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Item 1

Organizational matters

Under this item, the Executive Board will adopt the agenda for the annual session 2020 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 2020. 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/2020/L.2)

Report of the first regular session 2020 (DP/2020/6)

Decisions adopted at the first regular session 2020 (DP/2020/7)

Joint segment

Item 2

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

In accordance with decisions 2018/16, 2018/18 and 2018/20, UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS will continue to engage and update the Executive Board on the status of implementation of the 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, including showcasing of examples from the field.

Item 3

Internal audit and investigation

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

Pursuant to decision 2016/13 of the Executive Board, the UNDP Office of Audit and Investigations submits the present report covering its activities in 2019. It includes an opinion, based on the scope of work undertaken, concerning 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

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 (OAS) for the year ending 31 December 2019 responds to Executive Board decisions 2015/2 and 2015/13 and earlier pertinent Board decisions. It presents a synthesis of activities completed in 2019 by OAS on internal audit and investigation. The report contains information on (a) the resources in OAS for 2019; (b) significant issues revealed through OAS internal audit and investigation activities; (c) investigations, including information on cases and actions taken; (d) the review of internal audit recommendations issued in 2010-2019 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/2020/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 2019, 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 2019.

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

Documentation:

UNDP: Annual report of the Office of Audit and Investigations on internal audit and investigation activities in 2019 (DP/2020/16)

UNFPA: Report of the Office of Audit and Investigation Services on UNFPA internal audit and investigation activities in 2019 (DP/FPA/2020/6)

Opinion on the adequacy and effectiveness of the UNFPA framework of governance, risk management and control (DP/FPA/2020/6/Add.1)

Annual report of the UNFPA Oversight Advisory Committee (DP/FPA/2020/6/Add.2)

UNOPS: Annual report of the Internal Audit and Investigations Group on internal audit and investigations activities in 2019 (DP/OPS/2020/2)

Item 4 Ethics

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 covering its activities in 2019. In accordance with Secretary-General's bulletin on United Nations system-wide application of ethics: separately administered organs and programmes (ST/SGB/2007/11), the report was e-reviewed by the Ethics Panel of the United Nations in February 2020. The report was subsequently presented to the UNDP Administrator. This is the twelfth annual report presented by the Ethics Office since its establishment in 2007. The report is accompanied by a management response.

The UNFPA report is submitted to the Executive Board pursuant to its decision 2015/2 and earlier pertinent Board decisions. In accordance with the Secretary-General's bulletin on United Nations system-wide application of ethics: separately administered organs and programmes (ST/SGB/2007/11), the report was e-reviewed by the Ethics Panel of the United Nations in March 2020 and presented to the UNFPA Executive Director. The report provides a summary of the activities of the UNFPA Ethics Office during 2019, and describes trends in the mandated areas of its work. A management response to the report is also available (DP/FPA/2020/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 2019. 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 report is accompanied by a management response.

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.

Documentation:

Activities of the UNDP Ethics Office in 2019 (DP/2020/17)

UNFPA: Report of the Ethics Office 2019 (DP/FPA/2020/7)

Activities of the UNOPS Ethics and Compliance Office in 2019 (DP/OPS/2020/3)

UNDP segment

Item 5

Midterm review of the UNDP Strategic Plan, 2018-2021, including the annual report of the Administrator for 2019

The UNDP Strategic Plan, 2018-2021, adopted by the Executive Board at a special session in November 2017, sets out the direction for a new UNDP, optimized to help countries achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The midterm review of the Strategic Plan, including the annual report of the Administrator, will take stock of progress, identify challenges and further focus on effective implementation of the current Strategic Plan, underpinned by lessons learned. The midterm review will offer valuable insights on contributions to joint results in the context of the United Nations Development System reform, as well as the institutional transformations and the ultimate objective of achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

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 2019, as well as the implementation status of relevant JIU recommendations issued in 2018 and 2017. 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.

Documentation:

Midterm review of the UNDP Strategic Plan, 2018-2021, including the annual report of the Administrator for 2019 (DP/2020/8)

Report of UNDP on the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit in 2019 (DP/2020/8/Add.1)

Statistical annex (DP/2020/8/Add.2)

Item 6

Financial, budgetary and administrative matters

In its decision 2017/31, the Executive Board took note of the UNDP integrated resources plan for 2018-2021, and approved the UNDP integrated budget for 2018-2021, covering the regular resources portion of the UNDP integrated resources plan, including programmatic as well as institutional activities. The integrated resources plan forms an integral complement to the Strategic Plan, 2018-2021, as it underpins and supports the implementation and operationalization thereof. The decision also called for a midterm review of the integrated resources plan and integrated budget to take place in conjunction with the midterm review of the Strategic Plan, 2018-2021, at the annual session 2020. The current document presents a midterm review of the integrated resources plan and integrated budget, with a focus on progress achieved in 2018-2019 on the objectives set out in the integrated resources plan and integrated budget, 2018-2021.

