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2019/6 Annual report of the UNDP Administrator

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Administrator on results for 2018 and progress on the Strategic Plan, 2018-2021 (DP/2019/10) and its annexes; the report of UNDP on the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit in 2018 (DP/2019/10/Add.1) and its annexes; and the statistical annex (DP/2019/10/Add.2);
2. *Takes note* of the 10 observations presented in the report, welcomes the progress made towards achieving Strategic Plan results in 2018 and urges UNDP to incorporate lessons learned in the Plan's implementation going forward;
3. *Recalls* decision 2017/31 on the UNDP integrated resources plan and integrated budget, 2018-2021, and recognizes the importance of regular resources provided by UNDP for ensuring the continued delivery of the strategic frameworks of the United Nations Volunteers and United Nations Capital Development Fund;
4. *Takes note* of the annual report on the implementation of the UNDP gender equality strategy in 2018 (DP/2019/11) and UNDP achievements both in terms of development results under each outcome of the UNDP Strategic Plan, 2018-2021, and in institutional performance;
5. *Takes note* of the achievements on the six signature solutions of the UNDP Strategic Plan, 2018-2021, and requests that information in this regard be included but not be limited to the annual reports of the Administrator;
6. *Recognizes* the inter-agency efforts to make progress against the common chapter of the strategic plans of UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF and UN-Women and urges UNDP to continue working in close partnership with these organizations to further enhance effectiveness and delivery of results in line with their commitment to United Nations reform;
7. *Welcomes with appreciation* the engagement with the Executive Board on the implementation of the Strategic Plan, 2018-2021, and requests UNDP to continue the dialogue with the Executive Board.

7 June 2019

2019/7 UNDP evaluation

The Executive Board

With regard to the review of the UNDP evaluation policy (DP/2019/13) and the management responses thereto (DP/2019/14):

1. *Takes note* of the independent review of the UNDP evaluation policy and the management response thereto;
2. *Takes note* of the review team's conclusion that the 2016 revisions to the UNDP evaluation policy were well crafted, clear and useful, and that the policy provides UNDP with a solid evaluation framework;
3. *Further takes note* of the joint UNDP and Independent Evaluation Office management response to the report, and the planned actions to be taken in response to the issues raised through the review;

4. *Requests* the Independent Evaluation Office, in close consultation with UNDP management, to draft a revised evaluation policy for consideration and approval by the Executive Board at the second regular session 2019;

With regard to the annual report on evaluation, 2018 (DP/2019/16) and the management commentaries thereto:

5. *Takes note* of the annual report on evaluation;

6. *Requests* UNDP to address the issues raised;

With regard to the evaluation of UNDP support to poverty reduction in the least developed countries (DP/2019/4) and the management response thereto (DP/2019/17):

7. *Takes note* of the evaluation of UNDP support to poverty reduction in the least developed countries (LDCs), presented at the first regular session 2019, and the management response thereto; and requests UNDP, in line with the evaluation findings, conclusions and recommendations, to consider a more consistent programmatic engagement for poverty reduction in areas highly relevant for LDCs, and outline LDC-specific approaches and solutions that benefit people living in poverty, particularly in Africa;

8. *Further notes* the evaluation's recommendation regarding resource investment towards gender equality and women's empowerment, including the finding that opportunities for mainstreaming gender equality and women's empowerment in programme design and implementation have been underutilized in LDCs; urges UNDP to enhance systematic development support including through specifically targeting gender equality and women's empowerment within poverty reduction interventions to promote stronger impact in LDCs through informed programming with the aim of lifting women out of poverty; and requests UNDP to update the Executive Board on steps taken in this regard through its existing reporting;

9. *Also notes* the evaluation's findings regarding youth employment and empowerment and requests UNDP to develop a strategic approach to mainstreaming youth employment issues in its programmatic work on poverty reduction, including through integrated interventions combining policy aspects and downstream demand-supply interventions;

10. *Notes* that UNDP needs well-thought-through programme priorities for inclusive growth and sustainable livelihood engagement, and that multiple and intersecting vulnerabilities must inform UNDP poverty reduction and post-conflict programming;

11. *Welcomes* the reinvigorated global leadership of UNDP in the development and use of multidimensional poverty indices;

12. *Also notes* the evaluation's recommendation regarding the need to enable linkages between UNDP community-level sustainable livelihood programmes and rural poverty alleviation policies in LDCs, and requests UNDP to update the Executive Board on improving measures taken in this regard through its existing reporting;

13. *Further notes* that there is scope to strengthen the UNDP strategic poverty and environment impact, and synergies between country programmes and vertical fund engagements in this regard;

14. *Recognizes* the efforts of UNDP management in holding extensive consultations with the Board, the Independent Evaluation Office and other stakeholders in developing its management response;

15. *Encourages* UNDP to act on its intentions to develop a more ambitious support frame to countries on poverty reduction in response to the concerns raised in the evaluation, and to ensure that poverty reduction remains a central pillar of the UNDP Strategic Plan.

