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**Provisional agenda, annotations, list of documents  
and workplan**

**Note by the Executive Board secretariat**

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## **Annotations and list of documents**

### **Item 1**

#### **Organizational matters**

Under this item, the Executive Board will adopt the agenda for the annual session 2019 and agree on the workplan for the session as presented by the Secretary of the Board. The Board may wish to approve the report of its first regular session 2019. A draft report was distributed to members of the Board for their comments; the final report contains comments received within the deadline.

#### *Documentation:*

Provisional agenda, annotations, list of documents and workplan (DP/2019/L.2)

Report of the first regular session 2019 (DP/2019/8)

Decisions adopted at the first regular session 2019 (DP/2019/9)

## **UNDP segment**

### **Item 2**

#### **Annual report of the Administrator**

In response to Executive Board decision 2018/5, the report of the Administrator will provide an analysis of results achieved by UNDP with its partners in 2018, as well as progress achieved against the four-year strategic plan, 2018-2021. The report will include the integrated results and resources framework scorecard and an assessment of performance in implementing the common chapter.

In line with General Assembly resolutions 59/267 and 62/246, the UNDP report on the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) provides a summary of UNDP management responses to the recommendations contained in the reports issued by the JIU in 2018, as well as the implementation status of relevant JIU recommendations issued in 2017 and 2016. The Board may wish to take note of the report.

The statistical annex contains detailed financial information on the annual stock of revenue and expenses for UNDP country programme activities from all core and non-core funding sources.

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

#### *Documentation:*

Report of the Administrator on results for 2018 and progress on the strategic plan, 2018-2021 (DP/2019/10)

Report of UNDP on the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit in 2018 (DP/2019/10/Add.1)

Statistical annex (DP/2019/10/Add.2)

### **Item 3**

#### **Gender equality at UNDP**

The present report presents UNDP work in 2018 towards the implementation of the UNDP gender equality strategy, 2018-2021, which is analysed within the framework

of the UNDP strategic plan, 2018-2021. Under the strategic plan, gender equality is identified as signature solution 6, which serves to provide an integrated solution to development challenges across the three outcomes of the strategic plan. It also reports on institutional measures for gender mainstreaming related to leadership, accountability, investments and gender capacities. The Board may wish to take note of the report.

*Documentation:*

Annual report on the implementation of the UNDP gender equality strategy, 2018-2021 (DP/2019/11)

#### **Item 4 Human Development Report**

The Human Development Report Office (HDRO) will present an oral report on consultations regarding the Human Development Report 2019 in accordance with General Assembly resolution 57/264. The HDRO Director will describe the preparation process (consultations, commissioned contributions and the review process; the sourcing of data; briefings with Member States), and preliminary thoughts for its global launch and other related presentations. He will situate the preparation of the report within the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, articulating how the concept of human development can support progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals. The Director will also remind the Board how data for the human development indices relies upon publicly available figures produced by the various United Nation system entities that have the mandate to compile data from each country, verifying and standardizing them according to agreed norms, to achieve and maintain the international comparability, transparency, and integrity of the global statistical system.

The Board may wish to take note of the update on Human Development Report consultations.

#### **Item 5 UNDP 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 Timor-Leste and Tunisia from 1 January to 31 December 2020; (b) approve the two-year extension of the country programme for Comoros from 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2021; and (c) review and approve, in accordance with Executive Board decision 2014/7, the country programme document for the Republic of the Congo.

*Documentation:*

Extensions of country programmes (DP/2019/12)

Country programme document for the Republic of the Congo (DP/DCP/COG/3)

#### **Item 6 Evaluation**

As requested by the Executive Board in its decision 2016/17, the UNDP Independent Evaluation Office (IEO) is presenting a review of the UNDP evaluation policy. The report has been carried out by an independent team tasked with assessing progress made in implementing the revised evaluation policy of 2016, including strengths and

weaknesses in policy implementation, and areas that may require policy change or management decision to improve the evaluation function. The report is accompanied by management responses from UNDP and the IEO.

