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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 for 1989, the Governing Council approved, by decision 89/1 of 21 February 1989, the provisional agenda and a tentative schedule of work for its thirty-sixth session. By the same decision, the Council allocated a number of items for consideration by its Committee of the Whole and by its Budgetary and Finance Committee. Furthermore, the Council reconfirmed the principles which have so far guided the work of its sessional Drafting Group. Decisions adopted by the organizational meeting are contained in document DP/1989/72 and Corr.1 (English only).  

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Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters, Note by the secretariat (DP/1989/L.13)  
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Provisional agenda and organization of work of the Budgetary and Finance Committee, Note by the secretariat (DP/1989/BFC/L.1)

List of documents being submitted to the Budgetary and Finance Committee of the thirty-sixth session of the Governing Council (DP/1989/BFC/L.1/Add.1)


By its decision 88/15, the Governing Council decided to devote the high-level segment of its thirty-sixth session (1989) to the issue of the role of the United Nations Development Programme in the 1990s and requested the Administrator to submit a comprehensive report thereon. In response to that decision, the Administrator has prepared a review of the UNDP capacity to respond to the challenges of the future, which has been subject to extensive consultations with Member States as well as the specialized agencies and other United Nations system organizations, prior to the Governing Council session. In the report, the Administrator reviews world development performance in the 1980s and the perspectives for the 1990s, with particular emphasis on the role of UNDP-supported technical co-operation. The Administrator further addresses the question on how UNDP could help strengthen government capacity to achieve development goals and outlines the thrust of UNDP support. Finally, the Administrator puts forward a number of proposals for consideration by the Governing Council concerning the questions of priority areas for UNDP activities, funding and the organizational structure of UNDP.

At its organizational meeting for 1989, the Governing Council agreed that delegations, in the context of the policy review, might also address themselves to policy aspects related to other items on the agenda and certain reports submitted on the implementation of Council decisions adopted at previous sessions, e.g. women in development, co-operation with non-governmental and grass-roots organizations, successor arrangements for agency support costs, the Committee of the Whole and its Working Group, and Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries. Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 43/182, delegates may further wish to address themselves to the issues to be taken into account in the preparation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade. They may also wish to address other issues emanating from the decisions of the General Assembly at its forty-third session, including operational activities for development, the environment and other matters of concern to delegations.

Documentation

UNDP and World Development by the Year 2000, Report of the Administrator (DP/1989/14 and DP/1989/14/Add.1)
4. Programme implementation

(a) Annual report of the Administrator for 1988

The annual report of the Administrator for 1988 offers, as in past years, a comprehensive account of the programme management actions and operations in the year under review. It contains concise descriptions of work carried out under the main programme and provides examples of 1988 project results in the regions and at the interregional and global levels. Substantial statistical data illustrating programme activities are provided in the addenda. In the introduction, the Administrator reviews the resource position of UNDP at the end of 1988 and key aspects of the operational performance during the year. He describes several activities undertaken to provide support for economic management in recipient countries and, in that context, also discusses measures taken by UNDP to enhance the environment for private sector activities. The Administrator further reviews progress in support for structural adjustment programmes, including programmes to mitigate any negative impact of the adjustment process on particularly vulnerable populations. The Administrator also spells out the UNDP response to the special challenges posed by war-torn regions and regions hit by natural disasters. In conclusion, the Administrator highlights the increased UNDP commitment to environmental and urban programmes.

Addendum 1 to the Administrator's report constitutes the main programme record. Addendum 2 is divided into two parts, part I describing significant country project results in 1988 by topic, and part II describing results of the global and interregional programme as well as of the numerous special funds under UNDP management. The remaining addenda are devoted to statistical tables.

Furthermore, in response to Governing Council decision 88/16, the Council will have before it a report of the Administrator on the role of and the need for in-house technical expertise in UNDP, including the appropriate role of the Technical Advisory Division, in the programme and project cycle. The report first reviews the technical functions performed by UNDP in fulfilling its role within the tripartite relationship with Governments and the specialized agencies and then describes the profile of UNDP's technical expertise that would be best suited to effectively perform these functions. The constraints currently impeding UNDP from achieving this profile are described; and suggestions are made on how to alleviate these constraints, thus enhancing the quality, delivery and relevance of technical co-operation.