7 June 2019

2019/8

Report on results achieved by the United Nations Capital Development Fund in 2018

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note* of the annual report of the United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF) on results achieved in 2018 ([DP/2019/18](#)) and its annex;
2. *Commends* the efforts of UNCDF to implement its Strategic Framework, 2018-2021;
3. *Welcomes* its commitment to innovate financing solutions and approaches to make finance work for poor people;
4. *Welcomes* the work of UNCDF to demonstrate value of investing in the last mile of least developed countries (LDCs) through its management and deployment of loans and guarantees through its LDC investment platform; welcomes the lessons learned on achieving sustainability and crowding in other actors to make markets more inclusive; and commends UNCDF for making its investment platform instruments and expertise available to other United Nations agencies wishing to access them;
5. *Welcomes* the work of UNCDF in making finance work for the poor, where few others operate, and notes the limits on the number of countries and inter-agency initiatives that can be supported due to the shortfall in resources against the Strategic Framework targets;
6. *Commends* its efforts to track and evaluate its contributions to financial market and local systems change and unlocking finance for the poor, and to share lessons with the wider development community;
7. *Recognizes* the increase in the diversification of the UNCDF funding base, including from least developed and middle-income countries, and recommits to supporting UNCDF, including through fully funding regular resource requirements of \$25 million per year.

7 June 2019

2019/9

United Nations Volunteers: report of the Administrator

The Executive Board

1. *Acknowledges* General Assembly resolution [73/140](#) of 17 December 2018 on volunteering for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, in which the Assembly welcomed the integration of volunteerism into all relevant issues considered at the United Nations, in particular the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and requested actions by the United Nations Volunteers (UNV) to further this agenda;

2. *Takes note* of the results-oriented annual report of the Administrator (DP/2019/19) and its annexes;
3. *Expresses appreciation* to all UN Volunteers for their outstanding contributions to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development during 2018;
4. *Commends* UNV for the results achieved during the first year of its Strategic Framework, 2018-2021 (DP/2018/6);
5. *Welcomes* the publication by UNV of the report entitled *2018 State of the World's Volunteerism Report: The Thread that Binds – Volunteerism and Community Resilience*, which presents new evidence on the roles of volunteerism in strengthening community resilience, voice and inclusion in the 2030 Agenda;
6. *Notes* the importance of regular resources provided by UNDP for ensuring the continued delivery of the UNV Strategic Framework;
7. *Reaffirms* the crucial role of the Special Voluntary Fund to the delivery of the UNV Strategic Framework 2018-2021, and calls upon all development partners in a position to do so to contribute to the Fund;
8. *Requests* that UNV build on the progress made in pursuing innovative volunteer solutions to improve its response to the challenges of implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

7 June 2019

2019/10 Annual report of the UNFPA Executive Director

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note* of the documents that make up the annual report of the Executive Director for 2018: DP/FPA/2019/4 (Part I, Part I/Add.1 and Part II);
2. *Welcomes* the promising progress made by UNFPA in implementing the [UNFPA Strategic Plan, 2018-2021](#);
3. *Commends* UNFPA for its success in mobilizing resources, including the increase in regular resources;
4. *Recognizes* the inter-agency efforts to make progress against the common chapter of the strategic plans of UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF and UN-Women, and urges UNFPA to continue working in close partnership with these organizations to further enhance effectiveness and delivery of results in line with their commitment to United Nations reform.

