE
GOVERNING COUNCIL IN 1986

Provisional agenda and organization of work of the
Thirty-third Session

Note by the secretariat

1. As agreed at the Governing Council's organizational meeting for 1986, and following subsequent consultations by the Council President, the thirty-third session of the Council will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 2 to 27 June 1986, with a possible extension to 1 July 1986 (decision 86/4). The arrangements for the session will be as follows:

Plenary	2 June 1986
Committee of the Whole	2-7 June and 16-17 June
High-level segment (Plenary)	9-13 June 1986
Plenary	18-27 June and, if required, until 1 July 1986
Budgetary and Finance Committee	2-27 June 1986
Drafting Group	16-27 June 1986

The Council agreed at its organizational meeting that the thirty-third session would open on 2 June 1986, at 10 a.m., and that the Committee of the Whole would commence its work immediately upon adjournment of that meeting in the morning of 2 June 1986. An overview of the provisional schedule of meetings for the Council and its subsidiary bodies is contained in annex I.

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2. Annex II to this document contains the provisional agenda for the thirty-third session of the Governing Council, as approved by the Council at its organizational meeting for 1986 (decision 86/5).

3. At its organizational meeting the Governing Council further decided to allocate certain items of the provisional agenda to the Committee of the Whole established by paragraph 2, section III.A of decision 83/5. 1/ The items allocated to the Committee of the Whole are:

- (a) Relevant trends and problems in country programmes;
- (b) Implementation of country programmes in various regions;
- (c) All country and intercountry programmes;
- (d) Global and interregional projects;
- (e) Evaluation matters.

4. At the organizational meeting, several delegations expressed concern about the limited time allocated for the consideration of the 49 country programmes before the Council and its Committee of the Whole. In response to these concerns and in the light of consultations by the President of the Council, the secretariat has made a number of adjustments in the Council's programme of work which are reflected below and in annex III to this document:

- (a) All morning meetings will begin at 10 a.m. instead of 10:30 a.m.;
- (b) Two additional meetings of the Committee of the Whole are scheduled for Saturday, 7 June 1986;
- (c) Additional meetings of the Committee of the Whole, two each day, are scheduled for 16 and 17 June 1986 with a subsequent postponement of the items originally proposed for plenary consideration on these days;
- (d) Arrangements will be made for a possible extension of the Council session up until 1 July 1986, if required, to complete consideration of all items.

5. Pursuant to paragraph 3, section III.A of decision 83/5, a written report will be submitted to plenary by the Committee's presiding officer, who will be the President of the Council, H.E. Mr. Lloyd E. Barnett (Jamaica). In conducting the proceedings of these and the plenary meetings, the President will be assisted by the Vice-Presidents.

6. As in past years, the Administration has made arrangements for several resident representatives to be present during the meetings of the Committee of the Whole. In June 1986, the resident representatives in the following countries will participate: Ethiopia for the African region, Peru for the Latin American and Caribbean region, Somalia for the Arab States region, China for the Asia and Pacific region and Yugoslavia for the European region.

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7. The Council further agreed to a tentative timetable and schedule of its work and that of the Committee of the Whole, as contained in annex III, on the understanding that the President would have sufficient flexibility in ensuring the smooth conduct of the session. This work schedule should, therefore, be considered as provisional and indicative in character so that the Council may be in a position to take up various items on a more flexible basis. In particular, once it completes consideration of an item before an indicated date, the Council could move immediately to the next item on its work schedule.

8. All meetings will be scheduled from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. The Administration has also requested conference services and facilities for meetings on two Saturdays, 7 June and 28 June 1986. In that context, it may be recalled that by paragraph 3(j) of its decision 81/37,^{2/} the Council decided that its meetings should start promptly at the scheduled times.

9. By paragraph 3(a) of its decision 81/37, the Council decided to hold a short part of its annual sessions at a high, senior policy-maker level for the purpose of considering issues which could provide the necessary dynamism to technical co-operation activities carried out under the supervision of the Council. The Council designated the period 9-13 June 1986 as the high-level segment devoted to policy review. In accordance with paragraph 2 of decision 85/46, the 1986 policy review will focus on "The unique role of the United Nations Development Programme in human resources development and development co-operation in the 1980s". In addition, delegations may also wish to address themselves to policy aspects of other items on the agenda. Moreover, by decision 86/5, section V, the Council agreed at its organizational meeting that, in the context of its high-level debate, delegations should address issues relating to the 1986 comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development (DP/1986/73/Rev.1).

