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workplan**

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Item 1 Organizational matters

In accordance with Executive Board decision 2006/14 and rule 7 of the rules of procedure of the Executive Board of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS, the Board will elect a new Bureau consisting of a President and four Vice-Presidents. The election will take place on 7 December 2020. According to the established pattern of rotation of posts among the various regional groups, the President of the Executive Board for 2021 should be elected from the Board members of the Eastern European group.

Under this item, the Executive Board will adopt the agenda and agree on the workplan for the session as presented by the Secretary of the Board. The Board will also approve the report of its second regular session 2020. A draft report was distributed to Board members for their comments; the final report contains comments received by or before the deadline.

In accordance with decision 96/25, a workplan for 2021 was prepared by the secretariat in consultation with the Bureau of the Executive Board and is submitted to the Board for adoption.

Documentation:

Provisional agenda, annotations, list of documents and workplan (DP/2021/L.1)

Report of the second regular session 2020 (DP/2021/1)

Decisions adopted by the Executive Board during 2020 (DP/2021/2)

Annual workplan of the Executive Board for 2021 (DP/2021/CRP.1)

Joint segment

Item 2 Recommendations of the Board of Auditors

The UNDP report on the implementation of the recommendations of the United Nations Board of Auditors for 2019 reviews the progress made on the refined top seven audit-related management priorities for the biennium 2018-2019 (as presented in document DP/2019/11 and supported by Executive Board decision 2019/2). It also presents the suggested, top seven audit-related management priorities for the biennium 2020-2021, as established by management and reviewed by its oversight bodies (annex 2). Pursuant to decision 2020/1, the report also presents its action plan of the internal study on root causes underlying recurring audit observations and audit priorities, and, lastly, reports progress on the implementation status of the recommendations of the United Nations Board of Auditors for the year ended December 2019 and prior years. Pursuant to Executive Board decision 2010/9, details of the implementation status of the individual audit recommendations and the full audit report of the United Nations Board of Auditors for UNDP (A/75/5/Add.1) are available on the UNDP Executive Board website (annex 3).

The UNCDF report on the implementation of the recommendations of the United Nations Board of Auditors for 2019 reports on the implementation status of the recommendations of the United Nations Board of Auditors for the year ended December 2019 and prior years. Pursuant to Executive Board decision 2010/9, details of the

implementation status of the audit recommendations and the full audit report of the United Nations Board of Auditors for UNCDF (A/75/5/Add.2) are available on the Executive Board website.

Pursuant to Executive Board decision 97/2, the UNFPA Executive Director of UNFPA submits the report on the implementation of the recommendations contained in the report of the United Nations Board of Auditors for the financial period ended on 31 December 2019 (A/75/5/Add.8). The Board of Auditors acknowledges that UNFPA closed 2019 in good financial health through sound financial management practices, including processes and controls designed to keep expenses within its financial resources. In the Board's opinion, the organization's financial statements represent fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of UNFPA as at 31 December 2019 and its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended, in accordance with the International Public Sector Accounting Standards. A separate table, available on the UNFPA Executive Board website, provides an updated status of the implementation of the audit recommendations.

UNOPS is pleased to respond to the recommendations made in the report of the Board of Auditors (A/75/5/Add.11) and to provide an update on the current status of implementation. The report of the Board of Auditors for the year ended 31 December 2019 was unqualified. UNOPS management continues to emphasize the importance of addressing audit concerns and according to UNOPS assessment, progress has been achieved in the implementation of recommendations made for the year ended 31 December 2019. UNOPS continues to address the remaining recommendations.

The Executive Board may wish to adopt a decision on the reports of UNDP, UNCDF, UNFPA and UNOPS on the implementation of the recommendations of the United Nations Board of Auditors for 2019.

Documentation:

UNDP: Report on the implementation of the recommendations of the United Nations Board of Auditors, 2019 (DP/2021/3)

UNCDF: Report on the implementation of the recommendations of the United Nations Board of Auditors, 2019 (DP/2021/4)

UNFPA: Report on the implementation of the recommendations of the United Nations Board of Auditors, 2019 (DP/FPA/2021/1)

UNOPS: Report on the implementation of the recommendations of the United Nations Board of Auditors, 2019 (DP/OPS/2021/1)

Item 3

Follow-up to UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board meeting

The joint UNDP and UNFPA report addresses the implementation of decisions and recommendations of the Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS). The report focuses on the implementation of decisions from the 44th, 45th and 46th Programme Coordinating Board meetings, held in June and December 2019, and June 2020, respectively. The report also highlights the contributions of UNDP and UNFPA to the HIV/AIDS response. The Board may wish to take note of the report..