In the annual report on evaluation for 2018, the UNDP Independent Evaluation Office presents the status of key initiatives during 2018 and looks at progress to date in applying the evaluation principles of independence, credibility and utility associated with the professionalization of the IEO. The report is accompanied by management commentaries.

Following the presentation of the evaluation of UNDP support to poverty reduction in the least developed countries (DP/2019/4), accompanied by a management note, at the first regular session 2019, UNDP conducted further informal discussions with Board members, the IEO and other key stakeholders. A full management response is now being presented.

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

*Documentation:*

Independent review of the UNDP evaluation policy (DP/2019/13)

Management response to the review of the UNDP evaluation policy (DP/2019/14)

Independent Evaluation Office response to the review of the UNDP evaluation policy (DP/2019/15)

Annual report on evaluation, 2018 (DP/2019/16)

Management response to the evaluation of UNDP support to poverty reduction in the least developed countries (DP/2019/17)

## **Item 7 United Nations Capital Development Fund**

Under this item, UNCDF is presenting its annual review of results achieved in 2018. As the first report of the strategic framework, 2018-2021, the report examines progress made in achieving its two outcome areas: enhancing inclusive financial markets and local development finance systems, and unlocking public and private finance for the poor.

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

*Documentation:*

Report on results achieved by UNCDF in 2018 (DP/2019/18)

## **Item 8 United Nations Volunteers**

Under this item, the Executive Board will have before it the report of the Administrator for 2018, presenting the results achieved by the United Nations Volunteers (UNV) programme during the first year of its four-year strategic framework, 2018-2021 (document DP/2018/6). Noting the accomplishments of the programme, the report also reflects on the organizational transformation and strategic repositioning during 2018 with a look to the future. The organization is now better

focused and reorganized to deliver on its dual mandate of mobilizing volunteers to support the United Nations peace, development and human rights agenda and advocating for the importance of volunteerism for the 2030 Agenda. In accordance with decision 2018/8, the report is now presented annually.

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

*Documentation:*

United Nations Volunteers: Report of the Administrator (DP/2019/19)

## **UNFPA segment**

### **Item 9 Annual report of the Executive Director**

Under this item, the Executive Board will consider the annual report of the Executive Director.

Part I reports on the progress in 2018 towards achievement of the results of the UNFPA Strategic Plan, 2018-2021. An addendum to the report offers a statistical and financial review, summarizing the financial situation of UNFPA and providing statistical highlights concerning UNFPA finances and programmes in 2018. The figures for the financial information are provisional, subject to the report of the Board of Auditors. Part II of the report, on the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit in 2018, provides, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 59/267, a synopsis of UNFPA management responses to key recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit contained in its reports issued in 2018 that are relevant to UNFPA. Annexes to the annual report are available separately on the UNFPA website.

The Board may wish to adopt a decision on the annual report of the Executive Director of UNFPA.

*Documentation:*

Implementation of the UNFPA strategic plan, 2018-2021: Report of the Executive Director (DP/FPA/2019/4, Part I)

Statistical and financial review, 2018 (DP/FPA/2019/4, Part I, Add.1)

Report on the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit in 2018 (DP/FPA/2019/4, Part II)

### **Item 10 Evaluation**

In accordance with the revised evaluation policy of UNFPA (DP/FPA/2019/1) and relevant Executive Board decisions, the annual report of the Evaluation Office for 2018 provides information on the performance of the evaluation function at corporate and decentralized levels, as well as the contribution of UNFPA to the United Nations coherence in evaluation, including system-wide evaluations, and national evaluation capacity development. In addition, the report presents the 2019 programme of work and budget for the Evaluation Office.

Annexes to the report are available separately on the UNFPA website. A management response to the report is also available (DP/FPA/2019/CRP.5).

Also available are the evaluation of the UNFPA response to the Syria crisis and the management response to the report (DP/FPA/2019/CRP.4).

The Board may wish to adopt a decision on the annual report of the Evaluation Office.