7 June 2019

2019/11 UNFPA evaluation

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note* of the present report on the evaluation function of UNFPA, 2018, and of the programme of work and budget of the Evaluation Office in 2019 (DP/FPA/2019/5);
2. *Welcomes* the efforts made by UNFPA and the significant progress achieved in strengthening the evaluation function, in actively contributing to United Nations

system-wide evaluation efforts, and in fostering national evaluation capacity development;

3. *Notes* the current promising trend of evaluation investment but encourages faster progress to reach 1.4 per cent as a minimum of total programme expenditures by 2021, as committed to in the evaluation policy;

4. *Welcomes* the Evaluation Office's commencement of the development of a strategy to strengthen evaluation use through communications and knowledge management, and encourages the Evaluation Office to finalize the evaluation use strategy in 2019, and report against it in the 2019 annual report on evaluation to the Executive Board;

5. *Reaffirms* the role played by the evaluation function at UNFPA and underscores the importance of high-quality independent evaluation evidence in the context of the [UNFPA Strategic Plan, 2018-2021](#), and its contribution to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

7 June 2019

2019/12

Annual report of the UNOPS Executive Director

The Executive Board

1. *Recognizes* the contributions of UNOPS to the operational results of Governments, the United Nations and other partners in 2018 through efficient management support services and effective specialized technical expertise, expanding the implementation capacity for sustainable development;

2. *Welcomes* the progress made in implementing the UNOPS Strategic Plan, 2018-2021 ([DP/OPS/2017/5](#));

3. *Takes note* of the annual report on the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit and the progress made in implementing recommendations relevant to UNOPS;

4. *Takes note* of the progress achieved in initiating social impact investment activities in UNOPS mandated areas;

5. *Takes note* of the decision of the Secretary-General to establish a Client Board to replace the Policy Advisory Committee, pursuant to internal consultation and a review by the Joint Inspection Unit, and notes that Client Board functions are advisory and do not supplant or duplicate any governance functions of the Executive Board.

7 June 2019

2019/13

Reports of the ethics offices of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS

The Executive Board

With regard to the reports of the ethics offices of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS:

1. *Welcomes* the reports of the ethics offices of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS ([DP/2019/20](#), [DP/FPA/2019/7](#) and [DP/OPS/2019/3](#)), and encourages their management to continue to instil and improve a culture of ethics in the three organizations, including robust whistle-blower protection policies;

2. *Encourages* the management of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS in its reporting on sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment to further enhance transparency on how

implemented actions ensure a victim-centred approach and are aligned with United Nations system-wide efforts;

3. *Notes* the progress made by the UNDP Ethics Office in strengthening the ethical culture of UNDP;
4. *Welcomes* the continued progress in the work of the UNFPA Ethics Office and encourages management to consider its request to increase the staff capacity of the Ethics Office;
5. *Welcomes* the continued progress in the work of the UNOPS Ethics Office;

With regard to the independent review of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS policies and procedures to tackle sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment and the joint management response thereto:

6. *Takes note with appreciation* of the independent review of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS policies and procedures to tackle sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment (DP/FPA/OPS/2019/1) and welcomes the joint UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS management response (DP/FPA/OPS/2019/2); requests UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS to provide an update on implementation of actions set out in the independent review and management response at the annual session in 2020, within existing reporting;
7. *Supports* the ongoing strong commitment to “zero tolerance” for sexual harassment and sexual exploitation and abuse by the heads of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS;
8. *Welcomes* the progress made so far, and urges the management of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS to ensure a continued focus on all matters related to prevention and response, including investigation, to sexual harassment and sexual exploitation and abuse going forward.

7 June 2019

2019/14

Reports of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS on internal audit and investigations and management responses

The Executive Board

1. *Welcomes* the progress of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS in addressing audit-related management issues in 2018;
2. *Notes with appreciation* efforts to implement outstanding audit recommendations from previous reports;
3. *Encourages* the management of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS in its reporting on sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment to further enhance transparency on how implemented actions ensure a victim-centred approach and are aligned with United Nations system-wide efforts;

With regard to UNDP:

4. *Takes note* of the annual report of the Office of Audit and Investigations on internal audit and investigation activities in 2018 (DP/2019/23) and its annexes, and the management response thereto; and takes note of the annual report of the Audit and Evaluation Advisory Committee;
5. *Notes with concern* that the overall audit opinion has changed from “satisfactory” to “partially satisfactory/some improvement required” and appreciates that this matter is taken under serious consideration by UNDP management in its response; urges UNDP senior management to exercise greater oversight of offices that have received “unsatisfactory” audit ratings in the recent past, as well as those with high risk exposure, as identified by the Office

of Audit and Investigation, and to take corrective and preventative measures to address weaknesses and vulnerabilities;

