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Provisional agenda, annotations, list of documents and work plan

Note by the Executive Board secretariat

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Item 1
Organizational matters

Election of the Bureau

The Executive Board will elect a new Bureau consisting of a President and four Vice-Presidents, taking into account the need to ensure equitable geographical representation. According to the established pattern of rotation of posts among the various regional groups, the President of the Executive Board for 2002 should be elected from among the Board members of the Western European and Others Group.

Provisional agenda, annotations, list of documents and work plan

The Executive Board will adopt the agenda for the session and agree on the work plan. A tentative work plan is contained in the annex to the present note.

Report on the annual session 2001

The draft report of the annual session 2001 was distributed in July 2001 to members of the Board for comments. Document DP/2001/20 contains comments received within the deadline.

The Executive Board may wish to approve the report of its annual session 2001.

Report on the second regular session 2001

The draft report of the second regular session 2001 was distributed in October 2001 to members of the Board for comments. Document DP/2002/1 contains comments received within the deadline.

The Executive Board may wish to approve the report of its second regular session 2001.

Decisions adopted by the Executive Board during 2001

A compilation of decisions adopted by the Executive Board during 2001 is made available in this document.

Annual work plan 2002 for the Executive Board

The draft work plan 2002 was prepared by the secretariat of the Executive Board in close consultation with the Bureau of the Executive Board. It includes an outline of priority issues for UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS, and a list of items for the consideration of the Board with an indication of the session at which they may be considered, taking into account relevant prior decisions and the Board's request to focus deliberations at each session.
The Executive Board may wish to adopt its work plan for the year 2002.

UNDP segment

Item 2
UNDP Business Plans, 2000-2003

Update on the role of UNDP in crisis and post-conflict situations: Organizational changes  DP/2002/CRP.3

In this document, the Administrator shares with the Executive Board the organizational changes regarding the role of UNDP in crisis and post-conflict situations.


In 2000, the initiatives undertaken by UNDP to implement the Administrator’s Business Plans, 2000-2003, aimed at creating the foundations on which the new UNDP would be built. Strong emphasis was given to restructuring and grounding a culture of performance, particularly in country offices, through a reprofiling exercise. To institutionalize the change, five priorities were identified in the annual corporate plan. The planning was integrated with the budget allocation process with the objectives of aligning resources with the goals and priorities of the Business Plans.

UNDP is seeking the continued endorsement of the Executive Board for the directions it has taken and its support for further resource mobilization efforts.

Reforming Technical Cooperation for Capacity Development

UNDP has taken the lead in the initiative entitled "Reforming Technical Cooperation for Capacity Development." The initiative is a follow-up to the work of UNDP in the early 1990s, including the publication "Rethinking technical cooperation" and focuses on the issue of national ownership.

Item 3
Country cooperation frameworks and related matters

The Executive Board may wish to approve the following regional cooperation frameworks:

Second regional cooperation framework for Africa  DP/RCF/RBA/2
Second regional cooperation framework for Latin America and the Caribbean  DP/RCF/RLA/2
Second regional cooperation framework for the Arab States  DP/RCF/RAS/2
The Executive Board may wish to approve the following country cooperation frameworks:

- Second country cooperation framework for Angola: DP/CCF/ANG/2
- Second country cooperation framework for Eritrea: DP/CCF/ERI/2
- Second country cooperation framework for Gabon: DP/CCF/GAB/2
- Second country cooperation framework for Ghana: DP/CCF/GHA/2
- Second country cooperation framework for Guinea: DP/CCF/GUI/2
- Second country cooperation framework for Namibia: DP/CCF/NAM/2
- Second country cooperation framework for Rwanda: DP/CCF/RWA/2
- Second country cooperation framework for Sao Tome and Principe: DP/CCF/STP/2
- Second country cooperation framework for South Africa: DP/CCF/SAF/2
- Second country cooperation framework for Lao People’s Democratic Republic: DP/CCF/LAO/2
- Second country cooperation framework for the Republic of Korea: DP/CCF/ROK/2
- Second country cooperation framework for the Philippines: DP/CCF/PHI/2
- Second country cooperation framework for Kuwait: DP/CCF/KUW/2
- Second country cooperation framework for Morocco: DP/CCF/MOR/2
- Second country cooperation framework for the Syrian Arab Republic: DP/CCF/SYR/2
- Second country cooperation framework for Tunisia: DP/CCF/TUN/2
- Second country cooperation framework for the United Arab Emirates: DP/CCF/UAE/2
- Second country cooperation framework for the Republic of Yemen: DP/CCF/YEM/2
- Second country cooperation framework for the Republic of Albania: DP/CCF/ALB/2
- Second country cooperation framework for the Republic of Bulgaria: DP/CCF/BUL/2
- Second country cooperation framework for Ukraine: DP/CCF/UKR/2

Extensions of country cooperation frameworks: DP/2002/8

As part of the ongoing endeavour to streamline UNDP reporting requirements, a single document covering all newly requested extensions of country cooperation frameworks will be presented to the Executive Board in the present document.

The Executive Board may wish to approve the extensions included in the report.