Documentation


Annual report of the Administrator for 1988: Main programme record (DP/1989/13/Add.1)

Annual report of the Administrator for 1988: Country project results by region (DP/1989/13/Add.2 (Part I))
Annual report of the Administrator for 1988: Project results: Global and interregional programme and special funds (DP/1989/13/Add.2 (Part II))

Annual report of the Administrator for 1988: Basic programme data (DP/1989/13/Add.3)

Annual report of the Administrator for 1988: UNDP-administered special funds (DP/1989/13/Add.4)

Annual report of the Administrator for 1988: Subcontracts awarded (DP/1989/13/Add.5 (Part I))

Annual report of the Administrator for 1988: Equipment ordered (DP/1989/13/Add.5 (Part II))

The role of and need for in-house technical expertise in the United Nations Development Programme, including the role of the Technical Advisory Division, Report of the Administrator (DP/1989/15)

The Council will further have before it for consideration a note by the Administrator, which draws attention to those reports from the Joint Inspection Unit that were issued in 1988, and which are of direct concern to UNDP.

Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit, Note by the Administrator (DP/1989/16)

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

A review of the use of equipment provided to technical co-operation projects in developing countries (JIU/REP/88/2)

Representation of organizations of the United Nations system at conferences and meetings: Part A. The United Nations (JIU/REP/88/3)

Project RLA/86/002 - Support for the foreign services of Latin America - Mid-term evaluation (JIU/REP/88/4)

Contribution of the United Nations system to the preservation and management of cultural and natural heritage in Western Asia (JIU/REP/88/5)

Evaluation of United Nations technical co-operation project evaluation systems (JIU/REP/88/6, Part I and Part II)

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

(i) Agency accountability

In response to Governing Council decision 88/19, the report of the Administrator addresses the question of the status of the Standard Basic Agreement between executing agencies and UNDP. A number of major agencies have not signed
the Agreement. The report describes past UNDP efforts to have all the agencies sign the Agreement and describes the present status; recommendations are made for a future course of action.

**Documentation**

Agency accountability, Report of the Administrator (DP/1989/17)

(ii) **Support to drug abuse control programmes**

In response to Governing Council decision 88/22, the Council will have before it, for information purposes, a report of the Administrator which describes UNDP support for drug abuse control activities in the areas of funding and execution of projects, support provided by UNDP headquarters and field offices in the development, implementation and monitoring of United Nations system activities related to drug abuse control, and in facilitating communication and co-ordination between Governments and the United Nations system and among United Nations system activities carried out at the field level. The report also highlights the implementation of the new working arrangements concluded between UNDP and the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control (UNDAC), and the associated operational modalities.

**Documentation**

Support to drug abuse control programmes, Report of the Administrator (DP/1989/19)

(iii) **Review of the Working Group of the Committee of the Whole**

In response to Governing Council decision 89/3, the Council will have before it a report of the Administrator containing a factual record of the work of the Working Group of the Committee of the Whole, including information on agenda, documentation, attendance and major follow-up carried out with respect to the sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth sessions of the Working Group.

**Documentation**


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

In response to Governing Council decision 88/27, the Council will have before it a report that describes the Partners in Development Programme, directly supporting activities of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in 40 developing countries, and the steps taken during 1988 to establish the Africa 2000 Network, which links Africa-based NGOs in a continent-wide effort to combat environmental degradation and promote ecologically sustainable development. Other activities described in the report include support to field offices to establish national...
computerized data bases on NGOs, preparations for a major regional project in Africa to strengthen Government/NGO/UNDP co-operation, regional Government/NGO/UNDP training seminars on participatory approaches to development, and support for conferences of NGOs on development issues organized by the Governments of Colombia, Ghana and Tunisia.

**Documentation**

UNDP co-operation with non-governmental organizations and grass-roots organizations, Report of the Administrator (DP/1989/23)

(v) Women in development

In response to Governing Council decision 88/28, the Council will have before it a report that notes initial experience in examining country programmes and proposes possible approaches for women-in-development-responsive country programming. The women-in-development project review forms are discussed, noting the extent to which women-in-development considerations have in fact been reflected in UNDP projects. An update on training activities highlights the emphasis laid on targeting all levels of UNDP staff, as well as encouraging the participation of Government counterparts and representatives of the specialized agencies in all UNDP training programmes. Co-operation between UNDP, UNIFEM and INSTRAW is described; and the report concludes by outlining perspectives for the future, stressing the need for enhanced interaction with the specialized agencies to ensure more gender-responsive project formulation and implementation and noting that joint advisory/training missions to field offices are envisaged in co-operation with the regional bureaux.

**Documentation**

Women in development, Report of the Administrator (DP/1989/24)

(vi) Environment

In accordance with decision 88/57, the Governing Council will have before it a report of the Administrator outlining the strategy of the United Nations Development Programme at the country, regional and interregional levels for responding effectively to increasing demands from Governments for technical co-operation related to integrating environmental considerations into development planning and macro-economic management. The strategy is formulated in the context of expanded collaboration among the relevant organizations of the United Nations system and emphasizes strengthening the technical capacity of developing countries to participate in the international dialogue on environment protection.