6. *Notes with concern* that the most recurring audit issues in country offices are inadequate project monitoring and evaluations, delays in closing completed projects in the Atlas system, inadequate controls in procurement management such as not undertaking competitive procurement processes or the absence of contract reviews, inadequate oversight in the recruitment of personnel to ensure proper shortlisting and longlisting of applicants, weaknesses in financial management and weaknesses in asset management; and encourages UNDP management to address these recurring issues;

7. *Notes with appreciation* the high overall implementation rate of Office of Audit and Investigation recommendations, which has improved since 2018 with only four recommendations not fully implemented over 18 months or more;

8. *Further notes* improvements in applying the harmonized approach to cash transfers and encourages UNDP to continue its efforts to enhance the oversight and management functions of implementing partners;

9. *Appreciates* that UNDP has provided information on financial losses due to fraud and improved the recovery rate between 2013 and 2018, as requested by the Board, and encourages UNDP management to continue to improve its recovery efforts and rates, and continue to report to the Board on an annual basis;

10. *Requests* UNDP to continue to work—preventively and correctively to address recommendations of, and issues raised by, the Office of Audit and Investigations;

11. *Notes with concern* that, with regard to investigations, the most common complaints refer to financial irregularities including procurement fraud, misrepresentation, entitlement fraud, theft and embezzlement, and the high number of complaints from high-risk environments, and encourages UNDP management to address these issues as a matter of high priority;

12. *Expresses* continuing support for strengthening the internal audit and investigation functions of UNDP;

With regard to UNFPA:

13. *Takes note* of the report of the Office of Audit and Investigation Services on UNFPA internal audit and investigation activities in 2018 ([DP/FPA/2019/6](#)), the opinion, based on the scope of work undertaken, on the adequacy and effectiveness of the UNFPA framework of governance, risk management and control ([DP/FPA/2019/6/Add.1](#)), the annual report of the UNFPA Oversight Advisory Committee ([DP/FPA/2019/6/Add.2](#)), and the management response ([DP/FPA/2019/CRP.6](#)) thereto and to the present report;

14. *Takes note* of the recurring recommendations regarding insufficient supervisory controls and inadequate guidance for country offices, as well as procurement processes, and welcomes UNFPA actions to address this;

15. *Expresses* its continuing support for the strengthening of the audit and investigation functions at UNFPA, and urges management to provide sufficient resources to the Office of Audit and Investigative Services to fully discharge its mandate while recognizing the importance of audit and investigation functions to the organization's activities;

16. *Acknowledges and supports* the engagement of the Office of Audit and Investigation Services in joint audit and investigation activities;

With regard to UNOPS:

17. *Takes note* of the annual report of the Internal Audit and Investigations Group on internal audit and investigation activities in 2018 ([DP/OPS/2019/4](#)) and its annexes, and the

management response thereto; and takes note of the annual report of the Audit Advisory Committee for 2018 (in line with Executive Board decision 2008/37);

18. *Welcomes* the large reduction in new audit recommendations, as well as the progress made in implementation of audit recommendations;

19. *Welcomes* the improvement as expressed in the general audit opinion of, and based on the scope of work undertaken on the adequacy and effectiveness of the organization's framework of governance, risk management and control (in line with Executive Board decision 2015/13);

20. *Takes note* of the commitment the Internal Audit and Investigations Group has shown in striving for best practice with regards to efficiency, effectiveness and use of technology and other innovative approaches;

21. *Takes note* of the Internal Audit and Investigations Charter.

7 June 2019

2019/15

Update on implementation of General Assembly resolution 72/279 of 31 May 2018 on the 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

The Executive Board

1. *Welcomes* the updates provided by UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS on the implementation of 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;

2. *Requests* UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS to work towards adequately sequencing entity-specific country programme documents so that the individual programmes derive directly from the new United Nations Development Assistance Framework (now renamed United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework), which is to be prepared and finalized in full consultation and agreement with national Governments and is the most important planning document of the United Nations development system at the country level; and requests UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS to provide an update at the next session of the Executive Board on adjustments required;

3. *Requests* UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS to provide, for information at the next session of the Executive Board, a detailed mapping of their regional assets and capacities, in accordance with General Assembly resolution [72/279](#) and mindful of ongoing discussions on the revamping of the regional approach of the United Nations development system;