10. By decision 86/5, section V, the Council further agreed to open a list of speakers for the high-level segment on Monday, 5 May 1986 and to close it on 10 June 1986. Delegations are kindly requested to contact the Governing Council secretariat (Tel. 906-5753) or room 2160, One United Nations Plaza, New York, N.Y.10017. It may be recalled that the Council, by the same decision, decided that there would be a time-limit of 15 minutes for all interventions during the general debate. To allow for smooth planning and efficient conduct of the Council's business, separate lists of speakers will also be opened and closed for all other agenda items as appropriate, as will be announced in the course of the session.

11. Delegations may further wish to note that, during the high-level segment, the afternoon meeting on Monday, 9 June 1986, will be adjourned at 4.30 p.m. The Council will then enter into a ceremonial session to honor the retiring Administrator, Mr. Bradford Morse. At this session, the President, the representatives of the regional groups and Mr. Morse will speak.

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12. The Council's Budgetary and Finance Committee (BFC) is scheduled to meet from 2 to 27 June 1986. Mr. Wilhelm Suden (Federal Republic of Germany), Vice-President of the Council, was designated at the organizational meeting to serve as Chairman of the BFC. By its decision 86/5, section III, the Council decided to allocate items 9(a) through 9(g) and 9 (i) of the Council's provisional agenda to BFC. The Council further allocated to it financial and administrative questions related to item 6, United Nations Fund for Population Activities, and to item 8, Other funds and programmes. Finally, as in past years, BFC will have to review the financial implications of draft decisions before action is taken by the Council. In accordance with paragraph 4(a) of Council decision 81/37, BFC will have its own agenda and organization of work which will be issued in a separate document under the symbol DP/1986/BFC/L.1.

13. At its special meeting in February 1986, the Governing Council, by decision 86/10, decided to defer consideration of the note by the Administrator on UNDP field offices in Belgrade and Bucharest (document DP/1986/8) to its thirty-third session and requested the Administrator to conduct, in the meantime, consultations with the parties concerned. In the provisional agenda, the relevant item is 9(h) and the Council may wish to allocate this item also to BFC for its initial consideration.

14. Arrangements will also be made for the servicing of a drafting group of the Council, including the provision of interpretation services, during the period 16-27 June 1986. At its organizational meeting, Mr. Hassan Elghouayel (Tunisia), Vice-President of the Council, was designated Chairman of the Drafting Group. The Drafting Group will elaborate and finalize draft decisions on those items referred to it by the plenary for the ultimate adoption of such draft decisions by the Council. All draft decisions formulated by the Drafting Group having financial implications would have to be referred to BFC before action is taken by the Council. The Council may also assign to the Drafting Group other specific tasks, as required.

15. By its decision 86/5, section IV, the Council reaffirmed the principles contained in section III of its decision 83/1, ^{3/} guiding the deliberations of the Drafting Group. The Council did so on the understanding that draft decisions should not be circulated before the conclusion of a debate in plenary, so that the substance of the debate may be fully reflected. The principles are:

(a) Consideration of draft decisions on the various items will begin only after the debate thereon in plenary has been closed;

(b) The Chairman of the Drafting Group will circulate working papers containing preliminary drafts on the various issues prepared by the secretariat, at his request, in order to facilitate the drafting of decisions;

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(c) All delegations may submit draft decisions on any agenda item not specifically allocated for consideration by BFC, including subjects already covered in the working papers of the Chairman of the Drafting Group;

(d) In cases where both delegations and the Chairman have circulated draft texts, the Drafting Group will give precedence to the consideration of texts submitted by delegations;

(e) Unless otherwise decided by the Council, draft decisions submitted or sponsored by delegations on items referred to the Drafting Group will be taken up directly by the Drafting Group; the final text of such draft decisions as approved by the Drafting Group will, however, be submitted by the Chairman of the Drafting Group, on its behalf, to the plenary without identifying particular sponsors.

15. As regards documentation, it may be recalled that the Council, by its decision 85/46, set an indicative quota for documentation to be submitted to its thirty-third session, excluding documentation on country and intercountry programmes and projects, at 1,300 pages, of which 300 pages were earmarked for policy documents and 1,000 pages for support documents. The Council further called upon the Administrator to undertake all steps to reduce the volume of documentation even further. At its organizational meeting, the Council received an oral report on the measures taken by the Administrator in response thereto. The attention of the Council is also drawn to document A/41/INF/1 regarding the control and limitation of documentation. This document will be made available to the Council at its thirty-third session in accordance with General Assembly resolution 2438 (XXIV).

Notes

1/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1983, Supplement No. 9 (E/1983/20), annex I.

2/ Ibid., 1981, Supplement No. 11 (E/1981/61/Rev.1), annex I.

3/ Ibid., 1983, Supplement No. 9 (E/1983/20), annex I.