*Documentation:*

Annual report on the evaluation function, 2018: Report of the Director, Evaluation Office (DP/FPA/2019/5)

Evaluation of the UNFPA response to the Syria crisis (DP/FPA/2019/CRP.3)

## **UNOPS segment**

### **Item 11 Annual report of the Executive Director**

The annual report of the Executive Director of UNOPS details the organization's support to the implementation of partners' peace and security, humanitarian and development projects. Through more than 900 projects in over 80 countries, UNOPS helps people build better lives and countries achieve peace and sustainable development. The report highlights key results across the organization in 2018, providing examples of the ways in which UNOPS supports the United Nations system and its partners around the world.

Pursuant to Executive Board decision 2015/12, the Executive Director of UNOPS consulted with the United Nations Secretary-General on the future role of the Policy Advisory Committee. As a result of this consultations the Secretary-General has decided to establish a UNOPS Client Board. At the current session the Executive Director will present a conference room paper providing further background and details to inform an Executive Board decision thereon.

The Board may wish to adopt a decision, elements of which are contained in the annual report and the conference room paper.

*Documentation:*

Annual report of the Executive Director (DP/OPS/2019/2)

Proposal to establish a UNOPS Client Board to replace the Policy Advisory Committee (DP/OPS/CRP.1)

## **Joint segment**

### **Item 12 Reports of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS Ethics Offices**

Under this item, the Executive Board will have before it the reports of the Ethics Offices of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS.

Pursuant to Executive Board decision 2008/37, the UNDP Ethics Office submits the present report that covers its activities in 2018. In accordance with Secretary-General's bulletin, United Nations system-wide application of ethics: separately administered organs and programmes (ST/SGB/2007/11), the Ethics Panel of the United Nations reviewed the report at its 110<sup>th</sup> session on 20 February 2019; the report

was subsequently presented to the UNDP Administrator. This is the eleventh annual report presented by the Ethics Office since its establishment in 2007.

The UNFPA report is submitted to the Executive Board pursuant to paragraph 9 of Executive Board decision 2010/17: Reports of the Ethics Offices of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS. In accordance with the Secretary-General's bulletin entitled United Nations system-wide application of ethics: separately administered organs and programmes (ST/SGB/2007/11), the report was reviewed by the Ethics Panel of the United Nations at its 111th session on 12 March 2019 and presented to the UNFPA Executive Director. The report provides a summary of the activities of the UNFPA Ethics Office during 2018, and describes trends in the mandated areas of its work. It also provides recommendations to management to further strengthen the organizational culture of integrity and compliance. A management response to the report is also available (DP/FPA/2018/CRP.7).

Pursuant to Executive Board decision 2010/17, the Ethics Officer of UNOPS submits to the Board the report on the activities of the Ethics Office during 2018. This report has been reviewed by the Ethics Panel of the United Nations, in accordance with section 5.4 of the Secretary-General's bulletin on United Nations system-wide application of ethics: separately administered organs and programmes (ST/SGB/2007/11), as amended.

The Executive Board may wish to take note of the reports of the Ethics Offices of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS, and comment on the progress of the work of the Ethics Offices.

In line with Executive Board decision 2018/14, UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS commissioned an independent, external review of the organizations' policies, procedures and practices to ensure a victim-centred approach to addressing sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment. The review focused on the institutional framework in place to determine what is working and identify recommendations for improvement. This review forms part of a continuous process of monitoring and review of the organizations' response to SEA/SH and provides an independently verified baseline to assess efficacy and impact. The review was undertaken by Deloitte based on United Nations standards for an effective SEA/SH response as well as its industry experience in the field of protection from sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA) and SH. Observations and recommendations of the review relate to accountability and governance; prevention; reporting and investigations; and assistance.

The Executive Board may wish to take note of the findings and recommendations of the review and the management responses by UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS.

*Documentation:*

Activities of the UNDP Ethics Office in 2018 (DP/2019/20)

UNFPA: Report of the Ethics Office 2018 (DP/FPA/2019/7)

Activities of the UNOPS Ethics Office in 2018 (DP/OPS/2019/3)

Independent review of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS policies and procedures to tackle sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment (DP/FPA/OPS/2019/1)

Joint UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS management response to the review of the policies and procedures to tackle sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment (DP/FPA/OPS/2019/2)



### **Item 13**

#### **Internal audit and oversight**

Under this item, the Executive Board will have before it the internal audit and investigation reports of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS.