Yugoslavia: Eligibility for independence bonus: DP/2002/9
Item 4  
UNAIDS


As requested by the Executive Board in its decision 2001/12, this document describes the specific contribution of UNDP towards reversing the HIV/AIDS epidemic within the larger framework of the United Nations system strategic plan for HIV/AIDS for 2001-2005.

The document also addresses the role of the resident coordinator system in supporting the United Nations response at the country level. It also provides details of UNDP modalities for programme support, monitoring, coordination and funding.

The Board may wish to adopt a decision on the report.

Item 5  
Special funds and programmes

Report on UNDP activities financed by the Global Environment Facility and the Montreal Protocol

This paper provides brief descriptions of UNDP activities funded by the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and the Montreal Protocol and outlines the key determinants of their successes. The replenishment of GEF and the discussions about its institutional architecture are the two key challenges. The Montreal Protocol, however, may need a new method to calculate support costs either based on two components or by allocating core funding for corporate functions and support costs for individual projects. The Montreal Protocol also draws attention to the need for UNDP to have mechanisms in place to deal with concessional loans in order to continue to implement any financially significant portfolios under the Multilateral Fund.

The Board may wish to take note of this report.

Item 6  
evaluation

At its annual session 2001, the Executive Board decided to postpone consideration of this item to the current session.

Annual report of the Administrator on evaluation

This report on evaluation, for July 2000 to June 2001, emphasizes three strategic areas in which evaluation activities have contributed to increasing the effectiveness of UNDP: (a) aligning monitoring and evaluation instruments with results-based management; (b) strengthening substantive accountability; and (c) promoting organizational learning and knowledge. The report sets out the ongoing challenges with regard to strengthening and integrating the monitoring and evaluation function with the transformation of UNDP to a results-based management culture.
Evaluation of non-core funding resources  

This report was prepared in consultation with programme countries, relevant units of the United Nations system and members of the Executive Board. It covers aspects of activities funded by non-core resources, including government cost-sharing, and their impact on national capacities, particularly concerning the modalities applied by UNDP.

Evaluation of direct execution

The evaluation of direct execution was launched in 2000 at the request of UNDP senior management. The aim was to provide an assessment of the experience with direct execution so far, following Executive Board decision 98/2. The evaluation of direct execution complements the evaluation of non-core resources.

UNOPS: Evaluation of the relationship between UNDP and UNOPS: Progress achieved by the UNOPS on the recommendations pertaining to UNOPS

UNDP: Evaluation of the relationship between UNDP and UNOPS: A progress report

Joint UNDP/UNFPA segment

Item 7

Recommendations of the Board of Auditors, 1998-1999

UNDP: Report on the implementation of the recommendation of the Board of Auditors for the biennium 1998-1999

UNFPA: Follow-up to the report of the Board of Auditors for 1998-1999: Status of implementation of recommendations

UNOPS: Follow-up to the report of the Board of Auditors

As requested by the Executive Board in its decisions 97/2 and 97/3, the updates on the progress achieved in the implementation of the recommendations of the United Nations Board of Auditors for the biennium 1998-1999 are submitted at the current session.

The reports contain an update of the implementation of the recommendations of the reports of the United Nations Board of Auditors for the biennium ended 31 December 1999 (for UNDP, A/55/5/Add.1; for UNFPA, A/55/5/Add.7; for UNOPS, A/55/5/Add.10).

The Executive Board may wish to take note of the reports on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors.
Item 8
Reports to the Economic and Social Council

UNDP: Report to the Economic and Social Council  DP/2002/7
UNFPA: Report to the Economic and Social Council  DP/FPA/2002/1

These reports cover the implementation of the reform programme of the Secretary-General, the provisions of the triennial comprehensive policy review, the follow-up to international conferences and humanitarian and disaster-relief assistance.

The Executive Board may wish to take note of the reports and transmit them, with its comments, to the Economic and Social Council.

UNFPA segment

Item 9
Technical Advisory Programme

Future arrangements for the UNFPA technical advisory programme  DP/FPA/2002/3

This report is submitted in response to Executive Board decision 99/19, in which the Board requested the Executive Director to present options to ensure that UNFPA country programmes receive the strategic and technical guidance that they need. The report sets forth possible future options for UNFPA technical support, including a preferred option, for the fourth cycle, 2002-2005, of the technical advisory programme.

The Executive Board may wish to take a decision, the possible elements of which are contained in the report.

Item 10
Country programmes and related matters

The Executive Board may wish to approve the following programmes of assistance:

Assistance to the Government of Algeria  DP/FPA/DZA/3
Assistance to the Government of Brazil  DP/FPA/BRA/3
Assistance to the Government of Cape Verde  DP/FPA/CPV/4
Assistance to the Government of the Central African Republic  DP/FPA/CAF/5
Assistance to the Government of the Democratic Republic of Congo  DP/FPA/COD/2
Assistance to the Government of the Dominican Republic  DP/FPA/DOM/3
Assistance to the Government of Gabon  DP/FPA/GAB/4
Assistance to the Government of Guinea  DP/FPA/GIN/5
Assistance to the Government of Haiti  DP/FPA/HTI/3
Assistance to the Government of Honduras  DP/FPA/HND/5
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UNDG priorities for 2002 and beyond: A response to the triennial policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system
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