Documentation:

Midterm review of the UNDP integrated resources plan and integrated budget, 2018-2021 (DP/2020/9)

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the midterm review of the UNDP integrated resources plan and integrated budget, 2018-2021 (DP/2020/9/10)

Item 7

Gender equality at UNDP

The UNDP gender equality strategy, 2018-2021, is the UNDP roadmap to advancing gender equality and women's empowerment in the development work and institutional performance of UNDP. Gender equality is one of the six signature solutions identified in the UNDP Strategic Plan, 2018-2021, to provide an integrated response to complex challenges across three outcomes: (a) eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions; (b) accelerating structural transformations for sustainable development; and (c) building resilience to crises and shocks. The present report highlights the progress made in 2019 in the development work and institutional performance of UNDP, as well as challenges and emerging trends. Building on the midterm review of the UNDP Strategic Plan exercise, it emphasizes a comparative analysis of 2018 and 2019, and lessons learned of the last two years of implementation of the strategy. The Board may wish to take note of the report.

Documentation:

Annual report on the implementation of the UNDP gender equality strategy in 2019 (DP/2020/11)

Item 8

Human Development Report

The Human Development Report Office (HDRO) will present an oral report on consultations regarding the Human Development Report 2020 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). 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 9

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 Algeria, Mozambique and Zimbabwe from 1 January to 31 December 2021; and (b) review and approve, in accordance with Executive Board decision 2014/7, the country programme document for Ethiopia.

Documentation:

Extensions of country programmes (DP/2020/12)

Country programme document for Ethiopia (DP/DCP/ETH/4)

Item 10

Evaluation

In its annual report on evaluation for 2019, the UNDP Independent Evaluation Office presents the status of key initiatives during 2019 and looks at progress to date in applying the evaluation principles of independence, credibility and utility, associated with the professionalization of the Independent Evaluation Office. The report also includes an end-of-term report by the outgoing Director of the Independent Evaluation Office for the period 2012 to 2020. The report is accompanied by management commentaries.

Documentation:

Annual report on evaluation, 2019 (DP/2020/13)

Item 11

United Nations Volunteers

Pursuant to Executive Board decision 2018/8, the United Nations Volunteers (UNV) programme submits the present report covering its activities in 2019, presenting UNV performance in 2019 and the midterm review of its strategic framework, 2018-2021 (DP/2018/6). On this basis, the report reflects on the organizational transformation of UNV, proposed adjustments in its results matrix, and highlights priorities for 2020 and the Decade of Action to deliver the Global Goals.

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/2020/14)

Item 12

United Nations Capital Development Fund

The UNCDF strategic framework, 2018-2021, presented to the Board at its first regular session 2018, sets out the strategic directions, results and resources scenarios for how UNCDF will make finance work for the poor in pursuit of the Sustainable Development Goals, primarily in the least developed countries. The strategic framework emphasizes that UNCDF will pursue innovative “last mile” finance solutions through: (a) financial inclusion, with a focus on digital financial services; (b) local development finance for local economic expansion and local climate adaptation; and (c) strengthening the full range of capital grant, lending and guarantee instruments in support of the Goals. The current report highlights UNCDF strong results in the first two years of implementation; provides observations about areas where UNCDF will strengthen focus in the coming years; and briefly recognizes that the coronavirus crisis will affect 2020 delivery and require a reinforced emphasis on the last mile, local economic stability and resilience, which constitute UNCDF core contributions to least developed countries.

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

Documentation:

Midterm review of the United Nations Capital Development Fund strategic framework, 2018-2021, including the annual report on results achieved by UNCDF in 2019 (DP/2020/15)

UNFPA segment

Item 13

Annual report of the Executive Director

Under this item, the Executive Board will consider the integrated midterm review and progress report of the Executive Director on the implementation of the Strategic Plan, 2018-2021.

Part I of the report provides an integrated analysis of the progress in 2019 and a midterm review of the implementation 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 2019. 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 2019, 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 2019 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.

Documentation:

Implementation of the UNFPA strategic plan, 2018-2021: Report of the Executive Director (DP/FPA/2020/4, Part I)

Statistical and financial review, 2018 (DP/FPA/2020/4, Part I, Add.1)

Report on the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit in 2019
(DP/FPA/2020/4, Part II)

Item 14 **Financial, budgetary and administrative matters**

The report on the midterm review of the UNFPA integrated budget, 2018-2021, reviews the strategic and financial context within the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its implications on resource estimates, allocations and results. It should be read in conjunction with the midterm review of the UNFPA Strategic Plan, 2018-2021 (DP/FPA/2020/4, Part I) and its annexes.