4. *Welcomes* the preliminary updates provided by UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS on efficiencies, including through shared business operations and premises; calls upon the executive heads of UNOPS, UNFPA and UNDP to continue to take action to ensure full achievement of efficiency gains and their redeployment in line with relevant existing mandates, including from General Assembly resolutions [71/243](#) of 21 December 2016 on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system and [72/279](#) on repositioning of the United Nations development system, as well as to take into account the applicable recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit in the report on opportunities to improve efficiency and effectiveness in administrative support services by enhancing inter-agency cooperation ([JIU/REP/2018/5](#));

5. *Requests* regular updates to the Executive Board on efficiency gains and their redeployments, through existing reporting mechanisms;

6. *Requests* UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS to continue to support the efforts of the Secretary-General to develop a tracking system to monitor efficiency gains;
7. *Notes* the cost-saving measures UNDP has had to undertake to maintain a balanced budget while providing financial support to the reforms, and requests UNDP to ensure that these measures do not negatively affect its capacities to provide adequate development support to programme countries;
8. *Welcomes* that UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS contributed their doubled contributions to the resident coordinator cost-sharing, and calls on UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS to implement the 1 per cent levy, as applicable, as per the operational guidance for implementing the coordination levy (12 March 2019) issued by the United Nations Development Coordination Office;
9. *Recalls* [decisions](#) 2018/16, 2018/18 and 2018/20 and notes that the agency-administered option for collecting the coordination levy adds administrative tasks to UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS and requires adjustments to agency administrative processes, and requests UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS to provide information on the adjustments and to promptly report to the Executive Board on any additional transaction and administrative costs associated with the administration of the levy, within existing reporting;
10. *Recalls* the importance of funding predictability and urges Member States in a position to do so to prioritize regular resources and multi-year pledges, given that further reductions in regular resources risk jeopardizing the ability of UNDP and UNFPA to achieve planned strategic results;
11. *Encourages* UNDP and UNFPA, in collaboration with UN-Women and UNICEF, to place special emphasis on the implementation of their respective Strategic Plans, including the common chapter on joint programming, in accordance with their respective mandates and comparative and collaborative advantages, and to report at the annual session in 2020, including through the midterm reviews of their respective Strategic Plans, where and how the inter-agency process among the United Nations funds and programmes has led to greater efficiencies and effectiveness.

7 June 2019

2019/16

Working methods of the Executive Board

The Executive Board

1. *Reaffirms* the [rules of procedure](#) of the Executive Board of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS;
2. *Welcomes* the [written account of the core group](#) of Member States that led the joint consultative process with Member States, in an open, transparent and inclusive manner, with a view to examining the efficiency and quality of its current sessions, as well as the functions of the joint meeting of the Executive Boards in line with decisions [2019/3](#) and [2018/22](#);
3. *Recognizes* the technical support provided by the secretariats of the UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP Executive Boards to the core group and notes the annex to the written account as prepared by the secretariats;
4. *Stresses* that the overarching principles of the discussion on working methods of the Executive Boards are the preservation of executive guidance and oversight of agencies; avoidance of duplication with the function of the Economic and Social Council

operational activities segment and the respective Executive Boards; and respect for the different mandates and characteristics of each agency, fund, programme and entity;

5. *Requests* UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, in collaboration with the UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP, to organize joint informal briefings/consultations and strongly encourages that they be scheduled within socially acceptable hours to allow the WFP Executive Board to participate from Rome;

6. *Requests* the secretariat of the UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS Executive Board, in collaboration with the secretariats of the Executive Boards of UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP, to present initial proposals to improve the working methods of the joint meeting of the Boards, including an optimal timing for convening the joint meeting of the Boards, for consideration by Member States at the second regular session 2019, mindful that the joint meeting of the Boards does not have decision-making authority and of the need to avoid duplication and overlap with the functions of the Economic and Social Council operational activities segment;

7. *Requests* that the secretariat propose different alternatives of adjusting the date of the second regular session, mindful that it does not overlap with the other schedules, for consideration by the Executive Board at the second regular session 2019;

8. *Requests* that an informal, at no cost to the organizations, meeting of the Presidents of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP be held on a regular basis for enhanced harmonization of common issues, and for increased coordination among agencies, funds, programmes and entities and the respective Executive Boards, while bearing in mind that according to the rules of procedure of Executive Boards the Presidents remain under the authority of the respective Executive Boards and do not have the authority to make decisions on any substantive matters, and that the outcome of the meetings be shared with the wider membership;