**Documentation**

(vii) **Expert group on agency support costs**

By its decision 89/10, the Governing Council, at its special session in February 1989, endorsed the Administrator’s proposal for the composition of the expert group to be established, pursuant to Governing Council decision 88/50, to study successor arrangements on agency support costs. Subsequently, one of the persons designated for membership of the expert group stated that he was unable to serve. Against this background, the Administrator asked the President and the Bureau of the Governing Council to solicit the views of the Members of the Council as to the acceptability of Mr. Abul Maal A. Muhith to replace the candidate withdrawn. In the light of consultations undertaken, the President of the Council informed the Administrator on 17 March 1989 that the Governing Council concurred with the proposal to appoint Mr. Muhith as a member of the expert group. The Governing Council, at its thirty-sixth session (1989), may wish to take note of the final composition of the expert group on agency support costs.

(c) **Procurement from developing and under-utilized donor countries**

In response to Governing Council decisions 88/20 and 21, the Council will have before it a report, giving an account of the progress made in identifying procurement sources in developing and under-utilized major donor countries, and in producing country-specific catalogues. The report also describes steps already taken to communicate advance information on business opportunities, outlining further activities planned within all of these areas. Furthermore, the report contains recommendations of the Administrator on the strengthening of the Interagency Procurement Services Unit (IAPSU) in the context of the 1990-1991 budget proposal.

**Documentation**

Procurement from developing countries, Report of the Administrator (DP/1989/18)

(d) **Special programmes**

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

In response to Governing Council decision 88/23, the Council will have before it a report that summarizes the main features of the 1988 programme in favour of national liberation movements recognized by OAU. It further describes the assistance given to the three national liberation movements, the African National Congress of South Africa (ANC), the Pan Africanist Congress of Azania (PAC) and the South West Africa People’s Organization of Namibia (SWAPO), as well as the assistance given jointly to all three. In the report, the Administrator presents the financial data in respect of the implementation of the NLM programme in 1988 and describes measures to diversify the programme, including new priority areas such as training in mechanical repair and maintenance, and the establishment of aid co-ordination units for the liberation movements. The Administrator puts forward a number of recommendations, in particular with respect to reviewing the SWAPO component of the programme in order to maximize the amount of funding that could be transferred to the technical assistance programme for an independent Namibia.
without disrupting the implementation of ongoing projects. The Administrator seeks the authorization of the Council to undertake necessary consultations to plan and implement an orderly winding down and transfer to Namibia of those projects of which Namibians are the beneficiaries, ensuring that during the transitional period resources from the IPF allocated to the NLM programme will be governed by the principle of impartiality, in accordance with the United Nations plan for implementation of Security Council resolution 435 (1978).

Documentation

Assistance to national liberation movements recognized in its area by the Organization of African Unity, Report of the Administrator (DP/1989/21)

(ii) Assistance to the Palestinian people

The Council will receive, in the form of an oral statement, updated information on the implementation of the UNDP programme of assistance to the Palestinian people.


In response to Governing Council decision 88/24, the Council will have before it a report that responds to the individual elements contained in that decision. The report also summarizes previous UNDP action in implementing UNPAAERD and provides an overview of the resources being made available from UNDP from all sources (IPFs, the Special Measures Fund, funds-in-trust, cost sharing, the various funds under UNDP administration, the Management Development Programme and the Project Development Facility) for further UNDP implementation of the action programme.

Documentation


(iv) Transportation and Communication Decades

In response to Governing Council decisions 89/7 and 89/8, the Administrator, in his report on allocations and commitments under the various components of the Special Programme Resources (SPRs), will elaborate in particular on the status with regard to the Transportation and Communication Decades in Africa and Asia.

Documentation

Review of resources for the fourth programming cycle and revised earmarkings and allocations for the Special Programme Resources activities, Report of the Administrator (DP/1989/26)
(e) Evaluation

In response to Governing Council decision 83/12, the Council will have before it the sixth regular report of the Administrator on evaluation. The report summarizes the results of the programme analysis undertaken by the Central Evaluation Office of UNDP, as well as steps taken to strengthen evaluation capabilities of Governments. The report describes the improvements under way in UNDP evaluation policy and procedures aimed at enhancing the effectiveness of UNDP projects and programmes, and it highlights the principle that feedback is an operational issue, which requires the attention of all parties for the best use of evaluation results. Finally, the report lays out the proposed work plan of the Central Evaluation Office for 1989-1990, reflecting the strengthening of staffing recommended by the Administrator.

