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I. Organization of the session

1. The Committee for Programme and Coordination held its organizational session (1st meeting) on 27 April 2023 and its substantive session from 30 May to 30 June 2023 at Headquarters. It held 19 formal meetings and numerous informal and “informal informal” consultations, as well as briefings.

A. Agenda

2. The agenda for the sixty-third session, adopted by the Committee at its 1st meeting, was as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
3. Programme questions:
 - (a) Proposed programme budget for 2024;
 - (b) Evaluation.
4. Coordination questions:
 - (a) Report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination;
 - (b) United Nations support for Agenda 2063.
5. Report(s) of the Joint Inspection Unit.
6. Provisional agenda for the sixty-fourth session.
7. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its sixty-third session.



Selection of reports of the Joint Inspection Unit

3. At its 1st meeting, on 27 April, the attention of the Committee was drawn to the note by the Secretariat (E/AC.51/2023/L.2), submitted pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX), in which it was stated that there were no relevant reports of the Joint Inspection Unit available for consideration at its sixty-third session.

Programme of work

4. At its 2nd meeting, on 30 May, the attention of the Committee was drawn to the annotated provisional agenda (E/AC.51/2023/1) and the revised note by the Secretariat on the status of documentation (E/AC.51/2023/L.1/Rev.1) listing the documents for consideration by the Committee.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee approved its programme of work with the understanding that adjustments would be made by the Bureau, as necessary, during the course of the session to take into account the pace of discussions.

6. Informal briefings were given by the Secretary of the Committee, on organizational matters; by the Senior Finance and Budget Officer, Business Partner Service, Department of Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance, on logistical matters; by the Director, Inspection and Evaluation Division, Office of Internal Oversight Services, on evaluation issues; and by the Director, Programme Planning and Budget Division, Department of Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance, on the proposed programme budget for 2024.

B. Election of officers

7. At its 1st meeting, on 27 April, the Committee elected, by acclamation, Adela Lanuza Dondonilla (Philippines) as Chair and Maria Fernanda Ortega (Dominican Republic) as Vice-Chair for the sixty-third session.

8. At its 2nd meeting, on 30 May, the Committee elected, by acclamation, Hind Jerbouï of Morocco as Vice-Chair and Rouven Klein (Germany) as Rapporteur for the session.

9. Accordingly, the members of the Bureau for the sixty-third session of the Committee were:

Chair:

Adela Lanuza Dondonilla (Philippines)

Vice-Chairs:¹

Maria Fernanda Ortega (Dominican Republic)

Hind Jerbouï (Morocco)

Rapporteur:

Rouven Klein (Germany)

¹ In the absence of any nomination for the position of Vice-Chair from the Group of Eastern European States, the seat remained vacant at the sixty-third session of the Committee.

C. Attendance

10. The following States Members of the United Nations were represented on the Committee:

Argentina	Iran (Islamic Republic of)
Armenia	Italy
Belarus	Japan
Belgium	Kenya
Botswana	Liberia
Brazil	Mali
Cameroon	Malta
Chile	Morocco
China	Pakistan
Costa Rica	Paraguay
Cuba	Philippines
Dominican Republic	Poland
Eritrea	Republic of Korea
Eswatini	Russian Federation
France	Tunisia
Germany	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
India	United States of America

11. The following States Members of the United Nations were represented by observers:

Burundi	Switzerland
Israel	Syrian Arab Republic
Mexico	European Union

12. Also present at the session were the Under-Secretary-General for General Assembly and Conference Management; the Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process; the Special Representative of the Secretary-General to the African Union and Head of the United Nations Office to the African Union; the Under-Secretary-General and Special Adviser on Africa; the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development; the Acting Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa; the Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific; the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean; the Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia; the Under-Secretary-General for Global Communications; the Under-Secretary-General for Management Strategy,

Policy and Compliance; the Under-Secretary-General for Operational Support; the Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services; the Under-Secretary-General for Safety and Security; the Chair of the International Civil Service Commission; the Assistant Secretary-General for General Assembly and Conference Management; the Assistant Secretary-General for Europe, Central Asia and the Americas, Department of Peace Operations; the Head of Mission and Chief of Staff, United Nations Truce Supervision Organization; the Assistant Secretary-General for Legal Affairs; the Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development; the Executive Director, International Trade Centre; the Assistant Secretary-General, Acting Deputy Executive Director and Head of the New York Office, United Nations Environment Programme; the Deputy Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Europe; the Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights; the Assistant Secretary-General/Chief Information Technology Officer; the Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources; the Inspector and Chair of the Joint Inspection Unit; and the Secretary of the United Nations Chief Executives Board for Coordination.

13. In addition to in-room representation by representatives of the relevant entities, the following reports were discussed with relevant representatives through videoconference: the report of the Secretary-General on United Nations support for Agenda 2063: The Africa We Want; the reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the evaluation of subprogramme 4 of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, on the evaluation of subprogrammes 4 and 6 of the Economic Commission for Europe and on the evaluation of subprogramme 3 of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia; as were the following programmes or parts of programmes of the proposed programme budget for 2024: programme 1, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management; programme 2, Political affairs; programme 4, Peacekeeping operations; programme 5, Peaceful uses of outer space; programme 6, Legal affairs; programme 9, United Nations system support for the African Union's Agenda 2063: The Africa We Want; programme 10, Trade and development; programme 11, Environment; programme 12, Human settlements; programme 13, International drug control, crime and terrorism prevention and criminal justice; programme 15, Economic and social development in Africa; programme 16, Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific; programme 17, Economic development in Europe; programme 18, Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean; programme 19, Economic and social development in Western Asia; programme 20, Human rights; programme 21, International protection, durable solutions and assistance to refugees; programme 22, Palestine refugees; programme 23, Humanitarian assistance; programme 25, Management and support services; and programme 27, Jointly financed activities.