9. *Affirms* the need to elect the Bureau members early on to minimize leadership gaps and enhance the efficient functioning of the Presidency and Executive Board at large;

10. *Recommends* that for continuity and smooth transition between outgoing and incoming Bureaux, whenever appropriate and consistent with the relevant rules of procedure, regional groups could consider taking appropriate measures so that one of the Vice-Chairs/Vice-Presidents of the bureau can take on the Chair/Presidency and could be effective in that capacity in the following year;

11. *Notes* the need for flexibility on chairing the informal meetings of the Executive Board from the President of the Bureau or one of the Vice-Presidents or designated members of their delegations;

12. *Requests* that the secretariat, in collaboration with the secretariats of the Executive Boards of UNICEF and UN-Women, continue convening consecutive formal sessions of the Executive Boards in order to avoid gaps between the formal sessions of the various Executive Boards;

13. *Requests* that the secretariat present practical proposals for improving the efficiency of the sessions of the Executive Board, including by reviewing the agenda items and the Board's efficient consideration of these, for deliberation and consideration by the Executive Board at the second regular session 2019;

14. *Requests* that the Executive Board, with the support of the secretariat, make its sessions interactive, while securing the time slot for group and national statements as appropriate and necessary;

15. *Requests* that while encouraging interactive discussions, any format for enhanced interaction with the heads of the agencies should contain follow-up actions within existing mechanisms;
16. *Encourages* that the heads of agencies, funds, programmes and entities participating in Board sessions provide the full texts of their statements or opening remarks (presentation) online in advance and deliver shorter statements at the Executive Board sessions. The statements and presentations should be concise in highlighting the main issues, evidenced-based and action-oriented in addressing the challenges;
17. *Strongly encourages* the President to enforce implementation of time limits for statements;
18. *Affirms* the participation of diverse stakeholders in Executive Board sessions with full respect of the relevant clauses in the rules of procedure and based on the agreement of the Executive Board, recalls decision 2018/22, paragraph 11, and reaffirms the importance of giving due consideration to gender parity in the composition of panellists participating in the Executive Boards;
19. *Requests* the Bureau to decide the destination of field visits two years in advance, while allowing the flexibility to change host countries if circumstances dictated, in order to give host countries as well as agencies as much time as possible to prepare for the visits;
20. *Requests* the Bureau, assisted by the secretariat, to consult with the Bureaux of the Executive Boards of UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP, to coordinate for the selection of field visits and to propose harmonized criteria for individual field visits, for evaluation by the Board at the first regular session 2020;
21. *Requests* the secretariats of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS to circulate proposed draft decisions to the wider membership at least four weeks prior to each session, at the discretion of the Bureau, and reiterates its strong encouragement to Member States to provide their comments on draft decisions, to the extent possible, prior to the start of the session, with a view to starting substantive consultations on the draft decisions on the first day of negotiations, without pre-empting bringing in additional proposals during negotiations;
22. *Requests* the secretariat, in collaboration with the secretariats of the Executive Boards of UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP, to track the implementation of Executive Board decisions using the matrix of common use as attached to the written account of the core group;
23. *Requests* the secretariat to distribute the minutes of Bureau meetings to members and observers of the Executive Board once these minutes have been approved by the Bureau;
24. *Reiterates* the request that the secretariat of the Executive Board of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS regularly update the joint online calendar of all Board meetings in real time so as to avoid overlap of schedules with other funds and programmes as well as major official meetings including the Economic and Social Council operational activities segment.

7 June 2019

2019/17

Overview of decisions adopted by the Executive Board at its annual session 2019

The Executive Board

Recalls that during its annual session 2019, it:

Item 1

Organizational matters

Adopted the agenda and approved the workplan for its first regular session 2019 ([DP/2019/L.2](#));

Approved the report of the first regular session 2019 ([DP/2019/8](#));

Approved the tentative workplan for the second regular session 2019;

Agreed to the following schedule for the remaining session of the Executive Board in 2019:

Second regular session: 3 to 6 September 2019.

