GOVERNING COUNCIL
INTERSESSIONAL COMMITTEE OF
THE WHOLE
Second session
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Agenda item 2

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the session

The Intersessional Committee of the Whole was established by the Governing Council by decision 82/5, II of 18 June 1982. Decisions taken at the first session, which was held in New York from 13 to 15 September 1982, are contained in document DP/1982/ICW/6. The second session will be opened by the Chairman of the Intersessional Committee.

2. Adoption of the agenda

The provisional agenda of the second session has been prepared on the basis of decisions on documents to be prepared taken at the first session of the Intersessional Committee and after consultation with the Bureau of the Committee. The Committee may wish to give some consideration to the form of its report to the Governing Council which will be discussed at its third session, to be held in New York from 6-8 April 1983.

Documentation


3. Review of the financial resource situation and measures taken and contemplated regarding the shorter-term aspects of resource mobilization in accordance with the decision taken by the Committee at its first session

As agreed at the first session of the Committee, the Administrator is reporting on the results of the Pledging Conference held in November 1982. Their impact on the resource outlook for the third cycle, 1982-1986, is outlined in his note as are the serious implications for the programmes supported by UNDP. Measures taken or suggested by the Administrator and the Bureau towards alleviating the current shortfall are also covered.

Documentation

DP/1983/ICW/2.
4. **Options for the longer-term financing of UNDP, bearing in mind the need to mobilize increased resources on an increasingly predictable, continuous and assured basis (decision 82/5 II, para. 1 (a))**

At its first session, the Committee approved the outline of documentation to be prepared under this agenda item for the present session as contained in document DP/1982/ICW/CRP.2. Accordingly, document DP/1983/ICW/3 deals with the experience of UNDP with contributions since 1972 under the voluntary annual pledging modality, and the implications of that modality for UNDP programming and operations are analysed. In an addendum to this document the experience of various other United Nations programmes is outlined.

In document DP/1983/ICW/4, various options for the longer-term financing of the Programme are put forward, such as multi-year pledging and replenishment. Reference is made to the experience of other organizations and a possible replenishment modality for UNDP is outlined. In line with DP/1982/ICW/CRP.2, an examination has been undertaken of the possible use of special drawing rights (SDR)s as a unit of obligation for pledges and shares. A note on prompt payment of contributions deals with the point raised at the last session of potential interest earnings if all contributions were paid to UNDP on 1 January of the year of account.

**Documentation**

DP/1983/ICW/3 and Add.1; DP/1983/ICW/4 and Add.1 and Add.2.

5. **Other matters which would facilitate resource mobilization and strengthen the effectiveness of the work of the Governing Council (decision 82/5 II, para. 1 (b))**

Under agenda item 5, the Committee will take up the second part of its mandate, namely other matters which would facilitate resource mobilization and strengthen the effectiveness of the work of the Governing Council. An introductory note by the Administrator explains the relevance of agenda item 5 to the principal issue of resources covered under agenda item 4 and underlines the close interrelationship between the three topics dealt with under agenda item 5. In the preparation of the papers on each topic, the three outlines approved by the Bureau of the Intersessional Committee were closely adhered to.

**Documentation**

DP/1983/ICW/5.

(a) **Strengthening the role of the Council and participating Governments in programme planning and programme review**

Concern has been expressed at the adequacy of the involvement of the Governing Council and participating Governments in programme matters. The document before the Committee traces the evolution of the legislative framework, in particular the relevant provisions of the Consensus with respect to the preparation of country programmes. The working of the Governing Council is reviewed and the changes over
time are identified. Alternative modalities which may strengthen the role of the Governing Council and Governments in programme matters, ranging from those which involve the least change to those which involve the most, are outlined.

Documentation


(b) Arrangements for the evaluation of the results and effectiveness of the Programme

The Governing Council has expressed the wish to be better informed about the results and impact of the Programme's activities and has recognized that this has an important bearing on the mobilization of resources. After an analysis of the concepts used in evaluation and of current problems in conducting evaluation exercises, measures are identified to improve evaluation, taking into account the tripartite nature of the Programme. After discussing various alternatives, the establishment of a central evaluation unit is proposed. The possibility that the Council might wish to make arrangements to obtain independent information on the results of the Programme is also considered.

Documentation


(c) Measures to promote a better understanding of the role and activities of UNDP and of the resource needs of the Programme

In line with requests made at the Committee’s first session, the Administrator has provided an over-all analysis of efforts made and problems encountered in projecting the Programme's identity. Possible steps are suggested towards promoting a better understanding of the Programme, and requisite improvements in methods of mobilizing financial resources and in information capacity are considered briefly.

Documentation

DP/1983/ICW/7.

6. Consideration of other questions contained in document DP/1982/35 which require further study in consultation with the Administrator
   (decision 82/5 IV, para. 6)

In the light of discussions already held on document DP/1982/35, the Committee might wish to identify any outstanding issues therein which may require further elaboration. The Administrator is convening a meeting of the agencies and organizations of the United Nations, on 12 February 1983 in New York, for a system-wide discussion of the proposals contained in DP/1982/35.

Documentation

DP/1982/35.
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Corrigendum

1. The annotations to item 2 Election of officers (DP/1983/ICW/L.1/Corr.1) are as foll

At its first session in September 1982 the Intersessional Committee of
the Whole, composed of the members of the Governing Council for 1982,
agreed that its Bureau should consist of a Chairman, four Vice-Chairmen
and a Rapporteur. Taking into account the desirability of ensuring
continuity in the membership of the Bureau for its remaining sessions,
the Committee selected its officers from among those countries which
would continue to serve as members of the Governing Council in 1983.
Under the chairmanship of Mr. Douglas Lindores of Canada,
representatives of Tunisia, India, Bulgaria and Ecuador served as
Vice-Chairmen and a representative of Pakistan as Rapporteur.

The membership of the Committee at its second session will be
composed of the members of the Governing Council for 1983. In electing
its Bureau the Committee may also wish to decide that the Bureau should
serve for the remaining duration of the Committee's work until the
submission of its report to the Governing Council at its thirtieth
session.

2. The subsequent items should be renumbered accordingly.
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