D. Documentation

14. The list of documents before the Committee at its sixty-third session is set out in the annex to the present report.

E. Adoption of the report of the Committee

15. At the 19th meeting, on 30 June, the Rapporteur introduced the draft report of the Committee (E/AC.51/2023/L.4 and addenda) and the draft provisional agenda for its sixty-fourth session (E/AC.51/2023/L.3).

16. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted its draft report. The Committee also adopted the draft provisional agenda for its sixty-fourth session and decided that it would be updated in the light of the resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its 2023 session and by the General Assembly at its seventy-eighth session.

17. Before the closure of the session, statements were made by the representatives of the United States of America, Japan, China, Brazil, Cuba, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Belgium (also on behalf of Malta and Kenya), Poland, the Russian Federation, Pakistan, France, Italy, Morocco, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Chile, the Republic of Korea, Belarus, Germany, Paraguay and Argentina. The Chair made closing remarks.

Annex

List of documents before the Committee at its sixty-third session

E/AC.51/2023/1	Annotated provisional agenda
E/AC.51/2023/L.1/Rev.1	Note by the Secretariat on the status of documentation
E/AC.51/2023/L.2	Note by the Secretariat on the report(s) of the Joint Inspection Unit
	Report of the Secretary-General on the proposed programme budget for 2024: part two: programme plan for programmes and subprogrammes and programme performance information (in fascicle form) (in accordance with General Assembly resolutions 72/266 A , 74/251 , 75/243 , 76/236 , 77/254 and 77/267):
A/78/6 (Sect. 2)	Programme 1, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management
A/78/6 (Sect. 3)	Programme 2, Political affairs
A/78/6 (Sect. 4)	Programme 3, Disarmament
A/78/6 (Sect. 5)	Programme 4, Peacekeeping operations
A/78/6 (Sect. 6)	Programme 5, Peaceful uses of outer space
A/78/6 (Sect. 8)	Programme 6, Legal affairs
A/78/6 (Sect. 9)	Programme 7, Economic and social affairs
A/78/6 (Sect. 10)	Programme 8, Least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States
A/78/6 (Sect. 11)	Programme 9, United Nations system support for the African Union's Agenda 2063: The Africa We Want
A/78/6 (Sect. 12)	Programme 10, Trade and development
A/78/6 (Sect. 13)	Programme 10, subprogramme 6, International Trade Centre
A/78/6 (Sect. 14)	Programme 11, Environment
A/78/6 (Sect. 15)	Programme 12, Human settlements
A/78/6 (Sect. 16)	Programme 13, International drug control, crime and terrorism prevention and criminal justice
A/78/6 (Sect. 17)	Programme 14, Gender equality and the empowerment of women
A/78/6 (Sect. 18)	Programme 15, Economic and social development in Africa
A/78/6 (Sect. 19)	Programme 16, Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific
A/78/6 (Sect. 20)	Programme 17, Economic development in Europe
A/78/6 (Sect. 21)	Programme 18, Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean
A/78/6 (Sect. 22)	Programme 19, Economic and social development in Western Asia

A/78/6 (Sect. 24)	Programme 20, Human rights
A/78/6 (Sect. 25)	Programme 21, International protection, durable solutions and assistance to refugees
A/78/6 (Sect. 26)	Programme 22, Palestine refugees
A/78/6 (Sect. 27)	Programme 23, Humanitarian assistance
A/78/6 (Sect. 28)	Programme 24, Global communications
A/78/6 (Sect. 29)	Programme 25, Management and support services
A/78/6 (Sect. 29A)	Programme 25, Department of Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance
A/78/6 (Sect. 29B)	Programme 25, Department of Operational Support
A/78/6 (Sect. 29C)	Programme 25, Office of Information and Communications Technology
A/78/6 (Sect. 29D)	Programme 25, Administration, Nairobi
A/78/6 (Sect. 29E)	Programme 25, Administration, Geneva
A/78/6 (Sect. 29F)	Programme 25, Administration, Vienna
A/78/6 (Sect. 30)	Programme 26, Internal oversight
A/78/6 (Sect. 31)	Programme 27, Jointly financed activities
A/78/6 (Sect. 34)	Programme 28, Safety and security
E/AC.51/2023/9	Note by the Secretariat on the review of the proposed programme plan for 2024 by sectoral, functional and regional bodies
A/78/70	Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on strengthening the role of evaluation and the application of evaluation findings on programme design, delivery and policy directives
E/AC.51/2023/2	Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the evaluation of the Development Coordination Office regional support
E/AC.51/2023/4	Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the evaluation of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia: subprogramme 3, Shared economic prosperity
E/AC.51/2023/5	Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the evaluation of the Economic Commission for Europe: subprogramme 4, Economic cooperation and integration, and subprogramme 6, Trade
E/AC.51/2023/6	Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the evaluation of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific: subprogramme 4, Environment and development
E/AC.51/2023/3	Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the thematic evaluation of United Nations Secretariat support to the Sustainable Development Goals
E/AC.51/2023/7	Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the thematic evaluation of the youth, peace and security agenda: youth participation

E/2023/51	Annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination for 2022 (Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX))
E/AC.51/2023/8	Report of the Secretary-General on United Nations system support for Agenda 2063: The Africa We Want
E/AC.51/2023/L.3	Note by the Secretariat: provisional agenda and documentation for the sixty-fourth session of the Committee (Economic and Social Council resolution 1894 (LVII))
E/AC.51/2023/L.4 and addenda	Draft report of the Committee