Documentation


5. Programme planning

(a) Fourth programming cycle

(i) Mid-term resource situation

The Governing Council will have before it a report of the Administrator in two parts. Part one, responding to Governing Council decision 88/31, provides details on the outcome of the Administrator's review of the resource situation for the fourth programming cycle. Part two, responding to Governing Council decision 89/6, gives an update on the allocations and commitments under the various components of the Special Programme Resources (SPRs) and includes proposals for revised earmarkings for the various categories of SPR-financed activities. Furthermore, this part, responding also to Governing Council decisions 89/7 and 89/8, provides updated information on action taken and status of resources and commitments against earlier SPR allocations for the Transport and Communication Decades in Africa and Asia, and addresses the question of future activities in these areas.

Documentation

Review of resources for the fourth programming cycle and revised earmarkings and allocations for Special Programme Resource activities, Report of the Administrator (DP/1989/26)

(ii) Assistance to Lebanon

In response to Governing Council decision 88/31, part B, the Council will have before it a note by the Administrator reviewing the steps taken in collaboration with the Government of Lebanon and the World Bank to obtain the statistical data necessary to adjust the interim illustrative IPF for Lebanon for the fourth programming cycle. The Council will also hear, in the form of an oral statement, updated information on development regarding the situation in Lebanon.
Documentation

Assistance to Lebanon, Note by the Administrator (DP/1989/27)

(iii) Questions relating to Namibia

The Council will have before it a note by the Administrator reviewing the current IPF for Namibia, following Governing Council decision 88/31, and informing the Council that the interim fourth cycle IPF for Namibia would be increased to $12.6 million by the independence bonus to which Namibia will be entitled. The Administrator further outlines the purpose of the fact-finding mission that will be sent to Namibia, seeking inter alia to establish a solid base for national income calculations for a realistic IPF. Consequently, the Administrator requests the Governing Council to defer consideration of the question of a definitive fourth cycle IPF for Namibia to its thirty-seventh session (1990).

Documentation

Fourth cycle IPF for Namibia, Note by the Administrator (DP/1989/53)

(iv) Management Development Programme

In accordance with the request contained in Governing Council decision 89/4, the Governing Council will have before it proposals by the Administrator on revised guidelines for the Management Development Programme, taking into account the views expressed and proposals put forward during the special session of the Governing Council in 1989. The Council will also receive, in the form of an oral statement, updated information on the implementation of the Management Development Programme.

Documentation

Revised guidelines for the Management Development Programme, Report of the Administrator (DP/1989/59)

(b) Country and regional programmes

(i) Reports on mid-term reviews

In response to Governing Council decision 89/12, the Council will have before it reports on mid-term reviews of eight country programmes under the fourth programming cycle, Chile, China, Ethiopia, India, Indonesia, Liberia, Peru and Saudi Arabia, and of the regional programme for Asia and the Pacific. In addition, the Council will have before it an overview report of the Administrator on all mid-term reviews carried out prior to the thirty-sixth session of the Governing Council (1989). Since, however, virtually all mid-term reviews having taken place in this period will be covered by the individual reports mentioned above, the overview report to the thirty-sixth session will mainly consider general issues concerning the reporting requirements on mid-term reviews to the Governing Council.
Documentation

Mid-term reviews of country programmes under the fourth programming cycle,

(ii) Implementation of selected country programmes

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

As in previous years, the Council will have before it reports briefly
describing some of the most important aspects of progress in implementing UNDP
programmes of technical co-operation in the various regions.

Documentation

Implementation of selected country programmes in the African region, Report of
the Administrator (DP/1989/28)

Implementation of selected country programmes in the Arab States and European
region, Report of the Administrator (DP/1989/29)

Implementation of selected country programmes in the Asia and Pacific region,
Report of the Administrator (DP/1989/30)

Implementation of selected country programmes in Latin America and the
Caribbean, Report of the Administrator (DP/1989/31)

(iii) Global and interregional projects

Four global projects are submitted to the Governing Council for its
consideration and approval.

