Thirty-fifth session
6 June-1 July 1988, Geneva
Item 2 of the provisional agenda

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 for 1988, the Governing Council approved, by decision 88/1 of 19 February 1988, the provisional agenda and a tentative schedule of work for its thirty-fifth session. The Council allocated certain items for consideration by its Committee of the Whole and by its Budgetary and Finance Committee. The provisional agenda and details on the various items referred to the committees of the Council are contained in the record of the meeting (document DP/1988/43).

Furthermore, at its 1988 organizational meeting, the Council confirmed the principles which have hitherto guided the work of its sessional Drafting Group.

Documentation

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters, Note by the secretariat (DP/1988/L.8)

Annotations to the provisional agenda, Note by the secretariat (DP/1988/16)

List of documents being submitted to the thirty-fifth session, Note by the secretariat (DP/1988/17)
3. **Policy review: Annual report of the Administrator for 1987**

The annual report of the Administrator for 1987 offers, as in past years, a comprehensive account of the Programme management actions and operations in the year under review. It contains concise accounts of work carried out in the main programme and provides examples of 1987 project results in the regions and at the global and interregional levels. Substantial statistical data illustrating programme activities are provided as annexes. In the introduction, the Administrator reviews the resource position of the Programme at the end of 1987 and key aspects of its operational performance during the year. He describes several management actions taken by the administration to enhance programme policy co-ordination and to streamline daily business in UNDP. In his report, the Administrator describes activities undertaken to provide support for economic policy management in recipient countries. In that context, he specifically discusses measures taken by UNDP to promote co-operation with the private sector and to enhance the environment for private sector activities. He further reviews progress made in the implementation of the initiatives begun last year on strengthening the role of non-governmental organizations and of women in development. In conclusion, the Administrator highlights the UNDP/WHO alliance to combat AIDS, efforts to protect the environment and programmes designed to control drugs.

Addendum 1 constitutes the main programme record. Addendum 2 is divided into two parts. Part I narrates significant country project results in 1987 by topic, while part II describes results from the global and interregional programme, as well as from the numerous special funds under UNDP management.

The remaining four addenda are devoted to statistical tables. Addendum 3 covers basic programme data; addendum 4, supplementary data; addendum 5, UNDP-administered special funds; addendum 6 (Part I), subcontracts awarded; and addendum 6 (Part II), equipment ordered.

The Council will further have before it for consideration a note by the Administrator which draws attention to those reports of the Joint Inspection Unit which were issued in 1987 and which are of direct interest or concern to the Council in its work. Two reports, "Technical co-operation between the United Nations Development Programme and the regional economic commissions: Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean" and "Technical co-operation between the United Nations Development Programme and the regional economic commissions: Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific" will be made available in their entirety in view of their particular relevance to the activities of the Programme.

At its organizational meeting for 1988, the Council also agreed that during its policy review delegations are invited to address all major policy issues on the
agenda, such as the implementation of General Assembly resolution 42/196 of 11 December 1987 on operational activities for development, United Nations Volunteers and Africa-related issues.

Documentation

Annual report of the Administrator for 1987 - Introduction (DP/1988/18)

Annual report of the Administrator for 1987 - Main Programme record (DP/1988/18/Add.1)

Annual report of the Administrator for 1987 - Country project results by topic (DP/1988/18/Add.2 (Part I))

Annual report of the Administrator for 1987 - Project results: Global and interregional programmes and special funds (DP/1988/18/Add.2 (Part II))

Annual report of the Administrator for 1987 - Basic programme data (DP/1988/18/Add.3)

Annual report of the Administrator for 1987 - Statistical annex: Supplementary programme data (DP/1988/18/Add.4)

Annual report of the Administrator for 1987 - UNDP-administered Special Funds (DP/1988/18/Add.5)

Annual report of the Administrator for 1987 - Statistical annex: Subcontracts awarded (DP/1988/18/Add.6 (Part I))

Annual report of the Administrator for 1987 - Statistical annex: Equipment ordered (DP/1988/18/Add.6 (Part II))

Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit, Note by the Administrator (DP/1988/12)

Technical co-operation between UNDP and the regional economic commissions: Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (JIU/REP/87/1) (A/42/305)

Technical co-operation between UNDP and the regional economic commissions: Economic Commission for Asia and the Pacific (JIU/REP/87/2) (A/42/387)

Technical co-operation activities of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (JIU/REP/87/3)

