
Draft decision

African Group

The Governing Council,


Recalling further decision 87/23 of 18 June 1987 adopted by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme,

Recalling further resolution 635 on drought and desertification and resolution 641 on the campaign against migrant locusts and grasshoppers adopted at the thirtieth session of the Economic Commission for Africa, held in April 1988 in Niamey,
Considering resolution 25/E.1 adopted by the special session of the Economic Commission for Africa Conference of Ministers on 30 October 1986 in Addis Ababa, requesting the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa to continue working closely in carrying out all activities concerning the formulation, preparation and the implementation of the African regional programme under the fourth programming cycle,

Concerned that insufficient additional resources have been mobilized so far by the United Nations Development Programme specifically for the implementation of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development,

Conscious of the provisions of chapter II of General Assembly resolution 42/196 entitled Priorities, resources and guiding considerations for operational activities for development, in particular the need to provide increased support as a matter of priority to the implementation of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development,

Taking note of the Administrator's reports contained in documents DP/1988/24 and DP/1988/65,

1. Appreciates the various actions and initiatives taken by the United Nations Development Programme in responding to the critical economic situation in Africa and towards the implementation of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development;

2. Welcomes the approval of all the fourth cycle country programmes and the intercountry programmes which reflect the priorities contained in the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development and calls upon the Administrator to intensify his efforts as a matter of urgency to speed up programme delivery in Africa, bearing in mind the need to improve the modality and impact of United Nations Development Programme-funded technical assistance projects;

4. Notes with interest the close collaboration between the United Nations Development Programme and the Bretton Woods Institutions in Africa, and urges the Administrator to continue to preserve the identity of the United Nations Development Programme as defined in the 1970 Consensus contained in General Assembly resolution 2688 (XXV);

5. Requests the Administrator, in co-operation with the relevant United Nations organs and bodies to do his utmost to speed up the approval of projects submitted by African intergovernmental organizations so as to support subregional economic integration efforts in Africa;

6. Requests the Administrator to continue his efforts to mobilize additional resources and provide increased support, as a matter of priority, to African countries for the full implementation, follow up and monitoring of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development;

7. Urges the Administrator to continue his efforts to identify more concrete and innovative programmes and projects in support of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development and to consult adequately with African Governments in the formulation of such programmes and projects;

8. Urges further the Administrator to support the implementation of the United Nations Plan of Action to combat desertification and urgently to support the emergency activities against locusts with financial resources;

9. Welcomes the Administrator’s proposal to hold three subregional meetings of Ministers of Planning (West, Central, Eastern and Southern African subregions) in late 1988, the goal of which is to ensure that the United Nations Development Programme adapts to the changing circumstances in Africa and that the programmes and projects funded by the United Nations Development Programme continue to be truly reflective of African policies and priorities; and urges the Administrator to hold a similar meeting for the North African subregion;

10. Welcomes particularly the efforts made by the African Development Bank with the support of the United Nations Development Programme to develop an innovative scheme for the refinancing of African debts and urges the United Nations Development Programme to play an active role in the implementation of this scheme at the national level at the request of interested countries;
11. **Urges** the Administrator to take concrete steps to ensure the appropriate involvement of women in all United Nations Development Programme programmes and projects and in particular in the priority areas of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development;

12. **Urges** also the United Nations Development Programme to continue to strengthen its ties with non-governmental organizations and, subject to approval by recipient Governments, to continue to ensure their greater involvement in the implementation of United Nations Development Programme-sponsored programmes;

13. **Requests** the Administrator to report to the Council at its thirty-sixth session (1989) on actions taken to implement this decision.