Documentation

Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases (Phase III)
(Supplementary Assistance), Recommendation of the Administrator
(DP/PROJECTS/REC/30)

International Co-operative Rice Improvement for Sustainable Rice Farming,
Recommendation of the Administrator (DP/PROJECTS/REC/31)

Diarrhoeal Diseases Control Programme: Biomedical and Epidemiological
Research (Phase III) (Supplementary Assistance), Recommendation of the
Administrator (DP/PROJECTS/REC/32)

Development of Environmentally Acceptable Alternative Strategies for Desert
Locust Control, Recommendation of the Administrator (DP/PROJECTS/REC/33)

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(iv) 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 inter-country programmes and projects are considered shall normally be held in private, unless otherwise decided by the Governing Council. This rule notwithstanding, the Council has decided at each session since its twenty-fourth session (1977) to suspend this rule and to consider country programmes in open meetings, on 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.

The country programme for Iran (Islamic Republic of) is being submitted for consideration and approval by the Council.

Documentation

Country programme proposal for Iran (Islamic Republic of) (DP/CP/IRA/4)

(c) Arrangements for the fifth programming cycle

In response to Governing Council decision 89/15, the Council will have before it a report of the Administrator outlining the conceptual issues and options with regard to the utilization of resources under the fifth programming cycle, 1992-1996. The report takes into account views put forward during informal consultations with member States prior to the session of the Governing Council. The report is issued in accordance with the time-table adopted by Council decision 89/15, leading to a decision on the fifth programming cycle during the thirty-seventh session of the Governing Council (1990).

Documentation

Arrangements for the fifth programming cycle, Report of the Administrator (DP/1989/74)

6. United Nations Population Fund

(a) Report of the Executive Director on 1988 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 UNFPA activities during the year 1988. A separate document provides a listing of all project allocations made in 1988.

Documentation


Report of the Executive Director on allocations to projects in 1988 (DP/1989/33, Part I and Part II)
(b) **Report on the Fund's wide-ranging review and assessment of accumulated population experience**

In accordance with Governing Council decision 87/30, section I, the Governing Council will have before it a report by the Executive Director on UNFPA's wide-ranging review and assessment of accumulated population experience in key areas of its mandate.

**Documentation**

Report of the Executive Director on the policy implications of the findings and conclusions of the Fund's exercise on review and assessment of population programme experience (DP/1989/37 and DP/1989/37/Add.1)

(c) **Special reports requested by the Council**

(i) In accordance with Governing Council decision 87/30, section I, the Council will have before it a report on the status of the implementation of UNFPA's strategy for assistance to sub-Saharan Africa;

(ii) In accordance with that same decision, the Council will have before it a status report on UNFPA's implementation strategy to strengthen the capacity of the Fund to deal with issues concerning women, population and development;

(iii) In accordance with Governing Council decision 88/36, the Council will have before it a report on the publication activities supported by UNFPA;

(iv) In accordance with Governing Council decision 88/35, the Council will have before it a report on progress made in UNFPA programmes and projects towards sustainable development.

**Documentation**

Report of the Executive Director on the status of the Fund's strategy for assistance to sub-Saharan Africa (DP/1989/38)

Status report on the implementation strategy to strengthen the capacity of the Fund to deal with issues concerning women, population and development. Report of the Executive Director (DP/1989/36)

Report of the Executive Director on UNFPA publications and audio-visual productions (DP/1989/40)

Progress report of the Executive Director on UNFPA programmes and projects aimed at sustainable development (DP/1989/39)
(d) **Future programme of the United Nations Population Fund**

In response to a previous decision by the Governing Council, the Council will have before it a number of documents from the Executive Director to facilitate the Council's discussions, its provision of guidance on and its approval of the orientation of the future work of UNFPA.

**Documentation**

- Work plan for 1990-1993 and request for approval authority (DP/1989/34)
- Report of the Executive Director on status of financial implementation of Governing Council-approved UNFPA country programmes and projects (DP/1989/35)

(e) **Large-scale programmes and projects**

In accordance with the Governing Council's decision during its sixteenth session (1973), the Executive Director is submitting for consideration and approval by the Governing Council summaries of 13 country programmes that total $1 million or more. The Executive Director is also submitting a progress report on the implementation of the Fund's inter-country programme for the period 1988-1991.

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Inter-country programme

Progress report on the implementation of the Fund's inter-country programme, 1988-1991

(f) Budgetary and financial matters

The Governing Council and its Budgetary and Financial Committee will have before it for consideration several documents dealing with budgetary, financial, personnel and related matters of UNFPA: biennial budget estimates for the 1990-1991 biennium; annual financial review 1988; audited accounts of executing agencies; and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; and finally, in accordance with Governing Council decision 88/36, a report on the strategy of UNFPA for office automation, including the development of a management information system.

