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**Decisions adopted by the Executive Board at its first regular  
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**2020/1**

**Reports of UNDP, UNCDF, UNFPA and UNOPS on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors, 2018**

*The Executive Board*

1. *Welcomes* the unqualified audit opinions that UNDP, UNFPA, UNCDF and UNOPS received for 2018, while also noting that there is still room for improvement;
2. *Calls for* a strong focus on measures targeted towards preventative actions and quality assurance, as well as ethics awareness-raising, and protection of whistle-blowers, in line with existing non-retaliatory policies of the entities;
3. *Urges* UNDP, UNFPA, UNCDF and UNOPS to continue implementing and closing the recommendations of the Board of Auditors for the year ended 31 December 2018, and the remaining recommendations from prior years;
4. *Calls for* UNDP, UNFPA, UNCDF and UNOPS management to systematically continue to improve the maturity of risk management at all levels, particularly strengthening accountability and the implementation of the internal control frameworks;

*With regard to UNDP:*

5. *Notes* the progress made by UNDP in addressing the refined top seven audit-related priorities in 2018-2019;
6. *Recalls* decision 2019/2 and notes that important findings and recommendations of the Board of Auditors in 2018 remain applicable to the country level, and encourages UNDP to present its action plan of the 2019 internal study on root causes underlying recurring audit observations and present concrete plans to address these oversight and accountability issues across the UNDP country, regional and global management practices and portfolios;
7. *Notes* that the Board of Auditors observed different levels of maturity and awareness among the bureaux and country offices in their compliance to internal control frameworks, and encourages UNDP to take appropriate action to ensure that all staff at country level are sufficiently trained and have adequate competence for continuous stringent compliance with its accountability and internal control frameworks;
8. *Also notes* the observations by the Board of Auditors relating to human resources, and encourages UNDP to further ensure compliance with policies on workforce and personnel management across the organization;
9. *Looks forward* to the review of the UNDP enterprise risk management policy in the 2020 report of the Board of Auditors;

*With regard to UNFPA:*

10. *Takes note* of the report (DP/FPA/2020/1) on the actions taken by UNFPA and the further measures planned by the organization to implement the recommendations of the Board of Auditors for the financial period that ended on 31 December 2018;
11. *Looks forward* to the UNFPA enterprise risk management policy in 2020 and the enterprise resource planning system in 2021 to support the implementation and closing of outstanding recommendations;

*With regard to UNOPS:*

12. *Notes* that the Board of Auditors recommended that UNOPS needed to formulate a strategy for the effective utilization of its increasing surpluses under its operational reserve and, recalling decisions 2012/5 and 2019/20 in this regard, calls on UNOPS to utilize its operational reserve in strict accordance with the existing financial rules and regulations.

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**2020/2****Working methods of the Executive Board***The Executive Board*

1. *Recalls* decision 2019/16 of the Executive Board of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS on working methods of the Executive Board and reiterates its requests therein;
2. *Takes note* of the joint paper on working methods of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP;
3. *Takes note with appreciation* of the revised guidelines for the field visits of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF and UN-Women, and for the joint field visits of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP;
4. *Requests* the secretariat of the Executive Board of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, in collaboration with the secretariats of the Executive Boards of UNICEF and UN-Women, to submit to Member States, ahead of the annual session 2020, with a view to conclude discussions on the working methods no later than the second regular session, a concrete proposal for a rearranged annual workplan of the Executive Board for 2021, which includes daily schedules of the three sessions and informal consultations, supported by a detailed comparative analysis of potential implications on items for decisions, overall costs, efficiency and oversight, with a view to reducing the workload of the second regular session by shifting agenda items among formal sessions, as appropriate;
5. *Further recalls* decision 2018/22 and stresses the need to continue to harmonize the consideration of common agenda items across the respective Executive Board agendas and requests the secretariat of the Executive Board of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, in collaboration with the secretariats of the Executive Boards of UNICEF and UN-Women, to reflect it in the proposal of a rearranged workplan for 2021;
6. *Recalls* decision 2018/22 and requests UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS management to circulate timely written response to the unanswered questions raised at formal sessions of the Executive Board;
7. *Takes note with appreciation* of the current tracking system of the decisions of the Executive Board and requests the secretariat to put the full text of decisions into the system so that Member States have full oversight on follow-up and fulfilment of decisions, starting in 2019.

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**2020/3****Overview of decisions adopted by the Executive Board at its first regular session 2020***The Executive Board**Recalls* that during its first regular session 2020, it:**Item 1****Organizational matters**

Elected on 16 December 2019 the following members of the Bureau for 2020:

President:	H.E. Mr. Walton Webson (Antigua and Barbuda)
Vice-President:	H.E. Mr. Georgi Panayotov (Bulgaria)
Vice-President:	H.E. Ms. Anna-Karin Eneström (Sweden)

Vice-President: H.E. Ms. Valentine Rugwabiza, (Rwanda)  
Vice-President: H.E. Mr. Mansour Ayyad Alotaibi (Kuwait)

Adopted the agenda and approved the workplan for its first regular session 2020 (DP/2020/L.1);

Approved the report of the second regular session 2019 (DP/2020/1);

Adopted the annual workplan of the Executive Board for 2020 (DP/2020/CRP.1);

Approved the tentative workplan for the annual session 2020;

Agreed to the following schedule for the remaining sessions of the Executive Board in 2020:

Annual session: 1 to 5 June 2020

Second regular session: 31 August to 4 September 2020.