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Annex I

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL AND ITS
SUBSIDIARY BODIES DURING THE THIRTY-THIRD SESSION

	First week 2-7 June	Second week 9-13 June	Third week 16-20 June	Fourth week 23-27 June
Plenary	v	XXXXX	XXX	XXXXX
Committee of the Whole	^XXXXX		XX	
Budgetary and Finance Committee	^XXXX	^XXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX
Drafting Group			XXXXX	XXXXX

X - two meetings a day

v - a.m. meeting

^ - p.m. meeting

Annex II

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

THIRTY-THIRD SESSION

1. Opening of the session.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Policy review: "The unique role of the United Nations Development Programme in human resources development and development co-operation in the 1980s".
4. Programme implementation:
 - (a) Annual report of the Administrator for 1985;
 - (b) Implementation of decisions adopted by the Governing Council at previous sessions; a/
 - (c) Special programmes of assistance: assistance to national liberation movements recognized in its area by the Organization of African Unity (OAU); assistance to specific countries; assistance to the Palestinian people;
 - (d) Evaluation .
5. Programme planning:
 - (a) The fourth programming cycle;
 - (b) Country and intercountry programmes and projects.
6. United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA).
7. United Nations technical co-operation activities.
8. Other funds and programmes: b/
 - (a) United Nations Volunteers (UNV);
 - (b) United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF);
 - (c) United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration (UNRFNRE);
 - (d) United Nations Financing System for Science and Technology for Development (UNFSSTD);

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- (e) United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office (UNSO):
 - (i) Plan of Action to Combat Desertification;
 - (ii) Recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sahel region;
 - (iii) Assistance to other drought-stricken countries;
 - (f) Programmes in energy development;
 - (g) United Nations Development Fund for Women.
 - (h) Organizational and financial structure of the UNDP-administered system (implementation of decision 85/42).
9. Financial, budgetary and administrative matters:
- (a) Annual review of the financial situation, 1985;
 - (b) Revised budget estimates for 1986 and budget estimates for 1987;
 - (c) Trust funds;
 - (d) UNDP financial regulations;
 - (e) Audit reports;
 - (f) Agency support costs;
 - (g) Sectoral support;
 - (h) UNDP field offices in Belgrade and Bucharest
 - (i) Other matters.
10. Other matters:
- (a) United Nations system regular and extrabudgetary technical co-operation expenditures;
 - (b) Action taken by other organs of the United Nations system in 1985.
11. Matters relating to the work of the Council in 1987.

Notes

a/ Under this item the Council will review the implementation of the following decisions:

- 85/7 (paragraph 3): Evaluation programme: women in development;
- 85/6 (paragraph 3, section III): UNDP activities in the field of drug abuse control;
- 85/8: Measures to promote better understanding of the role and activities of the United Nations Development Programme and of the resource needs of the Programme;

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- 85/11: Implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries;
- 85/13: Focal point for short-term advisory services;
- 83/5: Measures to mobilize increased resources for the United Nations Development Programme on an increasingly predictable, continuous and assured basis - review of decision 83/5, section III, on the establishment of the Committee of the Whole of the Governing Council with a view to examining the possibility of establishing a programme committee.
- 82/9: Pre-investment activities;
- 82/10: UNDP Development Study Programme.
- 85/26: Technical co-operation among developing countries: progress made in implementing the tasks entrusted to the United Nations development system by the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for promoting and implementing technical co-operation among developing countries (pursuant to decision 4/1 of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries)

b/ By paragraph 11 of its resolution 36/200, the General Assembly 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 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 it invited the Governing Council to act accordingly. The Council conducted a broad policy review of those funds and programmes in 1985, except for the United Nations Development Fund for Women.

Annex III

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF WORK OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL
AND THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

NOTE: This tentative work schedule is provisional and indicative in character so that the Council may be in a position to take up various items on a more flexible basis. Once it completes consideration of an item before an indicated date, the Council will move immediately to the next item on its work schedule.

First week: 2-7 June 1986
Plenary meeting

Monday,
2 June

a.m.

Opening of the session (1)

Adoption of the agenda and
other organizational matters
(2)

Introductory statement by the
Administrator

Committee of the Whole

Monday,
2 June

Immediately following the
adjournment of the plenary/
p.m.

Opening of the meeting

Organizational matters

Trends and problems in
country programmes (5(b))

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Tuesday,
3 June

a.m./p.m.

Africa (5(b))

Implementation of selected
country programmes

Consideration and approval of
country programmes:

- Comoros
- Ethiopia
- Mauritania
- Rwanda
- Seychelles
- Zimbabwe

Asia and the Pacific (5(b))

Implementation of selected
country programmes

Consideration and approval of
country programmes:

- Bangladesh
- China
- Cook Islands
- Kiribati
- Lao People's Democratic
Republic
- Mongolia
- Nepal
- Niue
- Papua New Guinea
- Philippines
- Samoa
- Solomon Islands
- Tokelau
- Tuvalu
- Vanuatu
- Viet Nam

At an appropriate
time during the day,
1 hour

Informal briefing session
with the UNDP Resident
Representative in Ethiopia

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Wednesday,
4 June

a.m./p.m.

