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## **Annotations and list of documents**

### **Item 1 Organizational matters**

In accordance with Executive Board decision 2006/14 and rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA, the Board will elect a new Bureau consisting of a President and four Vice-Presidents. The election will take place on 11 January 2007. According to the established pattern of rotation of posts among the various regional groups, the President of the Executive Board for 2007 should be elected from the Board members of the Western European and other States group.

Under this item, the Executive Board will adopt the agenda and agree on the work plan for the session as presented by the Secretary of the Board. The Board will also approve the report of its second regular session 2006. A draft report was distributed to Board members for their comments; the final report contains comments received within the deadline.

In accordance with decision 96/25, a work plan for 2007 was prepared by the secretariat in close consultation with the Bureau of the Board and is submitted to the Board for adoption.

#### *Documentation:*

Provisional agenda, annotations, list of documents and work plan (DP/2007/L.1)

Report on the second regular session 2006 (DP/2007/1)

Decisions adopted by the Executive Board during 2006 (DP/2007/2)

Annual work plan for 2007 (DP/2007/CRP.1)

## **UNDP segment**

### **Item 2 UNDP strategic plan, 2008-2011**

In response to Executive Board decision 2006/1, UNDP will present for discussion and guidance from the members of the Executive Board its initial thinking, as outlined in the strategic note, with respect to the formulation of a strategic plan 2008-2011, including the programming arrangements and results-based support budget that will underpin the implementation of the plan.

#### *Documentation:*

Strategic note (DP/2007/CRP.2)

### **Item 3 Programming arrangements**

In its decisions 2002/18 and 2005/26, the Executive Board requested UNDP to undertake an assessment of the current programming arrangements as part of its preparation for the next programming period (2008-2011). The Board has also requested UNDP to submit, in the context of the preparations of the 2008-2011 strategic plan, a proposal for synchronization of the processes leading to the endorsement of future strategic plans and programme financial frameworks.

As the review is being undertaken in a dynamic and changing development within the United Nations as a whole and UNDP in particular, the present report focuses on assessment of the existing arrangements. Options for the future funding framework for regular resources, 2008-2011, will be presented and discussed under agenda item 2.

*Documentation:*

Assessment of programming arrangements, 2004-2007 (DP/2007/8)

### **Item 4 Country programmes and related matters**

As requested by the Executive Board in its decision 2001/11, the following country programmes will be approved on a no-objection basis without presentation or discussion, unless at least five members have informed the secretariat in writing before the meeting of their wish to bring a particular country programme before the Board:

Africa region: Central African Republic, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Guinea, Mozambique, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, South Africa, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe;

Arab States region: Algeria, Egypt, Morocco, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, the Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia and Yemen;

Asia and the Pacific region: the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Mongolia and Thailand;

Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States region: Croatia, the Republic of Moldova, the Republic of Montenegro;

Latin America and the Caribbean region: Belize, Brazil, Chile, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Honduras, Jamaica, Panama, Paraguay and Uruguay.

## **Item 5 Evaluation**

The evaluation of UNDP assistance to conflict-affected countries was conducted by the Evaluation Office in response to a request from the Executive Board. Focusing on the period 2000-2005, the evaluation assesses UNDP performance in terms of contribution to improving human security and addressing the structural conditions to prevent recurrence of armed conflict. The report takes into consideration the feedback obtained from Member States at an informal briefing on 9 October 2006. The executive summary presents the changing context of conflict around the globe, the key findings and recommendations related to the substantive capacity of UNDP to engage in peacebuilding and the need to integrate development efforts in United Nations strategies for security.

The evaluation of the national human development report (NHDR) system was undertaken by the Evaluation Office to assess the influence of NHDRs in programme countries and within UNDP. The evaluation focuses on the national human development reports as well as the system of networks, practices and processes involved in the production and dissemination of the NHDRs. The scope of evaluation addresses the following issues since the inception of NHDRs in 1992: (a) comparative advantage in promoting human development approaches; (b) strategic relevance and importance, (c) influence in programme countries and UNDP; and (d) sustainability. The executive summary presents the context of NHDRs, the key findings, and recommendations at the global and country levels.