Report on Autonomous Research Institutes of the United Nations (JIU/REP/87/4)

Technical co-operation between organizations of the United Nations system and the least developed countries (JIU/REP/87/5)

Problems of storage and its costs in organizations of the United Nations system (Addendum) (JIU/REP/87/6)

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4. **Programme implementation**

(a) **Implementation of decisions adopted by the Governing Council at previous sessions**

(i) **Review of programme and project activities**

- **Programme and project quality**
- **Project Development Facility**
- **Proposals for standard modalities of technical co-operation**

The Council will have before it an omnibus report of the Administrator dealing with the above three issues related to programme and project activities on which the Governing Council has requested information:

- Programme and project quality (decision 87/13 of 18 June 1987);
- Project Development Facility (decision 87/25 of 19 June 1987);
- Proposals for standard modalities of technical co-operation (decision 87/17 of 18 June 1987);

No specific recommendations are made in this report.

**Project personnel**

The Council will have before it a report prepared in response to decision 87/5 of 20 February 1987 which requested further information on the use of various types of project personnel. The report reflects the findings of case studies undertaken by UNDP for this purpose, as well as the status of inter-agency action regarding project personnel.

**Framework for mid-term reviews of country and intercountry programmes**

By its decision 87/13 of 18 June 1987, the Council requested that information on the procedural framework established for mid-term reviews of country and intercountry programmes be included in the annual report on programme quality. The document before the Council describes the framework and the main elements of the process for mid-term reviews.

**Agency accountability**

By its decision 87/13 of 18 June 1987, the Council requested the Administrator to report at its thirty-fifth session on specific proposals designed to ensure agency accountability. The document before the Council reviews the management measures being undertaken and future options to be explored by UNDP to ensure improved project performance and accountability. It also examines the legal position regarding the application of penalty schemes.

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Government execution

The Council will have before it a report responding to Governing Council decision 87/14 of 19 June 1987, which noted that the Administrator intended to undertake an evaluation study of Government execution which would make an assessment of the impact and cost effectiveness of Government-executed projects. By this decision, the Administrator was requested to report on the outcome of this evaluation giving specific attention to the question of auditing and to the work-load of the United Nations Development Programme headquarters associated with it. The paper summarizes the principal observations and findings of the report, lays out its recommendations and provides UNDP comments on them.

Documentation


(ii) Procurement from developing countries

Pursuant to Council decision 87/19 of 18 June 1987, the Council will have before it a report dealing with procurement statistics and steps taken to increase procurement from both developing and under-utilized major donor countries. It discusses the progress on supply-source identification missions to developing countries, and also summarizes actions of the executing agencies to increase procurement from developing countries and their comments on this subject. Since the statistics were not available at the time of finalization of the report, a separate paper will be submitted to the Council.

Responding to Council decision 87/45 of 19 June 1987, the second part of this report deals with the Inter-Agency Procurement Services Unit (IAPSU), describing its mandate, programme of work, staffing, budget and its present and future place within UNDP and the United Nations system.

Documentation

Procurement from developing countries (DP/1988/20)

(iii) Support to drug control programmes

By its decision 86/21 of 27 June 1986, the Administrator was requested to report biennially to the Council on UNDP activities in the field of drug abuse control. The document before the Council highlights, for information purposes only, the main activities in this field in various regions and under the interregional programme. The document also reports on the new Working Arrangement which was signed by UNDP and the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control in 1987.

Documentation

Support to drug control programmes (DP/1988/21)
(iv) **Liquidation of the United Nations Emergency Operations Trust Fund**

The Council will have before it a report on action taken by the Administrator to implement General Assembly resolution 38/201 regarding the liquidation of the United Nations Emergency Operations Trust Fund and allocation of its remaining balance. As in previous years, this report has been prepared to inform the Council of the present state of the Trust Fund for Developing Countries Afflicted by Famine and Malnutrition and the Perez-Guerrero Trust Fund for Economic and Technical Co-operation Among Developing Countries established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 38/201.

**Documentation**


(b) **Special programmes**

(i) **Assistance to national liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity**

The Council will have before it the report of the Administrator which responds to decision 87/21 of 19 June 1987, by which the Council requested him to continue to assist national liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity with efficiency and flexibility, to ensure that the assistance extended to them is guided by the provisions of the first programme proposal of assistance to national liberation movements, and to report to the Council at its thirty-fifth session. The report will focus on the assistance given to national liberation movements during 1987, and how this assistance has been determined by the priorities identified in the programme proposal.