The UNDP report provides information on the activities of the Office of Audit and Investigations (OAI) for the year ended 31 December 2018. As requested by the Executive Board in its decision 2016/13, the report includes an opinion, based on the scope of work undertaken, on the adequacy and effectiveness of the UNDP framework of governance, risk management and control; a concise summary of work, and the criteria that support the opinion. In addition, as requested by the Board in its decision 2018/13, the report includes supporting analysis for the opinion, its risk assessments, and how complaints are reported to the Office

The report continues to address requests made by the Board in previous decisions, such as: adherence to a statement of conformance with the internal audit standards; a view as to whether the resourcing of the function is appropriate, sufficient and effectively deployed to achieve the desired internal audit coverage; timely information on challenges in discharging oversight responsibilities; review of the OAI staffing and budget; and presentation of the risk-based planning (all listed in decision 2015/13). The report also includes information regarding financial losses identified by investigations as well as the manner and amount of recovery (decision 2014/21), the titles of all internal audit reports issued during the year and ratings received (decision 2013/24), and cases of alleged misconduct and actions taken in cases of misconduct (decision 2011/22). The management response to this report is presented separately (decision 2006/13) and the annual report of the Audit and Evaluation Advisory Committee is appended to this report (in accordance with document DP/2008/16/Rev.1).

The report on the UNFPA internal audit and investigation activities of the Office of Audit and Investigation Services (OAIS) for the year ending 31 December 2018 responds to Executive Board decisions 2015/2 and 2015/13 and earlier pertinent Board decisions. It presents a synthesis of activities completed in 2018 by OAIS on internal audit and investigation. The report contains information on (a) the resources in OAIS for 2018; (b) significant issues revealed through OAIS internal audit and investigation activities; (c) investigations, including information on cases and actions taken; (d) the review of internal audit recommendations issued in 2010-2018 and their implementation status. The opinion on the governance, risk management and control framework of UNFPA, based on the work undertaken, is provided as an addendum to the report. Annexes are available separately on the UNFPA website.

Pursuant to Executive Board decision 2015/2 and earlier pertinent decisions, the annual report of the UNFPA Oversight Advisory Committee (previously Audit Advisory Committee) is provided as an addendum to the report. A management response to the two reports is also available (DP/FPA/2019/CRP.6).

The Executive Board will also have before it the activity report on UNOPS internal audit and investigation services for the year ended 31 December 2018, submitted by the Internal Audit and Investigations Group. The report is accompanied by the management response presented separately (in accordance with decision 2006/13) and the annual report of the UNOPS Audit Advisory Committee for 2018.

The Executive Board may wish to adopt a decision on the internal audit and investigations reports of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS.

*Documentation:*

UNDP: Annual report of the Office of Audit and Investigations on internal audit and investigation activities in 2018 (DP/2019/23)

UNFPA: Report of the Office of Audit and Investigation Services on UNFPA internal audit and investigation activities in 2018 (DP/FPA/2019/6)

Opinion on the adequacy and effectiveness of the UNFPA framework of governance, risk management and control (DP/FPA/2019/6/Add.1)

Annual report of the UNFPA Oversight Advisory Committee (DP/FPA/2019/6/Add.2)

UNOPS: Annual report of the Internal Audit and Investigations Group on internal audit and investigation activities in 2018 (DP/OPS/2019/4)

**Item 14**

**Update on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 72/279 on the repositioning of the United Nations development system**

In its decisions 2018/16, 2018/18 and 2018/20, the Executive Board requested UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS to continue to engage with the Board on the progress in implementation of the General Assembly resolution 72/279 of 31 May 2018 on repositioning of the United Nations development system in the context of the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system, and to provide regular updates.

The Board may wish to adopt a decision.

**Item 15**

**Working methods of the Executive Board**

In its decision 2018/22, the Executive Board requested the Bureau of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS, in collaboration with the bureaux of UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP, to launch a joint consultative process with Member States, through the core working group drawn from members of the four Boards, with a view to examining the efficiency and quality of its current sessions, as well as the functions of the joint meeting of the Boards.