### **Joint segment**

#### **Item 2**

##### **Recommendations of the Board of Auditors**

Adopted decision 2020/1 on the recommendations of the Board of Auditors – reports of UNDP (DP/2020/3), UNCDF (DP/2020/4), UNFPA (DP/FPA/2020/1) and UNOPS (DP/OPS/2020/1) on the status of implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors for 2018;

#### **Item 3**

##### **Financial, budgetary and administrative matters**

Took note of the joint preliminary comprehensive proposal on the cost-recovery policy (DP/FPA-ICEF-UNW/2020/CRP.1);

#### **Item 4**

##### **Working methods of the Executive Board**

Adopted decision 2020/2 on the working methods of the Executive Board.

### **UNDP segment**

#### **Item 5**

##### **UNDP country programmes and related matters**

Approved the following UNDP country programmes in accordance with decision 2014/7:

*Africa:* the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DP/DCP/COD/3); Mali (DP/DCP/MLI/4);

*Arab States:* Iraq (DP/DCP/IRQ/3); Kuwait (DP/DCP/KWT/3);

*Latin America and the Caribbean:* Cuba (DP/DCP/CUB/3); Paraguay (DP/DCP/PRY/3);

Took note of the first one-year extensions of the country programmes for Afghanistan, Colombia, Guatemala, Lebanon, Tajikistan and Venezuela (DP/2020/5 and DP/2020/5/Add.1)

Approved the second extension of the country programme for Mexico and the third extensions for the country programmes for South Africa and the Syrian Arab Republic (DP/2020/5);

**UNFPA segment****Item 6****Evaluation**

Took note of the developmental evaluation of results-based management at UNFPA ([DP/FPA/2020/CRP.1](#));

**Item 7****Country programmes and related matters**

Approved the following UNFPA country programmes in accordance with decision 2014/7:

Cuba ([DP/FPA/CPD/CUB/9](#)); the Democratic Republic of the Congo ([DP/FPA/CPD/COD/5](#)); Iraq ([DP/FPA/CPD/IRQ/3](#)); Mali ([DP/FPA/CPD/MLI/8](#)); and Paraguay ([DP/FPA/CPD/PRY/8](#));

Took note of the one-year extensions of the country programmes for Colombia, Guatemala and Venezuela, and the third, one-year extension for the country programme for Syrian Arab Republic and the third, three-month extension for South Africa ([DP/FPA/2020/2](#));

**UNOPS segment****Item 8****United Nations Office for Project Services**

Heard the UNOPS Executive Director give a statement.

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**TENTATIVE WORKPLAN  
EXECUTIVE BOARD OF UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS  
ANNUAL SESSION 2020  
(1 – 5 June 2020, New York)**

<i>Day/Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Subject</i>
<b>Monday, 1 June</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 2020</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>JOINT SEGMENT</b></p>
		2	UPDATE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 72/279 ON THE REPOSITIONING OF THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM
		3	INTERNAL AUDIT AND INVESTIGATION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reports of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS on internal audit and investigation activities in 2019, and management responses</li> </ul>
		4	ETHICS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reports of the Ethics Offices of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS on activities for 2019, and management responses</li> </ul>
	3 – 5:30 p.m.		<b>UNOPS SEGMENT</b>
			STATEMENT BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
		17	ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
<b>Tuesday, 2 June</b>	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.		<b>UNDP SEGMENT</b>
			INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE WITH THE UNDP ADMINISTRATOR
		5	MIDTERM REVIEW OF THE UNDP STRATEGIC PLAN, 2018-2021, INCLUDING THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR 2019 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UNDP report on the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit in 2019</li> <li>• Statistical annex</li> </ul>
	3 – 5:30 p.m.	5	MIDTERM REVIEW OF THE UNDP STRATEGIC PLAN, 2018-2021, INCLUDING THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR 2019 (cont'd)
		6	FINANCIAL, BUDGETARY AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Midterm review of the UNDP integrated resources plan and integrated budget, 2018-2021</li> <li>• Report of the ACABQ on the midterm review of the UNDP integrated resources plan and integrated budget, 2018-2021</li> </ul>

<b>Wednesday, 3 June</b>	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	7	<b>UNDP SEGMENT (cont'd)</b> 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>
		8	HUMAN DEVELOPMENT REPORT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update on the Human Development Report consultations (GA resolution 57/264)</li> </ul>
		9	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>
	3 – 5:30 p.m.	10	EVALUATION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Annual report on evaluation and management commentaries</li> <li>Joint UNDP/UNFPA update on first deliverable of the Common Chapter joint evaluation: Baseline on partnerships and evaluability</li> </ul>
		11	<b>UNITED NATIONS VOLUNTEERS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>United Nations Volunteers: annual report of the Administrator</li> </ul>
		12	<b>UNITED NATIONS CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUND</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Midterm review of the United Nations Capital Development Fund strategic framework, 2018-2021, including the annual report on results achieved by UNCDF in 2019</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday, 4 June</b>	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.		<b>UNFPA SEGMENT</b> STATEMENT BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
		13	ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Integrated midterm review and progress report on implementation of the Strategic Plan, 2018-2021</li> <li>Statistical and financial review, 2019</li> <li>Report on the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit in 2019</li> </ul>
	3 – 5:30 p.m.	13	ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (cont'd)
		14	FINANCIAL, BUDGETARY AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Midterm review of the UNFPA integrated budget, 2018-2021</li> <li>Report of the ACABQ on the midterm review of the UNFPA integrated budget, 2018-2021</li> </ul>
<b>Friday, 5 June</b>	10 a.m.– 1 p.m.	16	<b>UNFPA SEGMENT (cont'd)</b> EVALUATION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Annual report of the UNFPA Evaluation Office 2019, and management commentaries</li> <li>Evaluation of UNFPA capacity to respond to humanitarian crisis, and management response</li> </ul>
		15	UNFPA 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>

	3 p.m.	18	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 2020</li><li>• Closing of the session</li></ul>