**Documentation**

Assistance to national liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity, Report of the Administrator (DP/1988/2)

(ii) **Assistance to the Palestinian people**

The Administrator will enlarge on the interim report on the UNDP Programme of Assistance to the Palestinian People provided to the Governing Council at its special session in February 1988. In addition, the Council will be provided with updated and additional information regarding financial and programming aspects of this programme.

**Documentation**

Assistance to the Palestinian people, Report of the Administrator (DP/1988/23)

The Council will have before it a report updating the Administrator's earlier report (DP/1987/20) and focusing on UNDP initiatives in the implementation of the Programme of Action since 1987. Emphasis is on resource allocation and mobilization, promotion of closer co-operation with donors and recipient Governments, as well as the development and implementation of specific strategies and projects which support the priorities of the Programme of Action. In addition, the Council will have before it a report in response to Council decision 88/9 UNDP response to emergency, medium- and long-term development requirements in Africa.

Documentation


UNDP response to emergency, medium- and long-term development requirements in Africa (DP/1988/65)

(c) Evaluation

In response to decision 83/12 of 24 June 1983, the Council will have before it the fifth report of the Administrator on evaluation. The report deals with steps taken by the Administrator to implement the improvements in evaluation policy and procedures aimed at strengthening the effectiveness of UNDP projects and programmes. It also summarizes the results of the programme analysis undertaken by the Central Evaluation Office of UNDP, as well as steps taken to strengthen the evaluation capabilities of Governments. It further lays out the proposed work plan of that Office for 1988-1989.

The results of two major evaluations, (a) Government execution and (b) the United Nations Volunteer Programme, as well as the Administrator's comments thereon are before the Council in connection with agenda items 4 (a) and 8 (a).

Documentation


(d) Pre-investment activities

In response to decision 82/9 of 18 June 1982, the Council will have before it a report by the Administrator summarizing the progress accomplished with respect to the various measures to stimulate UNDP-assisted pre-investment activities.

Documentation

(e) **United Nations Development Programme co-operation with non-governmental organizations and grass-roots organizations**

The Council will have before it a report which sets forth a rationale for new UNDP initiatives in this area, describes the activities UNDP is carrying out to promote the adoption of grass-roots approaches to development and increased collaboration with non-governmental organizations, identifies steps being taken to develop information on non-governmental organizations, outlines various grass-roots projects currently supported by UNDP, and described two major new project initiatives involving non-governmental organizations.

**Documentation**

Programme implementation: UNDP co-operation with non-governmental organizations and grass-roots organizations (DP/1988/15)

(f) **Women in development**

In response to decision 87/15 of 18 June 1987, the Council will have before it a report on the review of thematic programmes established by decisions of the Council. Chapter II, on women in development, outlines policy, procedures and activities in regard to country programming, project review, monitoring and evaluation, and UNDP staff training. It also addresses other issues highlighted by decision 87/15, notably co-operation with the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), United Nations organizations and agencies, and other multilateral and bilateral programmes and organizations.

**Documentation**

Programme implementation: Women in development (DP/1988/15)

(g) **Experience in human resources development since 1970**

By its decision 86/14 of 27 June 1986, the Governing Council requested the Administrator to submit a detailed critical analysis of UNDP experience in human resources development since 1970. The Administrator's report summarizes key findings resulting from a review of evaluations of projects dealing with human resources development. Then, on the basis of follow-up visits to a number of countries, the report draws broad conclusions regarding the evolving nature of human resources development and technical co-operation needs and the longer-term sustainability and impact of institutions after UNDP support has ended.

**Documentation**

Experience in human resources development since 1970 (DP/1988/62)

(h) **Special Measures Fund for the Least Developed Countries**

The Governing Council will receive an oral presentation on modalities for the use of the Special Measures Fund for the Least Developed Countries.
5. **Programme planning**

(a) **Fourth programming cycle**

(i) **Mid-term review of resources**

In response to decision 88/7 of 19 February 1988, the Council will have before it a note by the Administrator which provides a detailed analysis of the current resource situation compared to that assumed in decision 85/16 of 29 June 1985, and narrates the outlook for increased programme delivery for the remainder of the cycle. In accordance with the decision, the report also includes recommendations for the utilization of any additional fourth cycle resources.