A partnership agreement was signed by the UNDP Administrator and Director-General of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) in 2004 to facilitate greater collaboration between the two organizations and to leverage UNDP strengths at the country level to strengthen UNIDO support to private sector development. An assessment at the end of the pilot phase (two years) was requested by the General Conference of UNIDO. The assessment was conducted jointly by UNDP and UNIDO evaluation offices. The report takes into consideration comments received from the Member States at briefings of the respective governing bodies.

The present evaluations are accompanied by management responses.

### *Documentation:*

Evaluation of UNDP assistance to conflict-affected countries – executive summary (DP/2007/3)

Management response to the evaluation of UNDP support to conflict-affected countries (DP/2007/4)

Evaluation of the national human development report system – executive summary (DP/2007/5)

Management response to the evaluation of the national human development report system (DP/2007/6)

Joint assessment of the progress in the implementation of the cooperation agreement between UNIDO and UNDP and the UNDP/UNIDO joint management response (DP/2007/7)

## **Item 6 Gender in UNDP**

The progress report of the Administrator on the implementation of the gender action plan is submitted in compliance with Executive Board decision 2006/3. The report highlights key achievements made in 2006 in implementing the gender action plan 2006-2007, with particular reference to the operationalization of the Administrator's Gender Steering and Implementation Committee, investments of \$10 million for implementing the gender action plan, 2006-2007, the one-week gender event featuring UNDP success stories on gender mainstreaming around the world and UNDP facilitation of country reports to the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women.

The follow-up report of the Administrator on the Organizational Assessment of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) is submitted in compliance with Board decision 2006/5, whereby the Administrator was requested "to take steps to ensure that UNIFEM gains access to relevant United Nations forums in order to better achieve its contribution to United Nations objectives in gender equality and women's empowerment". Special efforts have been also undertaken to clarify the roles and responsibilities of UNDP and UNIFEM in the context of the establishment of a new gender entity.

The Executive Board may wish to commend the progress achieved in the implementation of the gender action plan and welcome the clarification of the roles and responsibilities of UNDP and UNIFEM in promoting gender equality and women's empowerment.

### *Documentation:*

Annual progress report of the Administrator on the implementation of the gender action plan (DP/2007/9)

Follow-up to the report of the Administrator on the Organizational Assessment of UNIFEM (DP/2007/10)

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

The present document is prepared in response to Executive Board decisions 2006/4 and 2006/15. It sets forth the status of the discussions between UNDP and the United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF) with respect to the development of their strategic, operational and financial partnership as well as a framework for cooperating and working together more closely within the context of the UNDP strategic plan. The document outlines the direction and approach the two organizations have taken, notably toward integrating UNCDF's contributions in its local development and microfinance practice areas into UNDP's strategic plan for 2008-2011. The document reflects the fact that much work remains to be done in the coming months, after which

UNDP and UNCDF will be able to report in detail on their partnership at the annual session 2007.

*Documentation:*

Strategic agreement between UNDP and UNCDF (DP/2007/11)

## **Item 8 United Nations Office for Project Services**

In compliance with Executive Board decision 2006/33, the present report provides an update on the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) financial clean-up for the 2004-2005 biennium and lessons learned, together with an update on the UNOPS business strategy.

*Documentation:*

Report on the financial, administrative and operational situation (DP/2007/12)

## **Joint UNDP/UNFPA segment**

### **Items 9, 12 Financial, budgetary and administrative matters**

The Executive Board will have before it a joint UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS report on the implementation of the International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS). Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 60/283, the three organizations have undertaken implementation of the IPSAS.

The Executive Board may wish to take note that in accordance with General Assembly resolution 60/283 UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS will fully comply with IPSAS requirements effective from the financial year beginning 1 January 2010.

*Documentation:*

Report on the implementation of the International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS) (DP/2007/13- DP/FPA/2007/4)

### **Item 13**

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

Pursuant to decision 97/2, the UNDP and UNFPA reports on the implementation of the recommendations of the United Nations Board of Auditors for the biennium 2004-2005 are submitted to the Executive Board at the current session.

The reports provide updated information on actions taken in addressing the recommendations of the United Nations Board of Auditors for the biennium ended 31 December 2005 (for UNDP: A/61/5/Add.1; and for UNFPA: A/61/5/Add.7).

The UNDP and UNFPA reports respectively present a management strategy for addressing underlying and systemic audit issues in UNDP and UNFPA, as well as management responses to the main audit recommendations contained in the United Nations Board of Auditors reports. Detailed responses to all audit recommendations are contained in the annexes to the UNDP and UNFPA reports.

The Executive Board may wish to take note of the reports on the implementation of the recommendations of the United Nations Board of Auditors for the biennium 2004-2005.

#### *Documentation:*

UNDP: Report on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors, 2004-2005 (DP/2007/14)

UNFPA: Follow-up to the report of the United Nations Board of Auditors for 2004-2005: status of implementation of recommendations (DP/FPA/2007/1)

### **Item 14**

#### **Report to the Economic and Social Council**

The Executive Board will have before it the joint UNDP/UNFPA report to the Economic and Social Council. The joint report has been prepared in compliance with General Assembly resolution 59/250 on the triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system. The report includes a joint UNDP/UNFPA section that addresses the implementation of the reform programme of the Secretary-General and the provisions of the triennial comprehensive policy review, as well as the follow-up to international conferences, followed by two sections that respectively address the specific activities of each organization.

The Executive Board may wish to take note of the report and transmit it, with its comments, to the Economic and Social Council

#### *Documentation:*

Joint UNDP/UNFPA report to the Economic and Social Council (E/2007/5)



## UNFPA segment

### Items 9

#### Financial, budgetary and administrative matters

The Executive Board will have before it a report on UNFPA regionalization: towards a stronger field-centred and results-oriented organization. In order to build on initiatives to strengthen the capacity of country offices and to support them to respond effectively to country needs and priorities in implementing the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), as well as in response to the triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system, UNFPA is proposing the regionalization option.

The Executive Board is requested to approve the regionalization proposal.

The Executive Board will also have before it the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on UNFPA regionalization: towards a stronger field-centred and results-oriented organization.

The Executive Board may wish to take note of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

#### *Documentation:*

Report on UNFPA regionalization: towards a stronger field-centred and results-oriented organization (DP/FPA/2007/2)

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on UNFPA regionalization: towards a stronger field-centred and results-oriented organization (DP/FPA/2007/3)

### Item 10

#### Country programmes and related matters

As requested by the Executive Board in decisions 2001/11 and 2006/36, the following country programmes will be approved on a no-objection basis without presentation or discussion, unless at least five members have informed the secretariat in writing before the session of their wish to bring a particular country programme before the Executive Board:

Africa: Central African Republic, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Guinea, Mozambique, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, South Africa, the United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia, and Zimbabwe

Arab States, Europe and Central Asia: Algeria, Egypt, Morocco, the Republic of Moldova, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, and Yemen

Asia and the Pacific: the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Mongolia, Myanmar and Thailand

Latin America and the Caribbean: Brazil, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, English- and Dutch-speaking Caribbean Countries, Honduras, Panama, Paraguay, Uruguay.

**Item 11**  
**UNFPA role in emergency preparedness, humanitarian response, and transition and recovery**

In accordance with decision 2006/35, UNFPA will provide an oral report on its role in emergency preparedness, humanitarian response, and transition and recovery.

**Item 15**  
**Other matters**

**Joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP (19 and 22 January 2007)**

Themes:

- (a) Natural disaster preparedness
- (b) MDG 1: interlinked approaches to poverty alleviation
- (c) United Nations reform
- (d) Gender dimension of HIV/AIDS

**TENTATIVE WORK PLAN  
EXECUTIVE BOARD OF UNDP/UNFPA  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION 2007  
(19 to 26 January 2007, New York)**

<i>Day/Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Subject</i>
<b>Friday, 19 January</b>	10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.		<b>JOINT MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARDS OF UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF AND WFP</b> Theme: Natural disaster preparedness <b>Chaired by</b> the President of the UNICEF Executive Board
	3:00 to 6:00 p.m.		<b>JOINT MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARDS OF UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF AND WFP (cont'd)</b> Theme: MDG1: Interlinked approaches to poverty alleviation <b>Chaired by</b> the President of the WFP Executive Board
<b>Monday, 22 January</b>	10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.		<b>JOINT MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARDS OF UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF AND WFP (cont'd)</b> Theme: United Nations reform <b>Chaired by</b> the President of the UNDP/UNFPA Executive Board
	1:15 to 2:45 p.m.		<i>UNFPA informal consultation on the medium-term strategic plan (MTSP)</i>
	3:00 to 6:00 p.m.		<b>JOINT MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARDS OF UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF AND WFP (cont'd)</b> Theme: Gender dimension of HIV/AIDS <b>Chaired by</b> the President of the UNDP/UNFPA Executive Board
<b>Tuesday, 23 January</b>	10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	1	ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Adoption of the agenda and work plan for the session</li> <li>- Adoption of the report on the second regular session 2006</li> <li>- Adoption of the annual work plan 2007 of the Executive Board</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>UNDP SEGMENT</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">STATEMENT BY THE ADMINISTRATOR</p>
	3:00 to 6:00 p.m.	2	UNDP STRATEGIC PLAN, 2008-2011 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Annotated outline of the UNDP strategic plan, 2008-2011</li> </ul>
		3	PROGRAMMING ARRANGEMENTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assessment of programming arrangements, 2004-2007</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday, 24 January</b>	10:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.		<b>UNFPA SEGMENT</b>
			STATEMENT BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
		9	FINANCIAL, BUDGETARY AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- UNFPA regionalization: towards a stronger field-centred and results-oriented organization</li> <li>- Report of the ACABQ on UNFPA regionalization: towards a stronger field-centred and results-oriented organization</li> </ul>
	3:00 to 4:00 pm	9	FINANCIAL, BUDGETARY AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (cont'd)
	4:00 to 4:30 pm	10	COUNTRY PROGRAMMES AND RELATED MATTERS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Approval of country programme documents</li> </ul>

<i>Day/Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Subject</i>
	4:30 to 5:00 pm	11	UNFPA ROLE IN EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE AND TRANSITION AND RECOVERY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Oral report on UNFPA role in emergency preparedness, humanitarian response and transition and recovery</li> </ul>
	5:00 to 6:00 pm		<i>Informal consultations on UNFPA regionalization</i>
<b>Thursday, 25 January</b>	<b>UNDP SEGMENT (cont'd)</b>		
	10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	6	GENDER IN UNDP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Progress report of the Administrator on the implementation of the gender action plan (decision 2006/3)</li> <li>– Follow-up to the report of the Administrator on the Organizational Assessment of UNIFEM (decision 2006/5)</li> </ul>
		7	UNITED NATIONS CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUND <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Strategic agreement between UNDP and UNCDF (dec. 2006/15)</li> </ul>
		4	COUNTRY PROGRAMMES AND RELATED MATTERS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Approval of country programme documents</li> </ul>
	12:00 to 1:00 p.m.		<i>Informal consultations on draft decisions</i>
	3 – 4 p.m.	8	UNOPS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Report on the financial, administrative and operational situation</li> </ul>
	4:00 to 6:00 p.m.	5	EVALUATION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Evaluation of UNDP support to conflict-affected countries</li> <li>– Management response to the evaluation of UNDP support to conflict-affected countries</li> <li>– Evaluation of the national human development report system</li> <li>– Management response to the evaluation of the national human development report system</li> <li>– Joint assessment of the progress in the implementation of the cooperation agreement between UNIDO and UNDP and the UNDP/UNIDO joint management response</li> </ul>
<b>Friday, 26 January</b>	<b>JOINT UNDP/UNFPA SEGMENT</b>		
	10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	9, 12	FINANCIAL, BUDGETARY AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Report on the implementation of the International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS)</li> </ul>
		13	RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BOARD OF AUDITORS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Reports of UNDP and UNFPA on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors, 2004-2005</li> </ul>
	3:00 to 6:00 p.m.	14	REPORTS TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Joint report of the Administrator of UNDP and the Executive Director of UNFPA to the Economic and Social Council</li> </ul>
		15	OTHER MATTERS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Pending decisions</li> </ul>
		1	ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Adoption of the tentative work plan for the annual session 2007</li> </ul>