Within the context of the midterm review, UNFPA took into account changes in the operational environment, which include increased revenue projections. The income projections are anticipated to increase from \$3.5 billion to \$3.8 billion, or 8.5 per cent, over the four-year period. In light of the projected income increase, UNFPA is proposing adjustments to the integrated budget. Programme activities, which account for 81.6 per cent of total available resources, will increase from \$3.0 billion to \$3.2 billion, or by 6.9 per cent.

UNFPA is also proposing an increased appropriation for its institutional budget in the amount of \$738.6 million, an increase of 4.2 per cent compared to the \$708.2 million originally approved. In spite of the nominal increase, the proportion of total resources utilized for the institutional budget decreases (from 18.8 per cent to 18.4 per cent) in the revised integrated budget, 2018-2021.

UNFPA will present the midterm review of the integrated budget to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ), whose report will appear in document DP/FPA/2020/8.

The Board may wish to adopt a decision on the report on the midterm review of the UNFPA integrated budget, 2018-2021.

Documentation:

Midterm review of the UNFPA integrated budget, 2018-2021 (DP/FPA/2020/5)

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the midterm review of the UNFPA integrated budget 2018-2021 (DP/FPA/2020/8)

Item 15 **Country programmes and related matters**

The Executive Board will be asked to approve, in accordance with decision 2014/7, the country programme documents for Ethiopia and South Africa.

Documentation:

Country programme documents for:

Ethiopia (DP/FPA/CPD/ETH/9);

South Africa (DP/FPA/CPD/ZAF/5).

Item 16 Evaluation

In accordance with the revised evaluation policy of UNFPA (DP/FPA/2019/1) and relevant Executive Board decisions, the annual report on the evaluation function for 2019 provides information on the performance of the evaluation function at central 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 2020 programme of work and budget for the Evaluation Office.

Annexes to the report, including the transitional quadrennial budgeted evaluation plan, 2020-2023, are available separately on the UNFPA website.

The annual report on the evaluation function for 2019 will be accompanied by management commentaries (DP/FPA/2020/CRP.3).

The Board will also have before it the evaluation of the UNFPA capacity to respond to humanitarian crises (DP/FPA/2020/CRP.4), and the management response to the report (DP/FPA/2019/CRP.5).

The Board may wish to adopt a decision on the annual report on the evaluation function.

Documentation:

Annual report on the evaluation function, 2019: Report of the Director, Evaluation Office (DP/FPA/2020/3), and related annexes; Management commentaries to the report (DP/FPA/2020/CRP.3).

Evaluation of the UNFPA capacity to respond to humanitarian crises (DP/FPA/2020/CRP.4), and the management response to the report (DP/FPA/2019/CRP.5)

UNOPS segment

Item 17 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 2019, providing examples of the ways in which UNOPS supports governments, the United Nations system and other partners around the world.

Pursuant to Executive Board decision 2019/20, the Executive Director of UNOPS is pleased to present to the Executive Board a review of the UNOPS operational reserves. Based on the review, and in accordance with regulation 22.02 of the UNOPS financial regulations adopted by the Board in its decision 2012/5, she has decided to establish a UNOPS growth and innovation reserve. At the current session the Executive Director will present a conference room paper providing further background and details to inform the Executive Board thereon.

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

Documentation:

Annual report of the Executive Director (DP/OPS/2020/4)

Review of the UNOPS operational reserves (DP/OPS/2020/CRP.1)

Item 18
Other matters

**TENTATIVE WORKPLAN
EXECUTIVE BOARD OF UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS
ANNUAL SESSION 2020
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<i>Day/Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Subject</i>
Monday, 1 June	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 first regular session 2020 <p style="text-align: center;">JOINT SEGMENT</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"> • Reports of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS on internal audit and investigation activities in 2019, and management responses
		4	ETHICS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reports of the Ethics Offices of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS on activities for 2019, and management responses
	3 – 5:30 p.m.		UNOPS SEGMENT
			STATEMENT BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
		17	ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Tuesday, 2 June	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.		UNDP SEGMENT
			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"> • UNDP report on the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit in 2019 • Statistical annex
	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"> • Midterm review of the UNDP integrated resources plan and integrated budget, 2018-2021 • Report of the ACABQ on the midterm review of the UNDP integrated resources plan and integrated budget, 2018-2021

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

	3 p.m.	18	OTHER MATTERS <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adoption of decisions
		1	ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adoption of the tentative workplan for the second regular session 2020• Closing of the session