Asia and Pacific (cont'd)

At an appropriate
time during the day,
1 hour

Informal briefing session
with the UNDP Resident
Representative in China

Thursday,
5 June

Arab States (5(b))

Implementation of selected
country programmes

Consideration and approval of
country programmes:

- Saudi Arabia
- Somalia
- Tunisia

At an appropriate
time during the day,
1 hour

Informal briefing session
with the UNDP Resident
Representative in Somalia

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Friday, 6 June	a.m./p.m.	<u>Latin America and the Caribbean (5(b))</u> Implementation of selected country programmes Consideration and approval of the regional programme and country programmes: - Cuba - Ecuador - El Salvador - Guyana - Jamaica - Nicaragua - Paraguay - Peru - Suriname - Trinidad and Tobago Informal briefing session with the UNDP Resident Representative in Peru
At an appropriate time during the day, 1 hour		

Saturday, 7 June	a.m./p.m.	<u>Latin America and the Caribbean (cont'd)</u> - Anguilla - Barbados - Belize - Cayman Islands - Netherlands Antilles - St. Helena
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Second week: 9-13 June 1986
Plenary meeting

Monday,
9 June

a.m./p.m.

Statement by the Administrator immediately followed by the debate on policy review item 3 entitled "The unique role of the United Nations Development Programme in human resources development and development co-operation in the 1980s" and policy aspects of other items
4.30 p.m. Ceremonial session to honor the retiring Administrator, Mr. Bradford Morse

Tuesday,
10 June through
Friday,
13 June

a.m./p.m.

Continuation of the debate on policy review item 3 and policy aspects of other items

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Third week: 16-20 June 1986

Committee of the Whole

Monday,
16 June

a.m./p.m.

Europe (5(b))

Implementation of selected
country programmes

Consideration and approval of
country programmes:

- Bulgaria
- Czechoslovakia
- Hungary
- Malta
- Poland
- Romania
- Yugoslavia

Consideration and approval of
global projects (5(b))

5 - 6 p.m.

Informal briefing session with
the UNDP Resident
Representative in Yugoslavia

Tuesday,
17 June

a.m./p.m.

Evaluation (4(d))

Report on the Working Group of
the Committee of the Whole

Future work of the Working Group

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Plenary

Wednesday,
18 June a.m./p.m. United Nations Fund for
Population Activities (6):
introductory statement by the
Executive Director and
consideration of the item

Thursday,
19 June a.m./p.m. United Nations Fund for
Population Activities (6)
(cont'd)

Friday,
20 June a.m./p.m. United Nations Fund for
Population Activities (6)
(cont'd)

Saturday,
21 June a.m. United Nations Fund for
Population Activities (6)
(cont'd, if required)

Fourth week: 23-27 June 1986
Plenary meeting

Monday,
23 June a.m./p.m. United Nations technical
co-operation activities (7):
Introductory statement and
consideration of the item

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Tuesday,
24 June

a.m./p.m.

Annual report of the
Administrator for 1985 (4(a))

Implementation of decisions
adopted by the Governing
Council at previous sessions
(4(b))

Wednesday,
25 June

a.m./p.m.

Special programmes of
assistance (4(c))

Consideration of United Nations
Volunteers programme (UNV),
United Nations Capital
Development Fund (UNCDF),
United Nations Revolving Fund
for Natural Resources
Exploration (UNRFNRE), United
Nations Financing System for
Science and Technology for
Development (UNFSSTD), United
Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office
(UNSO), programmes in energy
development, United Nations
Development Fund for Women and
the structure of the
UNDP-administered system,
(8(a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f),
(g) and (h)).

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Thursday,
26 June

Consideration of items
8(a) - (h) (cont'd, if required)

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

Action taken by other organs of
the United Nations system in
1985 (10(b))

Programme planning: The fourth
programming cycle (5(a))

Friday,
27 June

a.m./p.m.

Adoption of the recommendations
of the Committee of the Whole

Adoption of draft decisions
submitted by the Drafting Group

Adoption of the report of the
Budgetary and Finance
Committee (9)

Matters relating to the work of
the Council in 1987 (11)

Further plenary meetings, if necessary, may be scheduled for

Saturday, 28 June a.m. and p.m.

Monday, 30 June a.m. and p.m. and

Tuesday, 1 July a.m. and p.m.

to complete consideration of the work of the Council.