The Board may wish to adopt a decision on the working methods of the Board.

**Item 16**

**Other matters**

**TENTATIVE WORKPLAN  
EXECUTIVE BOARD OF UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS  
ANNUAL SESSION 2017  
(30 May, 3-4 and 6-7 June 2019, New York)**

<i>Day/Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Subject</i>
<b>Thursday, 30 May</b>	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	1	ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adoption of the agenda and workplan for the session</li> <li>• Adoption of the report of the first regular session 2019</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>JOINT SEGMENT</b></p>
		14	UPDATE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 72/279 ON THE REPOSITIONING OF THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM
	3 – 5:30 p.m.	12	REPORTS OF THE ETHICS OFFICES OF UNDP, UNFPA AND UNOPS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reports of the Ethics Offices of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS on activities for 2018, and management responses</li> <li>• Independent review of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS respective policies and procedures to tackle sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment, and management responses</li> </ul>
		13	INTERNAL AUDIT AND OVERSIGHT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reports of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS on internal audit and investigation activities in 2018, and management responses</li> </ul>
<b>Friday, 31 May</b>	10 a.m. – 1 p.m. & 3 – 5:30 p.m.		<i>Joint Meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP</i>
<b>Monday, 3 June</b>	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	9	<b>UNFPA SEGMENT</b> STATEMENT BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND ANNUAL REPORT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implementation of the Strategic Plan, 2018-2021: report of the Executive Director</li> <li>• Statistical and financial review, 2018</li> <li>• Report on the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit in 2018</li> </ul>
	3 – 5:30 p.m.	9	ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (cont'd)
		10	EVALUATION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual report of the UNFPA Evaluation Office 2018, and management response</li> <li>• Evaluation of the UNFPA response to the Syria crisis</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday, 4 June</b>	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	2	<b>UNDP SEGMENT</b> INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE WITH THE UNDP ADMINISTRATOR AND ANNUAL REPORT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report of the Administrator on results for 2018 and progress on the strategic plan, 2018-2021</li> <li>• Status of implementation of the Common Chapter</li> <li>• UNDP report on the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit in 2018</li> <li>• Statistical annex</li> </ul>

	3 – 5:30 p.m.	2	ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR (cont'd)
		3	GENDER EQUALITY AT UNDP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Annual report on the implementation of the UNDP gender equality strategy, 2018-2021</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday, 5 June</b>	<i>Official United Nations holiday</i>		
<b>Thursday, 6 June</b>	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	6	<b>UNDP SEGMENT (cont'd)</b> EVALUATION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review of the UNDP evaluation policy, and management responses</li> <li>Annual report on evaluation, and management commentaries</li> <li>Evaluation of UNDP support to poverty reduction in the least developed countries, and management response</li> </ul>
	3 – 5:30 p.m.	7	UNITED NATIONS CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUND <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Report on results achieved by UNCDF in 2018</li> </ul>
		8	UNITED NATIONS VOLUNTEERS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>United Nations Volunteers: annual report of the Administrator</li> </ul>
<b>Friday, 7 June</b>	10 a.m.– 12 p.m.	11	<b>UNOPS SEGMENT</b> STATEMENT BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND ANNUAL REPORT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Annual report of the Executive Director</li> </ul>
	12 – 1 p.m.	15	<b>JOINT SEGMENT (cont'd)</b> WORKING METHODS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD
	3 – 6 p.m.	4	<b>UNDP SEGMENT (cont'd)</b> HUMAN DEVELOPMENT REPORT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update on the Human Development Report consultations (GA resolution 57/264)</li> </ul>
		5	UNDP COUNTRY PROGRAMMES AND RELATED MATTERS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation and approval of country programme documents</li> <li>Extensions of country programmes</li> </ul>
		16	OTHER MATTERS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adoption of decisions</li> </ul>
		1	ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adoption of the tentative workplan for the second regular session 2019</li> <li>Closing of the session</li> </ul>