The Council will also have before it a report of the Administrator responding to decision 87/25 of 19 June 1987, by which the Council increased the indicative planning figure for Namibia of $6.3 million by an additional $3 million. The report provides information to the Council on issues that have arisen as a result of the decisions taken in January 1987 by the Senate of the United Nations Institute for Namibia and seeks its guidance thereon.

**Documentation**

Mid-term review of resources for the fourth programming cycle, Note by the Administrator (DP/1988/26)

Indicative planning figure for Namibia, Report of the Administrator (DP/1988/74)

(ii) **Net contributor status**

The Council will have before it a report of the Administrator on the outcome of his consultations with Governments as to their acceptance of net contributor obligations. The report highlights the various issues arising from the implementation of paragraphs 11-13 of decision 85/16 pertaining to the net contributor requirements, and contains proposals for dealing with individual net contributor countries in view of their special circumstances.

A brief status report on actual or pledged contributions by these countries compared with indicative planning figure programming levels is provided.

**Documentation**

Fourth Programming Cycle: Net Contributor Status, Report by the Administrator (DP/1988/70)
(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 giving the results of an analysis of the country programmes for the third and fourth cycles, especially on the trends in the country programming process and on the contents of the country programmes.

**Documentation**

Analysis of country programme trends during the third and fourth IPF cycles (DP/1988/31)

(ii) **Implementation of selected country programmes**

By its decision 81/15 of 27 June 1981, the Governing Council invited the Regional Bureaux to prepare for the information of the Council 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 the UNDP programme of technical co-operation in the various regions.

**Documentation**


Implementation of selected country programmes in the Arab States and European region, Report of the Administrator (DP/1988/29)

Implementation of selected country programmes in the Asia and Pacific region, Report of the Administrator (DP/1988/28)

Implementation of selected country programmes in Latin America and the Caribbean, Report of the Administrator (DP/1988/30)

(iii) **Consideration and approval of country programmes**

Rule 4 of the Rules of Procedure of the Governing Council stipulates that meetings or portions thereof at which proposed country and intercountry programmes and projects are considered shall normally be held in private 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.
Thirteen country programmes are being submitted for consideration and approval by the Council. A note by the Administrator accompanies those programmes whose total programmed resources amount to $10 million or more, or where there are specific issues which the Administrator wishes to bring to the attention of the Council.

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(iv) **Consideration of regional programme**

The Council will have before it one regional programme, namely for the Arab States and European region, for its consideration.

### Documentation

Regional Programme for the Arab States and European Programmes (DP/RAB/2)


(a) **Report of the Executive Director on 1987 activities**

Under this item, the Council will have before it the annual report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund, which describes United

Documentation


Report of the Executive Director on allocations to projects in 1987 (DP/1988/33, Part I and Part II)

(b) Ongoing work in evaluation of the United Nations Population Fund

In accordance with paragraph 8 of section I of decision 82/20 of 18 June 1982, the Executive Director will submit the following report on the work in evaluation of the United Nations Population Fund.

Documentation

Period report on evaluation (DP/1988/36)

(c) Future programme of the United Nations Population Fund

In accordance with a number of previous Council decisions, the Executive Director will submit to the Council several documents in order that the Council will have the information it needs to discuss, provide guidance on and approve the future work of the United Nations Population Fund.

Documentation


Status of financial implementation of Governing Council-approved UNFPA country programmes and projects (DP/1988/35)

Report on the system of priority countries for population assistance (DP/1988/38)

(d) Large-scale programmes and projects

In accordance with a decision adopted by the Governing Council at its sixteenth session, the Executive Director is submitting for Council consideration and approval summaries of programmes and projects that total $1 million or more. These include 16 country programmes as well as the intercountry programme of the United Nations Population Fund for the years 1988-1991 (as requested in para. 18, sect. I, of decision 87/30). Also included is the omnibus recommendation by the Executive Director on the above programmes and projects.