UNDP segment

Item 2

Interactive dialogue with the UNDP Administrator and annual report

Adopted decision 2019/6 on the annual report of the UNDP Administrator;

Item 3

Gender equality at UNDP

Took note of the annual report on the implementation of the UNDP gender equality strategy, 2018-2021 ([DP/2019/11](#));

Item 4

Human Development Report

Took note of an update by the secretariat on consultations on the Human Development Report 2019;

Item 5

UNDP country programmes and related matters

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

Republic of the Congo ([DP/DCP/COG/3](#));

Took note of the first one-year extensions of the country programmes for Timor-Leste and Tunisia from 1 January to 31 December 2020, as approved by the Administrator ([DP/2019/12](#));

Approved the two-year extension of the country programme for Comoros from 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2021 ([DP/2019/12](#));

Item 6
UNDP evaluation

Adopted decision 2019/7 on UNDP evaluation;

Item 7
United Nations Capital Development Fund

Adopted decision 2019/8 on the report on results achieved by UNCDF in 2018;

Item 8
United Nations Volunteers

Adopted decision 2019/9 on the report of the Administrator on UNV;

UNFPA segment

Item 9
Annual report of the UNFPA Executive Director

Adopted decision 2019/10 on the annual report of the UNFPA Executive Director;

Item 10
UNFPA evaluation

Adopted decision 2019/11 on UNFPA evaluation;

UNOPS segment

Item 11
United Nations Office for Project Services

Adopted decision 2019/12 on the annual report of the UNOPS Executive Director;

Joint segment

Item 12
Reports of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS Ethics Offices

Adopted decision 2019/13 on the reports of the ethics offices of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS;

Item 13
Internal audit and oversight

Adopted decision 2019/14 on the reports of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS on internal audit and investigations and the management responses;

Item 14
Update on the implementation of General Assembly resolution [72/279](#) on repositioning of the United Nations development system

Adopted decision 2019/15 on the update on the implementation of General Assembly resolution [72/279](#) of 31 May 2018 on the 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;

Item 15

Working methods of the Executive Board

Adopted decision 2019/16 on the working methods of the Executive Board.

7 June 2019

**TENTATIVE WORKPLAN
EXECUTIVE BOARD OF UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS
SECOND REGULAR SESSION 2019
(3 – 6 September 2019, New York)**

<i>Day/date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Subject</i>
Tuesday, 3 September	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 annual session 2019 <p style="text-align: center;">Joint segment</p>
		10	UPDATE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 72/279 ON THE REPOSITIONING OF THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Status of Funding Compact
		2	UNDP STRUCTURED FUNDING DIALOGUE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> UNDP annual review of the financial situation, 2018 Status of regular funding commitments to UNDP and its funds and programmes for 2019 and onwards
		5	UNFPA STRUCTURED FUNDING DIALOGUE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report on contributions by Member States and others to UNFPA and revenue projections for 2019 and future years
	3 – 5:30 p.m.	8	FINANCIAL, BUDGETARY AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cost recovery: Joint review of the existing cost definitions and classifications of activities and associated costs Report of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS on joint procurement activities
		11	WORKING METHODS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD
Wednesday, 4 September	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.		UNDP segment INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE WITH THE UNDP ADMINISTRATOR
	3 – 5:30 p.m.		INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE WITH THE UNDP ADMINISTRATOR (cont'd)
		3	UNDP COUNTRY PROGRAMMES AND RELATED MATTERS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation and approval of country programme documents Extensions of country programmes
		4	EVALUATION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revised UNDP evaluation policy
Thursday, 5 September	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.		UNFPA segment STATEMENT BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

	3 – 5:30 p.m.	6	<p>UNFPA COUNTRY PROGRAMMES AND RELATED MATTERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation and approval of country programme documents • Extensions of country programmes <p style="text-align: center;">Joint segment (cont'd)</p>
		9	<p>FOLLOW-UP TO UNAIDS PROGRAMME COORDINATING BOARD MEETING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint UNDP/UNFPA report on follow-up to recommendations of the Programme Coordinating Board of UNAIDS
		12	<p>FIELD VISITS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report on the joint field visit to Colombia
Friday, 6 September	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	7	<p style="text-align: center;">UNOPS segment</p> <p style="text-align: center;">STATEMENT BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNOPS biennial budget estimates, 2020-2021 • Report of the ACABQ on the UNOPS biennial budget estimates, 2020-2021 • Annual statistical report on the procurement activities of United Nations system organizations, 2018 <p style="text-align: center;">INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE WITH THE UNOPS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR</p>
	3 - 5 p.m.	13	<p>OTHER MATTERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address by the Chairperson of the UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS/ UN-Women Staff Council • Adoption of pending decisions
		1	<p>ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft annual workplan of the Executive Board for 2020 • Adoption of the tentative workplan for the first regular session 2020