Documentation:

Report on the implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (DP-FPA/2021/1)

UNDP segment

Item 4 Human Development Report

The Human Development Report Office (HDRO) will present an oral report on the Human Development Report 2020 -‘The New Frontier: Human Development on the Anthropocene,’ in accordance with General Assembly resolution 57/264. The HDRO Director will present its main findings and provide insights on the impact gathered by the report and recent events and presentations organized around the world on UNDP flagship publications. The Director will also touch upon the preparatory process (consultations, commissioned contributions and the review process; the sourcing of data; briefings with Member States) and refer to the connected narrative of the 2019, 2020 and 2021 Human Development Reports. The Board may wish to take note of the update on Human Development Report consultations

Item 5 Country programmes and related matters

Under this item, the Executive Board will be asked to: (a) take note of the first one-year extensions of the country programmes for Argentina, Bangladesh, Malaysia and Maldives from 1 January to 31 December 2021; (b) approve the second one-year extensions of the country programmes for Afghanistan, Guatemala, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) from 1 January to 31 December 2021; the second six-months extension of the country programme for Madagascar and the fourth, six-months extension of the country programme for the Syrian Arab Republic from 1 January to 30 June 2021; the second one-year extension of the country programme for Tajikistan from 1 January to 31 December 2022; and the fifth extension of the country programme for Yemen from 1 January to 31 December 2021; and (c) review and approve, in accordance with Executive Board decision 2014/7, the country programme documents for Côte d’Ivoire; China; Somalia, Tunisia; Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, North Macedonia, Uzbekistan; Mexico, Panama and Uruguay .

Documentation:

Extensions of country programmes (DP/2021/5)

Addendum (DP/2021/5/Add.1)

Africa

Country programme document for Côte d’Ivoire (DP/DCP/CIV/3)

Asia-Pacific

Country programme document for China (DP/DCP/CHN/5)

Arab States

Country programme document for Somalia (DP/DCP/SOM/4)

Country programme document for Tunisia (DP/DCP/TUN/3)

Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States

Country programme document for Armenia (DP/DCP/ARM/4)

Country programme document for Azerbaijan (DP/DCP/AZE/5)

Country programme document for Georgia (DP/DCP/GEO/4)

Country programme document for North Macedonia (DP/DCP/MKD/4)

Country programme document for Uzbekistan (DP/DCP/UZB/4)

Latin America and the Caribbean

Country programme document for Mexico (DP/DCP/MEX/3)

Country programme document for Panama (DP/DCP/PAN/4)

Country programme document for Uruguay (DP/DCP/URY/4)

Item 6 Evaluation

The Independent Evaluation Office (IEO) of UNDP will present three evaluations as part of the Office's medium-term plan (DP/2018/4) approved by the Executive Board in 2018.

The evaluation of UNDP support to climate change adaptation assesses UNDP achievements and performance in helping partner countries to adapt to new climate conditions created by global warming. The evaluation focuses on UNDP activities that directly contribute to climate change, with special attention to UNDP support to countries that are especially vulnerable to climate shocks, including small island developing States.

The evaluation of UNDP support to conflict-affected countries assesses UNDP role and contributions in the thirty-four conflict-affected countries where it has a presence. The evaluation assesses the organization's global and regional advocacy efforts in the key areas of crisis prevention, response (including early recovery and stabilization), peacebuilding and statebuilding for the transition to medium and long-term development.

The evaluation of UNDP support to the Syrian refugee crisis response and promoting integrated resilience approach assesses UNDP refugee response approaches and achievements in Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey for the period 2015-2019. The evaluation analyses how the organization has promoted the humanitarian-development nexus and resilience-based development approaches in its support to these countries coping with the influx of refugees.

The evaluations will be accompanied by management responses.

The Board may wish to adopt a decision on this item.

Documentation:

Evaluation of UNDP support to climate change adaptation (DP/2021/6)

Management response to the evaluation of UNDP support to climate change adaptation (DP/2021/7)

Evaluation of UNDP support to conflict-affected countries (DP/2021/8)

Management response to the evaluation of UNDP support to conflict-affected countries (DP/2021/9)

Evaluation of UNDP support to the Syrian refugee crisis response and promoting integrated resilience approach (DP/2021/10)

Management response to the evaluation of UNDP support to the Syrian refugee crisis response and promoting integrated resilience approach (DP/2021/11)

UNFPA segment

Item 7

Evaluation

The Executive Board will have before it a formative evaluation of UNFPA support to South-South and triangular cooperation. The Evaluation Office conducted this formative evaluation as part of the quadrennial budgeted evaluation plan (2018-2021). Covering 2017-2020, the evaluation provides evaluative input on the lessons learned as well as enabling factors and challenges of UNFPA supported South-South and triangular cooperation interventions, in order to inform the current and future implementation of the UNFPA corporate strategy on South-South and triangular cooperation. A management response to the report is also available.