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Documentation

Country                  Country programme

Africa
Benin                    DP/FPA/CP/32
Cape Verde               DP/FPA/CP/34
Gabon                    DP/FPA/CP/36
Lesotho                  DP/FPA/CP/37
Swaziland                DP/FPA/CP/38
Uganda                   DP/FPA/CP/40
Zambia                   DP/FPA/CP/39

Arab States and Europe
Turkey                   DP/FPA/CP/35

Asia and the Pacific
Bhutan                   DP/FPA/CP/33
Nepal                    DP/FPA/CP/41
Viet Nam                 DP/FPA/CP/42

Latin America and the Caribbean
Colombia                 DP/FPA/CP/44
Costa Rica               DP/FPA/CP/46
Guatemala                DP/FPA/CP/45
Paraguay                 DP/FPA/CP/43
Peru                      DP/FPA/CP/47

Intercountry programme

Omnibus recommendation by the Executive Director on proposed programmes and projects DP/1988/L.6

(e) Budgetary and financial matters

The Council and its Budgetary and Finance Committee will have before it for consideration several documents dealing with budgetary, financial and personnel matters of the United Nations Population Fund: Revised estimates for the administrative and programme support services for the biennium 1988-1989; a review of the 1987 financial situation; audited accounts of executing agencies; review of overall staffing requirements in the field and at headquarters; and the report of
the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions. In addition, in response to requests of some delegations at recent sessions of the Council, copies of the audit report for the United Nations Population Fund for the year ending 31 December 1986 will be made available.

Documentation

Revised estimates for the administrative and programme support services for 1988-1989 (DP/1988/39)

Annual financial review, 1987 (DP/1988/40)

Audited accounts of executing agencies (DP/1987/41)

Review of overall staffing requirements in the field and at headquarters (DP/1988/42)

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (DP/1988/43)

7. United Nations technical co-operation activities

The Council will have before it the annual report of the Secretary-General which describes the work of the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development of the United Nations Secretariat (DTCD) and indicates in brief the technical co-operation activities of other entities within the United Nations Secretariat.

Attention is drawn to important policy issues, in particular those related to provisions of Governing Council decision 87/34 of 18 June 1987 calling for action by DTCD: human resources development and public sector reforms in Africa; new approaches to development planning and management of natural resources; collaboration with UNDP; and support to Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries. The report provides an analysis of programme delivery, administrative costs, measures for increased effectiveness and lessons learned from project evaluation. Further attention is given to investment-related questions, women, and the United Nations Regular Programme for Technical Assistance. The report also describes DTCD programmes in its main substantive areas, namely development planning, natural resources and energy, public administration and finance, statistics, population, ocean economics and technology, and social development and humanitarian affairs.

Documentation

United Nations technical co-operation activities, Report of the Secretary-General (DP/1987/45)

Information on the technical co-operation programme of the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development, Report of the Secretary-General (DP/1987/45/Add.1)
8. **Other funds and programmes**

(a) **Review of the United Nations Volunteers (UNV)**

The Council will have before it the report of the Administrator on the activities of the United Nations Volunteers Programme in 1987. The report contains highlights of major activities and events undertaken by UNV and financial data on both expenditures incurred in 1987 and budget estimates for 1988 and ensuing years. The addendum to the report is submitted in accordance with decision 87/36 of 19 June 1987, which requested the Administrator to undertake a review of UNV and to report thereon to the Council at its thirty-fifth session. The review was carried out from September through October 1987 by a team of four consultants.

In his report, the Administrator recognizes that the UNV Programme is playing a most valuable and effective role in development co-operation activities carried out by the United Nations system and points out the potential for expansion. The report then deals with the UNV concept and mandate, general management and administration issues, programme finance, programming, recruitment and training and it contains the Administrator's views and decisions on the 67 recommendations of the review team, the majority of which he has accepted.

The Administrator wishes to bring to the attention of the Council members that some recommendations are addressed to the Council and that, in particular, one may need the endorsement of the General Assembly if approved by the Council.

The report finally proposes a new funding mechanism to make possible a strengthening of UNV headquarters in order to implement the recommendations falling within the Programme's competence and also to enable it to continue with the implementation of its mandates. Accordingly, in the addendum to the report, a financing formula is submitted for consideration by the Council.

**Documentation**


Review of the United Nations Volunteers (DP/1988/46/Add.1)

(b) **New arrangements in the United Nations Development Programme in the field of science, technology and energy**

By decision 87/39 of 18 June 1987, the Council requested the Administrator to inform the Council at its thirty-fifth session to what extent the new arrangements in the field of science, technology and energy have served to enhance the work of the United Nations Development Programme in these areas. The document before the
Council provides an assessment of these arrangements and refers to the special circumstances which require a decision concerning the Energy Office account. It further describes a strategy for science and technology within UNDP and also refers to the Transfer of Knowledge through Expatriate Nationals and short-term advisory services which are under common management with the United Nations Fund for Science and Technology for Development. Financial information is contained in the annexes to this report.