Documentation


Annual financial review 1988 (DP/1989/43)

Audited accounts of executing agencies (DP/1989/44)

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (DP/1989/45)

Report on the strategy of UNFPA for office automation, including the development of a management information system (DP/1989/42)

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 United Nations Department of Technical Co-operation for Development (DTCD) and briefly indicates the technical co-operation activities of other entities within the United Nations Secretariat. In response to Governing Council decision 88/37, the report provides information on the status of co-operation between UNDP and DTCD and highlights in particular the increased DTCD efforts to assist African countries, notably in the field of management and institution building. Attention is drawn to the significant rise in the training component in the 1988 programme for DTCD, which also focuses more strongly on management development at the macro-economic and sectoral level and on investment promotion. The report also notes the efforts of DTCD to increase its productivity, to provide greater support for Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries and to assist the integration of women in development. The report finally summarizes the thrust of DTCD programmes in its main substantive areas, namely...
development planning, natural resources and energy, public administration and finance, statistics and population, ocean economics and technology, and social development and humanitarian affairs.

Documentation

United Nations technical co-operation activities, Report of the Secretary-General (DP/1989/46)

Information on the technical co-operation programme of the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development, Report of the Secretary-General (DP/1989/46/Add.1)

Other entities and programmes, Report of the Secretary-General (DP/1989/46/Add.2)

Statistical information for 1988, Report of the Secretary-General (DP/1989/46/Add.3)

8. Other funds and programmes

(a) Focal point for short-term advisory services

The Governing Council, by its decision 85/13, authorized the Administrator to assign to a focal point within UNDP, for an experimental period of two years, the task of enhancing the flow of skills to the productive, commercial and service sectors of developing countries through short-term missions of highly qualified advisers. By its decision 87/15, the Governing Council decided to extend the experimental period for a further two-and-a-half years until the end of 1989. The Governing Council will have before it a note of the Administrator reviewing the history and activities of the focal point for Short-term Advisory Services (STAS). Against this background, the Administrator recommends that STAS become a permanent operational part of UNDP from 1 January 1990, and that, from that date, its financial requirements be met from the biennial budget.

Documentation

Focal point for short-term advisory services, Note by the Administrator (DP/1989/47)

(b) United Nations Fund for Science and Technology for Development and Energy Account

The Governing Council will have before it the biennial report on the United Nations Fund for Science and Technology for Development and Energy Account 1987-1988, reviewing the activities of the Fund during its first two years of operation within the structure of UNDP, and presenting financial data. The report highlights activities in the three priority areas of the Fund, namely, providing seed money for innovative technology-related activities, developing and implementing projects on a trust fund or cost-sharing basis, and offering technical...
advisory services on the increasing number of science, technology and energy related projects supported by UNDP. The STAS and TOKTEN programmes, which were placed under the administration of the Fund in 1987, are also mentioned. The report in particular draws the attention of the Governing Council to its precarious funding situation and the need for a broadening of its resource base.

Documentation


(c) United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration

The Governing Council will have before it the 1987-1988 biennial report of the Administrator, providing information on programme management, investment follow-up activities and availability of additional funding for mineral and geothermal projects. The financial data presented indicates the constraints imposed on the activities of the Fund by the lack of core resources, but also describes the success of the Fund’s efforts to achieve third-party co-financing of projects. The need for new and higher levels of contributions to the Fund is pointed out. In separate reports, the Administrator seeks the approval of the Governing Council for mineral exploration projects in China, the Philippines and Guatemala. The Council is further asked to take note of the supplementary short-term funding approved by the Administrator for the geothermal project in Saint Lucia.

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Exploration for Pyrophyllite in Fujian Province, China (CPR/86/NO1), Recommendation of the Administrator (DP/NRE/PROJECTS/REC/11)

Mineral Exploration for Chromite in the Philippines (PHI/86/NO1), Recommendation of the Administrator (DP/NRE/PROJECTS/REC/9)

Exploration for Precious and Base Metals in Guatemala (GUA/86/NO1), Recommendation of the Administrator (DP/NRE/PROJECTS/REC/10)

Geothermal Exploration in the Qualibou Caldera, Saint Lucia (STL/GT/84/001): supplementary short-term funding, Report of the Administrator (DP/NRE/PROJECTS/12)
(d) United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office

(i) Plan of Action to Combat Desertification

(ii) Recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region

In response to Governing Council decision 88/41, the Council will have before it a report of the Administrator, reviewing UNSO activities under its two mandates covering the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification and the recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian countries. The report highlights the momentum in UNSO activities, including increased resource mobilization and a new emphasis on co-operation with Governments of the Sudano-Sahelian countries in the area of planning and co-ordination of desertification control activities. The report also describes desertification control and drought-related activities financed by core programmes and other funds of UNDP.

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(e) United Nations Development Fund for Women

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 39/125 and in response to Governing Council decision 88/42, the Council will have before it the annual report of the Administrator providing information on the activities of UNIFEM. In addition, the Council will have before it, in an addendum to the annual report, an outline of the workplans for UNIFEM as well as the UNDP Division for Women in Development, as requested by Council decision 87/15. This addendum was, in fact, presented to the Governing Council at its thirty-fifth session (1988); but the Council, at the request of the Consultative Committee of UNIFEM, decided to defer consideration until its thirty-sixth session (1989).

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(f) United Nations Capital Development Fund

The Council will have before it the biennial report of the Administrator on the United Nations Capital Development Fund in 1987-1988, highlighting the activities of the Fund in favour of the least developed countries, in particular in perspective of the forthcoming United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries in 1990, and providing financial data. The report describes the qualitative improvements brought to the project cycle and summarizes results of evaluations carried out. The report further recalls that the Governing Council, by its decision 87/37, permitted the Fund to apply a revised partial funding formula, so as to enable levels of approvals well above current pledges. As a result of subsequent significant expansion in programmes, financial projections for the 1990s
demonstrate the need for an increased resource base for the Fund. Finally, in accordance with Governing Council decision 88/44, the report also reviews the staffing requirements for the Fund; and the Administrator makes proposals to the Council for an increase in staffing in the context of the 1990-1991 budget proposal.

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(g) Technical co-operation among developing countries

The Council will have before it, for consideration and action, decisions of concern to the United Nations Development Programme taken by the sixth session of the High-level Committee on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries, scheduled to take place at United Nations Headquarters from 30 May-2 June 1989.

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Report from the sixth session of the High-level Committee on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries (DP/1989/..)

9. Financial, budgetary and administrative matters

(a) Annual review of the financial situation, 1988

The Council will have before it a report of the Administrator, providing a comprehensive review of the financial operations during 1988 and the financial position at the end of the year. The report includes estimates of anticipated resources and expenditures for 1989 and 1990. In addition, information is provided on cost-sharing activities, the utilization of accumulated non-convertible currencies, the placement of UNDP funds, the Operational Reserve, and the status of Special Programme Resources and the Special Measures Fund for the Least Developed Countries. The report also provides information on procedures established by the Administrator for the execution of small-scale projects through non-governmental and grass-roots organizations.

This report also provides information on the status of the Reserve for field accommodation and related matters, in accordance with paragraph 5 of Governing Council decision 82/30; information on support costs flexibility arrangements in accordance with paragraph 8 of decision 82/36; information on management and other services agreements entered into by the Administrator since 1987 in accordance with paragraph 4 of decision 83/5; and the senior industrial development field adviser programme as requested by Governing Council decision 88/45, part B, paragraph 3. In an addendum, this report will include, in accordance with paragraph 7 of decision 84/9, information concerning the net flow of contributions to and payments from the UNDP system in respect of each participating Government and, following decision 87/1, resource planning tables for trust funds not otherwise reported to the Council in 1988.


Summary financial information on UNDP-administered trust funds (DP/1989/54/Add.2)

(b) Budget estimates for 1990-1991

The Council will have before it the Administrator's revised estimates for the 1988-1989 biennium and his estimates for the 1990-1991 biennium. The Council will also have before it the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, commenting on the Administrator's estimates. The Administrator's revised estimates for 1988-1989 contain only cost adjustments in respect of most elements of the budget. However, there is discussion on both the Office for Project Services and the United Nations Volunteers Programme concerning the exercise of budgetary flexibility authorities given to the Administrator in respect of these two units. The 1990-1991 biennial budget estimates contain a number of different elements, including the review of UNDP's senior management structure requested by Council decision 88/46, and an account of the experience gained regarding the most appropriate management and staffing arrangements for the various programmes and funds under the Administrator's responsibility, as requested by Council decision 87/35. The estimates propose a selective strengthening of UNDP's field, headquarters and non-core operations, as well as the establishment of a new element in the field, Development Support Services. The report of the Administrator also responds to Council decision 88/49 concerning the possibility of having the budget decision presented in more appropriation lines.

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Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (DP/1989/56)

(c) Trust funds

In accordance with UNDP Financial Regulation 5.1, the Council will have before it for consideration a report containing detailed information on all trust funds established by the Administrator in 1988. The addendum to this document contains summary financial information on all trust funds established by the Administrator since 1981, as requested by the Council, on an annual basis, in paragraph 2 of decision 88/47.
Trust funds established by the Administrator in 1988, Report of the Administrator (DP/1989/57)

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (DP/1989/56)

Summary financial information on all Trust Funds established by the Administrator since 1981 (DP/1989/57/Add.1)

(d) Audit reports

The Council will have before it a report of the Administrator, submitting the audited accounts and audit reports of the executing agencies relating to funds allocated to them by UNDP as at 31 December 1987, together with his comments on significant observations included in the reports of the external auditors of the agencies. As requested in Governing Council decisions 85/40 and 86/48, the Administrator has also included a summary of the most significant observations contained in the audit reports of UNDP itself. Finally, the Council is provided with a summary of actions taken by UNDP in response to Governing Council decision 88/49 and General Assembly resolution 43/216.

(e) Other matters

In response to Governing Council decision 88/46, the Council will have before it a report of the Administrator presenting a detailed review of the role and functions of the Office of Project Services (OPS), including its organizational structure, staffing and work-load. The report highlights the purpose and characteristics of direct UNDP project execution and describes the dynamic growth of OPS and the organizational changes the office has undergone in recent years. The report also accounts for the findings and recommendations of the Organization and Management Study on OPS carried out in 1988 and presents the Administrator's views and decisions with respect to the study's recommendations.

Role and functioning of the Office of Project Services, Report of the Administrator (DP/1989/75)
10. **Other matters**

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

In accordance with Governing Council decision 81/34, the Council will have before it a report of the Administrator containing statistical data and other information on the technical co-operation expenditures of the United Nations system organizations in 1988, funded by sources other than UNDP. In view of the late availability of the requisite data necessary for the preparation of the Administrator's report, the Council will also have before it the corresponding report for 1987 with a view to permitting a more thorough review in the Council of the relevant information.

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(b) **Issues of concern to the Governing Council arising from General Assembly action at its forty-third session and from other organs of the United Nations system in 1988**

(i) **Steps taken by UNDP in response to General Assembly action at its forty-third session and other organs of the United Nations system in 1988**

In response to Governing Council decision 89/16, the Council will have before it a report on steps taken or planned by UNDP in response to resolutions and decisions adopted during the forty-third session of the General Assembly and in the governing bodies of other relevant organs of the United Nations system.

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(ii) **International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade**

By resolution 43/182, the General Assembly invited the relevant organizations of the United Nations system to include in their agenda during 1989 items relating to their contribution to the preparation of the international development strategy for the fourth United Nations Development Decade. The Governing Council, in its decision 89/1, decided to address this question during the high-level segment of the general debate as part of the policy review.
(iii) Arrangements for the Governing Council: venue, change of name, and timing of sessions

By resolution 43/199, the General Assembly requested the Governing Council to consider the question of holding its future sessions and future sessions of its subsidiary bodies at United Nations Headquarters and to report thereon to the forty-fourth session of the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council. By the same resolution, the General Assembly requested the Council to consider the possibility of changing its name to the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Population Fund. Furthermore, by decision 43/432, the General Assembly endorsed Economic and Social Council resolution 1988/77, inviting the Secretary-General to ensure that meetings of subsidiary bodies of Economic and Social Council will end at least eight weeks before the session of the Council at which their reports are to be considered. In document DP/1989/10, submitted to the special session of the Governing Council on 21-24 February 1989, the Administrator drew the Council's attention to these issues and offered possible solutions. The Governing Council, by its decision 89/16 took note of the document and the statement by the Administration.

(iv) Refugees, returnees and displaced persons

Several resolutions adopted during the forty-third session of the General Assembly call upon the United Nations Development Programme to take active part in assisting refugees, returnees and displaced persons, notably in Chad, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Malawi, Somalia and the Sudan, as well as in southern Africa. UNDP is also expected to play a substantial role in the preparations and follow-up for major conferences planned for the first half of 1989 on Central American and Indo-Chinese refugees, respectively, as well as in the follow-up to the Oslo conference in August 1988 on the plight of refugees, returnees and displaced persons in southern Africa. In document DP/1989/10, submitted to the special session of the Governing Council on 21-24 February 1989, the Administrator drew the Council's attention to these issues. The Governing Council took note of the intention of the Administrator to elaborate, in the form of an oral statement, on these issues during the thirty-sixth session of the Governing Council (1989), at which time the Council may wish to decide to consider the policy aspects of the issues at one of its future sessions.

11. Matters relating to the work of the Council in 1990

In accordance with its decision 81/37, the Governing Council will have to decide on the dates of its meetings during 1990, the subject for the policy review for the thirty-seventh session (1990), an indicative quota for documents and on any other matter of relevance for the conduct of future sessions.