The Executive Board may wish to take note of the formative evaluation.

Documentation:

Formative evaluation of UNFPA support to South-South and triangular cooperation, (DP/FPA/2021/CRP.1)

Management response to the formative evaluation of UNFPA support to South-South and triangular cooperation (DP/FPA/2021/CRP.2)

Item 8

Country programmes and related matters

The Executive Board will be asked to: (a) approve, in accordance with decision 2014/7, the country programme documents for Armenia, Azerbaijan, China, Côte d'Ivoire, Eswatini, Georgia, North Macedonia, Panama, Somalia, Tunisia, Uganda, Uruguay and Uzbekistan; (b) take note of the first one-year extensions of the country programmes for Bangladesh, Guinea Bissau, Maldives and Tanzania; and (c) approve the second one-year extensions for Guatemala and Venezuela, and the fourth, six-months extension for the country programme for the Syrian Arab Republic.

Documentation:

Extensions of country programmes (DP/FPA/2021/2)

Country programme documents for:

Armenia (DP/FPA/CPD/ARM/4),

Azerbaijan (DP/FPA/CPD/AZE/5),

China (DP/FPA/CPD/CHI/9),

Côte d'Ivoire (DP/FPA/CPD/CIV/8),

Eswatini (DP/FPA/CPD/SWZ/7),

Georgia (DP/FPA/CPD/GEO/4),

North Macedonia (DP/FPA/CPD/MKD/2),

Panama (DP/FPA/CPD/PAN/4),

Somalia (DP/FPA/CPD/SOM/4),

Tunisia (DP/FPA/CPD/TUN/10),

Uganda (DP/FPA/CPD/UGA/9),

Uruguay (DP/FPA/CPD/URY/4),
Uzbekistan (DP/FPA/CPD/UZB/5).

UNOPS segment

Item 9

United Nations Office for Project Services

The Executive Director of UNOPS will deliver her statement to the Executive Board.

Item 10

Other matters

**TENTATIVE WORKPLAN
EXECUTIVE BOARD OF UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS
FIRST REGULAR SESSION 2021
(1 – 4 February 2021, New York)**

<i>Day/Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Subject</i>
Monday, 1 February	10 a.m.– 1 p.m.	1	ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption of the agenda and workplan for the session • Adoption of the report of the second regular session 2020 • Adoption of the annual workplan 2021 of the Executive Board <p style="text-align: center;">JOINT SEGMENT</p>
		2	RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BOARD OF AUDITORS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNDP, UNCDF, UNFPA and UNOPS reports on the status of implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors for 2019 (<i>D</i>)
		3	FOLLOW-UP TO UNAIDS PROGRAMME COORDINATING BOARD MEETING <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint UNDP and UNFPA report on the implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the Programme Coordinating Board of UNAIDS
		10	OTHER MATTERS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address by the Chairperson of the UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS/UN-Women Staff Council
	3 – 5:30 p.m.		UNDP SEGMENT
		4	HUMAN DEVELOPMENT REPORT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on the Human Development Report consultations (GA resolution 57/264)
		5	UNDP COUNTRY PROGRAMMES AND RELATED MATTERS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation and approval of country programme documents • Extensions of country programmes
Tuesday, 2 February	10 a.m.– 1 p.m.		UNDP SEGMENT (cont'd)
			INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE WITH THE ADMINISTRATOR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Update on impact of and response to COVID-19
	3 – 5:30 p.m.	6	EVALUATION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluation of UNDP support to climate change adaptation, and management responses (<i>D</i>) • Evaluation of UNDP support to conflict-affected countries, and management response (<i>D</i>) • Evaluation of UNDP support to the Syrian refugee crisis response and promoting integrated resilience approach, and management response (<i>D</i>)

Wednesday, 3 February	10 a.m.– 1 p.m.		<p style="text-align: center;">UNFPA SEGMENT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">STATEMENT BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Update on impact of and response to COVID-19
	3 – 5:30 p.m.	7	<p>EVALUATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formative evaluation of UNFPA support to South-South and triangular cooperation, and management response
		8	<p>UNFPA COUNTRY PROGRAMMES AND RELATED MATTERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation and approval of country programme document • Extensions of country programmes
Thursday, 4 February	10 a.m.– 1 p.m.	9	<p style="text-align: center;">UNOPS SEGMENT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">STATEMENT BY THE UNOPS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Update on impact of and response to COVID-19
	3 – 5:30 p.m.	10	<p>OTHER MATTERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption of pending decisions
		1	<p>ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption of the tentative workplan for the annual session 2021