**Documentation**

New arrangements for enhancing the work of the United Nations Development Programme in the fields of science, technology and energy, Report of the Administrator (DP/1988/47)

(c) **Replenishment of the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration**

The Council will have before it a report on the review of the terms and conditions of Fund assistance. Submitted pursuant to decision 87/38 of 18 June 1987, the Administrator's report reviews the establishment of the Fund, its current replenishment formula in relation to the experience gained with mineral exploration projects and submits recommendations. The report is confined to mineral exploration projects and feasibility studies. The Fund's limited experience with geothermal energy exploration projects precludes coverage of these projects at the present time.

In a separate document, the Administrator seeks Council approval for a mineral exploration project in Ghana. The Council is further asked to take note of the supplementary short-term funding approved by the Administrator for a feasibility study project in the Congo.

**Documentation**


Exploration for precious and base metals in Ghana (GHA/86/NO1), Recommendation of the Administrator (DP/NRE/PROJECTS/REC/8)

Offshore Phosphate Feasibility Study Project in the Congo: supplementary short-term funding (PRC/NR/85/001), Report of the Administrator (DP/NRE/PROJECTS/II)

(d) **United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office (UNSO)**

The annual report on the activities undertaken by UNSO in 1987, submitted in compliance with decision 87/40 of 18 June 1987, describes assistance to the States members of the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel (CILSS) in implementing their medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programmes and the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification in the Sudano-Sahelian region.

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The report also covers some of the related activities financed by the UNDP core programme and other funds concerned with desertification control in the Sudano-Saharan region.

Documentation

Activities of the United Nations Sudano-Saharan Office, Report by the Administrator (DP/1988/49)

(e) United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM)

In compliance with General Assembly resolution 39/125 of 14 December 1984 and pursuant to Governing Council decision 88/6 of 17 February 1988, the Council will have before it the annual report of the Administrator for 1987 providing information on the operation, management and budget of the Fund.

Documentation


(f) Strengthening of the capacity of the United Nations Development Programme to promote and support Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries, including its financing

In response to decision 88/13 of 19 February 1988, the Administrator presents a report on UNDP capacity in promoting and supporting technical co-operation among developing countries. The report outlines the status of Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries (TCDC) in UNDP programme policies and procedures, and the status and functions of the Special Unit for Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries. It highlights some constraints to the fuller utilization of TCDC modalities and proposes remedial measures, including those of a financial nature.

In response to paragraph 8 of decision 5/5 of 27 May 1987 of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries, the Administrator will present a report to the Governing Council conveying the views of the United Nations development system on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit 2/ and on the comments of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on that report. 3/ It highlights the progress made and difficulties encountered by the organizations in implementing the Joint Inspection Unit recommendations.

Documentation

Strengthening the capacity of the United Nations Development Programme to promote and support technical co-operation among developing countries, including its financing (DP/1988/71)

United Nations development system's comments on the implementation of the Joint Inspection Unit report on technical co-operation among developing countries (DP/1988/72)
(f) Agency support costs

(i) Ex post facto report on agency support costs

For its consideration of this item, the Council will have before it the third ex post facto report on agency support costs, as requested by its decision 84/39 of 29 June 1984, which, inter alia, requests the Administrator to continue to submit such a report on a biennial basis.

This report, which covers the biennium 1986-1987, contains narrative statements by individual agencies on key factors bearing on their support cost, as well as an analysis of financial data relating to their individual support costs revenue and expenditure, including their total technical co-operation project expenditure.

Documentation

Ex post facto report on agency support costs, Report of the Administrator (DP/1988/54)

(ii) Operational activities for development: Support Costs

For its consideration, the Council will also have a report by the Administrator pursuant to paragraph 34 of General Assembly resolution 42/196 of 11 December 1987, by which the Governing Council is invited, given the expiry in 1991 of current arrangements for project support costs, to begin considering successor arrangements.

Documentation

Operational activities for development: Project support costs (DP/1988/63)

(iii) Effect of exchange rate fluctuation

In addition, the Council will have for its consideration a request from the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on behalf of the European-based executing agencies for additional support cost reimbursement caused by the effects of changes in the exchange rate of the United States dollar.

Documentation

Effect of exchange rate fluctuation (DP/1988/66)

(iv) Requests for additional reimbursement in accordance with decision 81/40, paragraph 5 (a)

The Council will have for its consideration requests from agencies which in 1987 experienced a negative swing of 11 per cent or more in their US dollars/headquarters exchange rate for an additional 1 per cent support cost reimbursement in accordance with paragraph 5 (a) of decision 81/40 of 30 June 1981.

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Requests for additional reimbursement in accordance with decision 81/40, paragraph 5 (a) (DP/1988/67)

(g) Other matters: Report on management and other support services

For its consideration of this item, the Council will have before it a report by the Administrator on the experience gained in the provision of management services. This report, which is in response to decision 87/42 of 19 June 1987, provides a comprehensive review of UNDP experience with this modality.

Documentation

Report on management and other support services (DP/1988/59)

10. Other matters

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

In accordance with decision 81/34 of 27 June 1981, 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 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 of 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 1986 in order to give delegates the opportunity for a more thorough review than customary of the relevant information.

Documentation


(b) Action taken by other organs of the United Nations system in 1987

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 other organizations of the United Nations system which call for action by, or are of relevance to, the Council. They
include resolutions and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its forty-second session and by the Economic and Social Council at its first and second sessions in 1987 and its organizational session for 1988.

The appropriate operative paragraphs of those resolutions and decisions which require specific action by the Governing Council or the United Nations Development Programme will be quoted for ease of reference. In accordance with Governing Council decision 79/14 of 27 June 1979, the texts of resolutions already referred to in the documentation presented to the Council under other items will not be reproduced. For those resolutions of general interest to the Governing Council and the United Nations Development Programme, titles only have been given in accordance with General Assembly resolution 2836 (XXVI) of 17 December 1971.

Documentation


(c) Issues of concern to the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme arising from action by the General Assembly at its forty-second session

At its forty-second session, the General Assembly adopted a number of resolutions and decisions which call for specific consideration and action by the Governing Council.

In response to General Assembly resolution 42/196 of 11 December 1987 on operational activities for development, the Council will receive four separate reports.

By paragraph 2, section I of this resolution, the General Assembly requested, inter alia, the governing bodies of the organizations of the United Nations development system to discuss in detail, at their next sessions, the conclusions and recommendations of the report on the findings of the case studies on the functioning of the operational activities for development of the United Nations system prepared by Mr. Kurt Jansson. The Council will have before it the report of the Administrator which contains the views of UNDP on the findings and recommendations of the report on these case studies.

By paragraph 18, section III of this resolution, the General Assembly invited, inter alia, the Governing Council to report to the Economic and Social Council on the content and nature of UNDP current and prospective co-operation with the World Bank. The Council will have before it a report of the Administrator which provides the information necessary for it to report to the Economic and Social Council in accordance with the General Assembly resolution.

The Council will further have before it a report of the Administrator in response to paragraph 33, section V, of the same resolution, inviting the Governing Council to examine modalities for enhancing the implementation of its intercountry programme. It contains factual information to facilitate the Council review.
In response to paragraph 24 of General Assembly resolution 42/196, the Council will also have before it a report on the question of the rationalization of field offices.

Another report prepared in response to paragraph 34, section V, of the resolution, deals with support costs and will be taken up in connection with item 9 (f)(ii), as annotated above.

In addition, the Council may wish to deal with other resolutions, including resolution 42/187 of 11 December 1987 on the report of the World Commission on Environment and Development.

As noted in the annotation to item 3 above, delegations may wish to address themselves to the implications of these resolutions in the context of the policy review during the Council's high-level segment.

Documentation

Current and prospective co-operation between UNDP and the World Bank (DP/1988/61)

UNDP's response to the findings of the report on case studies on the functioning of the operational activities for development of the United Nations system (DP/1988/64)

Modalities for enhancing the implementation of intercountry programmes (DP/1988/69)

Operational activities for development: support costs (DP/1988/63)

Rationalization of field structure (DP/1988/68)

11. Matters relating to the work of the Council in 1989

In accordance with its decision 81/37 of 27 June 1981, the Council will have to decide on the dates of its meetings during 1989, the subject of the policy review for the thirty-sixth session (1989), an indicative quota for documents and any other matter of relevance for the conduct of future sessions.

Notes


2/ A/40/656 - United Nations Development System support to the implementation of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries.

3/ A/40/656/Add.1 - United Nations Development System support to the implementation of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries; comments of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination.