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2020/1

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

The Executive Board

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

With regard to UNDP:

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

With regard to UNFPA:

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

With regard to UNOPS:

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

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

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

6 February 2020

2020/3**Overview of decisions adopted by the Executive Board at its first regular session 2020***The Executive Board*

Recalls that during its first regular session 2020, it:

Item 1**Organizational matters**

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

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

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

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

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

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

Approved the tentative workplan for the annual session 2020;

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

Annual session: 1 to 5 June 2020

Second regular session: 31 August to 4 September 2020.

Joint segment

Item 2

Recommendations of the Board of Auditors

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

Item 3

Financial, budgetary and administrative matters

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

Item 4

Working methods of the Executive Board

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

UNDP segment

Item 5

UNDP country programmes and related matters

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Item 7**Country programmes and related matters**

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

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

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

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

Heard the UNOPS Executive Director give a statement.

6 February 2020

2020/4**Midterm review of the UNDP Strategic Plan, 2018-2021, including the annual report of the Administrator for 2019***The Executive Board*

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the evidence and data-informed midterm review of the UNDP Strategic Plan, 2018-2021, including the annual report of the Administrator 2019 ([DP/2020/8](#)) and its annexes;
2. *Takes note* of the results achieved at mid-point, and *requests* that UNDP accelerate efforts, while recognizing that the impact of COVID-19 on the implementation of the Strategic Plan, 2018-2021, during its second half is unknown;
3. *Requests* that UNDP take into account the lessons learned from the first two years of implementation of the Strategic Plan, 2018-2021, as well as from its previous strategic plans;
4. *Welcomes* progress made towards the outcome areas of the Strategic Plan, 2018-2021 and, in this regard, *encourages* UNDP to further its efforts to advance poverty eradication in all its forms and dimensions, accelerate structural transformations for sustainable development, and strengthen resilience to shocks and crises;
5. *Welcomes* the strong UNDP commitment to United Nations development system reform and *encourages* UNDP to continue to work closely with United Nations organizations, under the leadership of resident coordinators and in collaboration with United Nations country teams, stakeholders and other development partners, to support country efforts towards the

Sustainable Development Goals through the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework;

6. *Notes with appreciation* the annual report of the Administrator on the implementation of the gender equality strategy 2019 (DP/2020/11), the contribution of UNDP towards the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls, and the strong UNDP progress against the United Nations System-wide Action Plan on Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-SWAP) 2.0 and the United Nations country team SWAP Gender Equality Scorecard, and *encourages* UNDP to continue to implement its gender equality strategy, 2018-2021, support gender mainstreaming efforts, and shift towards more transformative interventions;

7. *Notes* UNDP work on climate change, and *requests* that UNDP report to the Executive Board, in the annual report of the Administrator, on its operational and programming targets, corresponding efforts, and results related to low emissions and climate-resilient development, as outlined in the integrated results and resources framework of the Strategic Plan, 2018-2021, including by reducing its own carbon footprint and through its social and environmental standards, as well as on the monitoring, evaluation and management oversight of climate-related projects, including those funded by vertical funds;

8. *Notes* that UNDP needs to scale up implementation of its Funding Compact commitments, many of which are set for 2021, and *requests* that UNDP continue the practice of providing a written update and informal briefing in the context of the structured funding dialogues, prior to the second regular session 2020, on how the outcomes of the midterm review of the Strategic Plan, 2018-2021 relate to the effective implementation of the funding compact in the remaining period of the Strategic Plan, 2018-2021;

9. *Welcomes* UNDP progress towards achieving the outputs of the Strategic Plan, 2018-2021, and *encourages UNDP* to further accelerate progress on the agreed commitments and mandates under United Nations development system reform, including the funding compact and General Assembly resolutions on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system, in the remaining period of the Strategic Plan, 2018-2021;

10. *Requests* that UNDP accelerate its efforts to implement the common chapter, together with UNFPA, UNICEF and UN-Women, including by developing the necessary tracking framework within the respective integrated results and resources frameworks of their current strategic plans, following the recommendations of the joint report on the evaluability assessment of the common chapter dated 30 March 2020 and in the context of the repositioning of the United Nations development system, as laid out in General Assembly resolution 72/279, and *also requests* that UNDP present a joint update on progress to the Executive Board at the second regular session 2020;

11. *Urges* UNDP to improve progress towards achieving the partially met outputs of the Strategic Plan, 2018-2021, and *ensure* that the organization reflects new methods of achieving these outputs in the next strategic plan, 2022-2025;

12. *Calls for* UNDP to adopt more ambitious milestones for the outputs of the Strategic Plan, 2018-2021, that have consistently been over-achieved in order to ensure the targets set remain both realistic and more ambitious;

13. *Welcomes* the UNDP commitment to help programme countries respond to and recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, and *also welcomes* the UNDP technical lead on the socioeconomic response and recovery efforts under the United Nations framework for the

immediate socioeconomic response to COVID-19, under the leadership of the resident coordinators and working in collaboration with stakeholders and other development partners;

14. *Notes* the UNDP response to COVID-19 in line with United Nations system-wide efforts and *requests* that UNDP provide an update on its work and on the impact of the pandemic on operations and programmatic activities, beginning from the second regular session 2020;

15. *Calls for* UNDP to ensure delivery of the objectives of the Strategic Plan, 2018-2021, in the context of the COVID-19 crisis, and to continue to work as part of a coordinated international response, with a focus on supporting programme countries to build back better, leaving no one behind;

16. *Requests* that UNDP continue to sharpen its programme focus in its mandated core competency areas in the implementation of the remainder of the current Strategic Plan, 2018-2021, and in the preparation for the next strategic plan, 2022-2025;

17. *Approves* the course of action and the lessons learned proposed in the midterm review of the Strategic Plan, 2018-2021, and *requests* that UNDP start preparations early for the next strategic plan, 2022-2025, in full consultation with the Executive Board, taking into account the lessons learned from the midterm review, the joint report on the evaluability assessment of the common chapter dated 30 March 2020, and the outcome of the 2020 quadrennial comprehensive policy review for development of the United Nations system, and *also requests* that UNDP present a roadmap at the second regular session 2020 for consultations planned in the preparation of the next strategic plan, 2022-2025.

5 June 2020

2020/5

Midterm review of the UNDP integrated resources plan and integrated budget, 2018-2021

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note* of the midterm review of the UNDP integrated resources plan and integrated budget, 2018-2021 (DP/2020/9);

2. *Welcomes* the report dated 29 May 2020 of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the midterm review of the UNDP integrated resources plan and integrated budget, 2018-2021, and requests that UNDP implement and report on all recommendations of the Advisory Committee, in line with existing reporting mechanisms;

3. *Welcomes* the strong UNDP performance in mobilizing resources, balancing the institutional budget and achieving efficiency, against the backdrop of the substantial challenges and changes the organization faced during 2018-2019, while encouraging UNDP to continue to intensify its dialogue with all Member States to broaden the contributor base and increase regular resources, in line with the funding compact of the Secretary-General, including by overcoming remaining legal and other obstacles for improving its cooperation with the private sector, while taking into account lessons learned from existing partnerships, including with the international financial institutions and other United Nations organizations, to ensure complementarity and to avoid duplication;

4. *Notes* the imbalances across programmatic areas in terms of available resources and expenditure in relation to targets, including underperforming targets, and requests that UNDP strive for adequate and equitable division of resources for all outcome areas and signature solutions of the Strategic Plan, 2018-2021, while noting the importance of sufficient, predictable and flexible regular resources, which is critical for UNDP;

5. *Requests* that UNDP include information on imbalances across programmatic and outcome areas and signature solutions as part of existing reporting ahead of the structured funding dialogues at the second regular session 2020 of the Executive Board;
6. *Recognizes* continued UNDP efforts to garner management efficiencies, while further optimizing programme effectiveness both in terms of substance and form;
7. *Welcomes* that, for every United States dollar of expenditure during 2018-2019, 91 cents were spent on development programmes and services, up from 88 cents in 2014-2017, and *notes* that, in aggregate, this represented approximately \$240 million in additional resources available for development in 2018-2019;
8. *Acknowledges* the reduction in the regular resources institutional budget expenditure, which allowed the proportion of regular resources allocated to development programmes to increase by \$19.5 million;
9. *Endorses* the current UNDP course to complete the Strategic Plan, 2018-2021 period and lay the groundwork for the next strategic plan period, 2022-2025;
10. *Encourages* UNDP to accelerate progress on the agreed commitments and mandates under United Nations development system reform, including the funding compact of the Secretary-General and the resolutions of the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system in the remaining period of the Strategic Plan, 2018-2021.

5 June 2020

2020/6

Integrated midterm review and progress report on implementation of the UNFPA strategic plan, 2018-2021: Report of the Executive Director

The Executive Board

1. *Notes with appreciation* the progress made by UNFPA in achieving the cumulative results of its Strategic Plan, 2018-2021, and encourages UNFPA to further integrate the United Nations development system reform mandates in the remaining implementation of this Strategic Plan;
2. *Welcomes* the UNFPA progress towards achieving the Strategic Plan outputs;
3. *Urges* UNFPA to improve progress towards achieving partially achieved Strategic Plan outputs and ensure that the fund reflects new methods of achieving these outputs in the next strategic plan;
4. *Calls for* UNFPA to adopt more ambitious milestones for the outputs of the Strategic Plan, 2018-2021, which have consistently been overachieved, in order to ensure the targets set remain both realistic and ambitious;
5. *Notes* the commitment of UNFPA to strengthening its thematic focus on climate change, and requests UNFPA to report to the Executive Board, in the annual report of the Executive Director, on its programming and operational targets, corresponding efforts and results, and through applicable environmental and social standards, to make its programmes and operations consistent with its thematic focus on climate change, as outlined in the midterm review of the Strategic Plan, 2018-2021;
6. *Requests* that UNFPA accelerate its efforts to implement the common chapter, together with UNDP, UNICEF and UN-Women, including by developing the necessary tracking framework within the respective integrated results and resources frameworks of their current strategic plans, following the recommendations of the joint report on the evaluability assessment of the common chapter dated 30 March 2020 and in the context of the repositioning of the United Nations

development system, and to present a joint update on the progress to the Executive Board at the second regular session 2020;

7. *Welcomes* the strong UNFPA commitment to United Nations development system reform, and encourages UNFPA to continue to work closely with United Nations organizations, under the leadership of resident coordinators and in collaboration with the United Nations country team, stakeholders and other development partners, to support country efforts towards the Sustainable Development Goals through the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework;

8. *Welcomes* ongoing UNFPA implementation of its funding compact commitments, many of which are set for 2021, and encourages UNFPA to retain the high level of ambition of its funding compact commitments, and requests that UNFPA continue the practice of providing a written update and informal briefing in the context of the structured funding dialogue, prior to the second regular session 2020, on how the outcomes of the midterm review relate to the effective implementation of the funding compact in the remaining period of the Strategic Plan, 2018-2021;

9. *Takes note* of the report on the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit in 2019 (DP/FPA/2020/4, Part II) and a slowdown in terms of addressing them, and calls on UNFPA to accelerate efforts towards their implementation, where applicable;

10. *Approves* the proposed adjustments to the UNFPA Strategic Plan, 2018-2021, based on the findings of the midterm review, which shall be implemented in accordance with Executive Board decision 2017/23;

11. *Notes with appreciation* the UNFPA response to COVID-19, in line with United Nations system efforts, and requests UNFPA to provide an update on the impact of the pandemic on operations beginning at the second regular session in September 2020;

12. *Calls for* UNFPA to ensure delivery of the objectives of the strategic plan, 2018-2021, in the context of the COVID-19 crisis, and to continue to work as part of a coordinated international response, with a focus on supporting programme countries to build back better, leaving no one behind.

5 June 2020

2020/7

Midterm review of the UNFPA integrated budget, 2018-2021

The Executive Board

1. *Welcomes* the midterm review of the UNFPA integrated budget, 2018-2021 (DP/FPA/2020/5), aligned with the midterm review of the UNFPA Strategic Plan, 2018-2021 (DP/FPA/2020/4 (Part 1));

2. *Takes note* of the results framework and resource requirements reflected in the revised estimates for the UNFPA integrated budget, 2018-2021, including linkages of results and resources, as contained in document DP/FPA/2020/5;

3. *Welcomes* the Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the midterm review of the UNFPA integrated budget, 2018-2021, and requests UNFPA to implement and report on all recommendations of the Advisory Committee, in line with existing reporting mechanisms;

4. *Calls on* UNFPA to continue and accelerate efforts to realize efficiency gains arising from United Nations development system reform initiatives in the remainder of the Strategic Plan, 2018-2021 period, in line with the General Assembly resolution 72/279 on the repositioning of the United Nations development system, and to redeploy these efficiency gains for development activities, including coordination;

5. *Encourages* UNFPA to continue to intensify its dialogue with all Member States to broaden the contributor base and encourage support to regular resources, in line with the funding compact of the Secretary-General;
6. *Approves* the presentation of activities and associated costs reflected in document DP/FPA/2020/5;
7. *Approves* revised gross estimates for the institutional budget, 2018-2021, in the amount of \$738.6 million, noting that these estimates include \$169.2 million for indirect cost recovery from other resources;
8. *Approves* a revised ceiling for global and regional interventions 2018-2021, in the amount of \$162.7 million of the projected regular resources, noting that this amount cannot be exceeded without approval of the Executive Board;
9. *Recalls* Executive Board decision 2015/3, approves a revised amount of \$29.5 million of regular resources for the UNFPA emergency fund, and reaffirms the existing authorization for the UNFPA Executive Director to increase the emergency fund by up to \$2 million beyond the ceiling in a given year if the number and extent of the emergencies so warrant.

5 June 2020

2020/8

Annual report of the UNOPS Executive Director

The Executive Board

With regard to the annual report of the Executive Director (DP/OPS/2020/4):

1. *Recognizes* the contributions of UNOPS in 2019 to the operational results of governments, the United Nations and other partners 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;
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. *Welcomes* the significant progress achieved with sustainable infrastructure impact investment activities in UNOPS mandated areas, including the establishment of the Sustainable Infrastructure Impact Investments Office;
5. *Recalls* decision 2019/15, paragraph 8, on the implementation of the 1 per cent levy and decides to stay seized of the matter;

With regard to the conference room paper on the UNOPS net assets (DP/OPS/2020/CRP.1)

6. *Takes note* of the conference room paper on UNOPS net assets (DP/OPS/2020/CRP.1);
7. Recalling decisions 2012/5, 2019/20 and 2020/1, *invites* UNOPS to continue to manage its net assets in a flexible manner, maintaining robust risk management and transparent reporting, in accordance with the existing financial rules and regulations;
8. *Welcomes* the establishment of the Growth and Innovation Reserve, and calls on UNOPS to continue providing annual updates to the Board on its utilization;
9. *Requests* that UNOPS conduct a detailed study of its operational reserve and the formula for calculating the mandatory minimum reserve level;

10. *Requests* that UNOPS, pursuant to review by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, provide an oral update at the annual session 2021 and submit the outcome for consideration by the Executive Board at the earliest opportunity and no later than the first regular session 2022, with the ambition to present it at the second regular session 2021.

5 June 2020

2020/9

Overview of decisions adopted by the Executive Board at its annual session 2020

The Executive Board

Recalls that during its annual session 2020, it:

Item 1

Organizational matters

Adopted the agenda and approved the workplan for the annual session 2020 (DP/2020/L.2, as orally amended);

Approved the report of the first regular session 2020 (DP/2020/6);

Joint segment

Item 2

Joint update on the UNDP, UNFPA, UNOPS response to COVID-19 crisis in the context of the update on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 72/279 on the repositioning of the United Nations development system

Took note of the joint update on the UNDP, UNFPA, UNOPS response to COVID-19 crisis in the context of the update on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 72/279 on the repositioning of the United Nations development system;

UNDP segment

Item 5

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

Adopted decision 2020/4 on the midterm review of the UNDP Strategic Plan, 2018-2021, including the annual report of the Administrator for 2019;

Item 6

Financial, budgetary and administrative matters

Adopted decision 2020/5 on the midterm review of the UNDP integrated resources plan and integrated budget, 2018-2021;

Item 7

Gender equality at UNDP

Took note of the annual report on the implementation of the UNDP gender equality strategy, 2018-2021 ([DP/2020/11](#));

Item 8

Human Development Report

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

Item 9
UNDP country programmes and related matters

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

Africa: Ethiopia ([DP/DCP/ETH/4](#)); South Africa ([DP/DCP/ZAF/3](#));

Took note of the first one-year extensions of the country programmes for Algeria, Mozambique and Zimbabwe, as approved by the Administrator, and presented in document [DP/2020/12](#);

UNFPA segment

Item 13
Annual report of the Executive Director

Adopted decision 2020/6 on the integrated midterm review and progress report on implementation of the UNFPA Strategic Plan, 2018-2021: Report of the Executive Director;

Item 14
Financial, budgetary and administrative matters

Adopted decision 2020/7 on the midterm review of the UNFPA integrated budget, 2018-2021;

Item 16
Country programmes and related matters

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

East and Southern Africa: Ethiopia ([DP/FPA/CPD/ETH/9](#)); and South Africa ([DP/FPA/CPD/ZAF/5](#));

UNOPS segment

Item 17
United Nations Office for Project Services

Adopted decision 2020/8 on the annual report of the UNOPS Executive Director.

5 June 2020

2020/10
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 2019;
2. *Notes with appreciation* efforts to implement outstanding audit recommendations from previous reports;
3. *Encourages* UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS to work with UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP and agree on harmonized definitions and reporting for audit and investigation

matters, where applicable, to provide the Executive Boards with a more coherent overview of findings and results;

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 2019 (DP/2020/16) and its annexes, and the management response thereto;
5. *Expresses* continuing support for the internal audit and investigation functions of UNDP;
6. *Notes* the UNDP-Global Environment Facility (GEF) projects under some phase of the Office of Audit and Investigations /Social and Environmental Compliance Unit-managed grievance process and the audits and investigations performed by the Office on the UNDP-GEF portfolio, requests an update from the Office on the status of audit and investigation work and of the grievances reviewed by the Unit, and further requests the Office and UNDP management to present comprehensive reporting on UNDP-GEF-funded projects to the Executive Board during annual reporting on the Office of Audit and Investigations, starting in 2021, and at targeted informal briefings, as needed;
7. *Urges* UNDP to enhance audit and investigation capabilities to oversee GEF-funded projects while preserving audit and investigation capabilities in other areas;
8. *Takes note* of the annual report of the Audit and Evaluation Advisory Committee;

With regard to UNFPA:

9. *Takes note* of the present report (DP/FPA/2020/6), 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/2020/6/Add.1), the annual report of the Oversight Advisory Committee (DP/FPA/2020/6/Add.2), and the management response thereto and to the present report;
10. *Notes with concern* the rising number of investigation cases carried over from past years, welcomes that human resources have been strengthened and encourages UNFPA to effectively deploy these resources to reduce the existing caseload;
11. *Expresses* its continuing support for the strengthening of the audit and investigation functions at UNFPA, and for the provision of sufficient resources to discharge their mandate;
12. *Acknowledges* and supports the engagement of the Office of Audit and Investigation Services in joint audit and investigation activities;

With regard to UNOPS:

13. *Takes note* of the annual report of the Internal Audit and Investigations Group for 2019 and the management response thereto;
14. *Takes note* of the significant progress made in implementation of audit recommendations;
15. *Takes note* of the opinion, based on the scope of work undertaken, on the adequacy and effectiveness of the organization's framework of governance, risk management and control;
16. *Takes note* of the annual report of the Audit Advisory Committee for 2019.

4 September 2020

2020/11**Reports of the ethics offices of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS***The Executive Board*

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the ethics offices of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS ([DP/2020/17](#), [DP/FPA/2020/7](#) and [DP/OPS/2020/3](#));
2. *Notes* the progress made by the UNDP Ethics Office in strengthening the ethical culture of UNDP;
3. *Welcomes* the continued progress in the work of the UNFPA Ethics Office;
4. *Notes* the progress made by the UNOPS Ethics and Compliance Office in strengthening the ethical culture of UNOPS.
5. *Takes note with appreciation* of the updates provided for UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS in the background paper on response to sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment, and notes with appreciation increasing inter-agency cooperation;
6. *Notes* progress made and the need for continued effort and focus on preventing and taking immediate action on tackling sexual exploitation, abuse and sexual harassment, including ensuring that policies and procedures deliver impact and are resourced sufficiently, and that proposed actions are implemented at country, regional and global levels;
7. *Requests* UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS to continue to take action to ensure a victim-centred, system-wide and coherent approach at all levels to prevent and tackle sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment, while leveraging their respective mandates, and to address the increased risk of sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment during the COVID-19 response and recovery;
8. *Requests* UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS to continue providing updates to the Executive Board on how UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS are preventing and responding to sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment in its policies, procedures and operations at all levels, taking into account recommendations from the independent review.

4 September 2020

2020/12**Joint comprehensive cost-recovery policy***The Executive Board*

1. *Approves* the joint comprehensive cost-recovery policy ([DP/FPA-ICEF-UNW/2020/1](#)), including cost-classification categories, methodology and rates, effective 1 January 2022;
2. *Requests* UNDP and UNFPA, in collaboration with UNICEF and UN-Women, to adapt the presentation of the national committees' rates in table 4 of the policy, clarifying that in the case of UNICEF, the 5 per cent rate is applicable only to thematic contributions raised by National Committees;
3. *Resolves* that the comprehensive cost-recovery policy as outlined in document DP/FPA-ICEF-UNW/2020/1 supersedes the previous cost-recovery policy, including cost-classification categories, methodology and rates;
4. *Decides* that agreements signed prior to 1 January 2022 will be honoured using the existing cost-recovery rates (per Executive Board decision 2013/9) and that new

agreements as well as revisions of existing agreements that result in additional/new contributions signed after 1 January 2022, will comply with the rates in the cost-recovery policy as approved in this decision;

5. *Requests* UNDP and UNFPA, in collaboration with UNICEF and UN-Women, to provide harmonized annual reporting on the progress of implementation of the cost-recovery policy as an annex to their respective existing reporting, including the presentation of the financial impact of the harmonized differentiated rates and waivers granted, and to continue including, in line with the policy, inter alia an itemization of each waiver/discount listing the donor name, total contribution, programme name, cost-recovery rate and United States dollar value of the waiver/discount, as well as the resulting effective cost-recovery rates and cost-recovery amounts realized;

6. *Further requests* UNDP and UNFPA, in collaboration with UNICEF and UN-Women, to present in a harmonized way in their existing reporting the calculations of the notional cost-recovery rates in their respective integrated budget documents;

7. *Requests* UNDP and UNFPA, in collaboration with UNICEF and UN-Women, to present a comprehensive review of the cost-recovery policy and its implementation for decision at the second regular session 2024, and further requests UNDP and UNFPA, in collaboration with UNICEF and UN-Women, to organize a joint briefing in 2023 to present a joint timeline for the review and preliminary observations and findings from the implementation of the cost-recovery policy.

4 September 2020

2020/13

Working methods of the Executive Board

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the joint paper with concrete proposals for rearranged annual workplans of the Executive Boards for 2021, prepared by the secretariats of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women);

2. *Approves* the proposed shift in items among formal sessions which seeks to reduce the workload of the second regular session;

3. *Requests* the secretariat to ensure that sufficient time is allotted to each session of the Executive Board and each of their items, as well as to the respective informal consultations to enable the Executive Board to exercise its oversight function.

4 September 2020

2020/14

UNDP structured funding dialogue

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note* of the report on the structured dialogue on financing the results of the UNDP Strategic Plan, 2018-2021 ([DP/2020/20](#)) and its annexes;

2. *Welcomes* the efforts made by UNDP jointly with UNFPA, UNICEF and UN-Women to improve the structured funding dialogues;

3. *Notes* the importance of sufficient and predictable regular (core) resources linked to intended and demonstrated results, which is critical for UNDP to deliver on the Strategic Plan, 2018-2021, respond to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic and help realize the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development; recalls the importance of broadening the contributor base and encourages UNDP, in line with the funding compact of the Secretary-General, to engage with Member States to consider to prioritize contributing to UNDP regular resources in a timely and predictable manner; and further encourages UNDP to continue to make efforts in terms of visibility and recognition of contributions to regular resources;
4. *Requests* UNDP to update the Board ahead of the annual session 2021 and report at the second regular session 2021, as part of the structured funding dialogue, on how UNDP will mitigate the effects of potential decreases in global official development assistance, including its impact on implementation of the Strategic Plan;
5. *Invites* UNDP, as appropriate, to continue its dialogue with Member States with the aim of reaching the funding targets of the integrated resource plan and integrated budget and on shifting from highly-earmarked to regular and flexible resources and on prioritizing multi-year pledges, to enable UNDP to respond to the evolving needs of programme countries in line with the Strategic Plan, 2018-2021;
6. *Urges* UNDP to continue to improve the quality of its independent and decentralized evaluation function and to leverage it in support of organizational learning, accountability and transparency to improve programme design and delivery;
7. *Recognizes* the progress made by UNDP on entity-specific commitments of the funding compact and requests UNDP to engage with United Nations development system entities and the United Nations Development Coordination Office in the Office's coordination of a further harmonization of these indicators across the United Nations development system while maintaining their entity-specific relevance;
8. *Notes* the lack of a commonly agreed definition for "joint activities" and requests UNDP to engage with United Nations development system entities and the United Nations Development Coordination Office in the Office's coordination of the formulation of a system-wide definition of joint activity expenditures undertaken by the United Nations development system entities that accurately reflects the cooperation taking place among United Nations development system entities on joint development activities;
9. *Requests* UNDP to continue to support full implementation of the Business Operations Strategy across all United Nations country teams by 2021;
10. *Requests* UNDP to include in future structured funding dialogue reports information on contributions to thematic funding windows and on how the utilization of such funds contributes to the achievement of the results of the strategic plan;
11. *Recognizes* the importance of contributions made by programme country Governments to UNDP for local office costs, both cash and in kind, and encourages UNDP to work with respective Governments with a view to agreeing, where possible, on annual or multi-year contributions to fulfil such commitments, taking into account national budgetary planning processes.

4 September 2020

2020/15
UNDP evaluation*The Executive Board*

With regard to the annual report on evaluation, 2019 (DP/2020/13) and the management commentaries thereto:

1. *Takes note* of the annual report on evaluation and stresses the importance of gender-responsive evaluations to track impactful and transformative outcomes in gender equality and the empowerment of women;
2. *Welcomes* the efforts made by the Independent Evaluation Office and the 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. *Looks forward* to future annual evaluation reports with more analysis of accomplishments and challenges in the work of the Independent Evaluation Office, including a synthesis of the results of evaluations;
4. *Requests* UNDP to continue to improve the independence, quality and use of decentralized evaluations throughout the organization, particularly at country level, and to allocate sufficient resources to the Independent Evaluation Office and the decentralized evaluation function for this purpose, consistent with the expectations set out in the evaluation policy;
5. *Welcomes* the efforts of the Independent Evaluation Office to conduct evaluations in crisis and post-crisis settings during 2018 and 2019, as well as the office's commitment to lesson-learning on how to successfully conduct evaluations in crisis-affected countries;
6. *Requests* UNDP to address the issues raised;
7. *Acknowledges* the conclusions reached by the evaluation offices of UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF and UN-Women in their evaluability assessment of the common chapter and requests management, in consultation with the independent evaluation offices, to develop the necessary tracking framework within the respective integrated results and resources frameworks of their current strategic plans, following the recommendations of the joint report on the evaluability assessment of the common chapter, dated 30 March 2020, in the context of the repositioning of the United Nations development system, as laid out in General Assembly resolution 72/279;

With regard to the evaluation of UNDP development cooperation in middle-income countries (DP/2020/21) and the management response thereto (DP/2020/22):

8. *Takes note* of the evaluation of UNDP development cooperation in middle-income countries and the management response thereto;
9. *Welcomes* the evaluation's findings and conclusions regarding the significant contribution by UNDP to development results in middle-income countries, while noting the programmatic areas identified for consolidation and strengthening;
10. *Requests* UNDP, in line with the evaluation's findings, conclusions and recommendations, to consider differentiated approaches in its programmatic engagement in middle-income countries, recognizing their diversity and different development priorities, including ensuring adequate consideration of these findings, conclusions and recommendations in the preparation and formulation of the next strategic plan 2022-2025 and the allocation of resources in its subsequent implementation;

11. *Notes* the findings, conclusions and recommendations related to the income-based approach to allocation of regular resources among middle-income countries, and requests UNDP management to consider and review options for strengthening the consideration of human development perspectives and financing capacities in the approach to allocation of regular resources to middle-income countries, including the smooth transition of countries graduating from the least developed country category, and to present options for consideration in the context of the development of the integrated resource plan and integrated budget for 2022-2025.

4 September 2020

2020/16

United Nations Volunteers

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note* of the results achieved by the United Nations the United Nations Volunteers Programme (UNV) in 2019 as reflected in the report of the Administrator ([DP/2020/14](#));
2. *Expresses appreciation* to all United Nations Volunteers for their outstanding contributions to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development during 2019;
3. *Takes note with appreciation* the focused efforts of UNV on gender equality and the empowerment of women and on proactively engaging persons with disabilities in the United Nations system;
4. *Approves* the proposed adjustments to the results framework for the Strategic Framework, as outlined in annex 6;
5. *Reaffirms* the crucial role of the Special Voluntary Fund in delivering the UNV Strategic Framework, 2018-2021, and encourages UNV to continue engaging development partners to contribute to the Fund;
6. *Commends* UNV for the results achieved through the organizational transformation and during the first two years of the Strategic Framework, 2018-2021, as highlighted in the midterm review;
7. *Requests* that UNV continue to build on the progress made in pursuing innovative volunteer solutions that enable the United Nations system to accelerate its contributions to the 2030 Agenda.

4 September 2020

2020/17

Midterm review of the United Nations Capital Development Fund Strategic Framework, 2018-2021, including the annual report on results achieved in 2019

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note* of the midterm review of the United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF) Strategic Framework, 2018-2021, including the annual report on results achieved by UNCDF in 2019 ([DP/2020/15](#));
2. *Commends* the progress made by UNCDF in implementing its Strategic Framework, 2018-2021;
3. *Welcomes* its commitment to innovative financing solutions and approaches to make finance work for the poor;

4. *Notes* that the work of UNCDF is critical to supporting the least developed countries through the COVID-19 pandemic;
5. *Recommits* to supporting UNCDF, including through fully funding its resource requirements of \$25 million per year in regular resources, \$75 million per year in other resources and capitalizing its Investment Fund with \$50 million.

4 September 2020

2020/18 UNFPA structured funding dialogue

The Executive Board

1. *Takes* note of the report on the UNFPA structured funding dialogue 2019-2020 ([DP/FPA/2020/9](#));
2. *Welcomes* the efforts made by UNFPA jointly with UNDP, UNICEF and UN-Women to improve the structured funding dialogues;
3. *Notes* the importance of sufficient and predictable regular (core) resources linked to intended and demonstrated results, which is critical for UNFPA to deliver on the Strategic Plan, 2018-2021, respond to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic and help realize the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, recalls the importance of broadening the contributor base and encourages UNFPA, in line with the funding compact of the Secretary-General, to engage with Member States to consider to prioritize contributing to UNFPA regular resources in a timely and predictable manner; and further encourages UNFPA to continue to make efforts in terms of visibility and recognition of contributions to regular resources;
4. *Requests* UNFPA to update the Board ahead of the annual session 2021 and report at the second regular session 2021, as part of the structured funding dialogue, on how UNFPA will mitigate the effects of potential decreases in global official development assistance, including its impact on implementation of the strategic plan;
5. *Invites* UNFPA, as appropriate, to continue its dialogue with Member States with the aim of reaching the funding targets of the strategic plan and the integrated budget and on shifting from highly-earmarked to regular and flexible resources and on prioritizing multi-year pledges, to enable UNFPA to respond to the evolving needs of programme countries in line with the Strategic Plan, 2018-2021;
6. *Recognizes* the progress made by UNFPA on entity-specific commitments of the funding compact and requests UNFPA to engage with United Nations development system entities and the United Nations Development Coordination Office in the Office's coordination of a further harmonization of these indicators across the United Nations development system while maintaining their entity-specific relevance;
7. *Notes* the lack of a commonly agreed definition for 'joint activities' and requests UNFPA to engage with United Nations development system entities and the United Nations Development Coordination Office in the Office's coordination of the formulation of a system-wide definition of joint activity expenditures undertaken by the United Nations development system entities that accurately reflects the cooperation taking place among UNDS entities on joint development activities;
8. *Requests* UNFPA to continue to support full implementation of the Business Operations Strategy across all United Nations country teams by 2021;

9. *Requests* UNFPA to present in future structured funding dialogue reports how the planned and actual allocation of resources to thematic funds contributes to the achievement of the results of the strategic plan.

4 September 2020

2020/19

UNFPA evaluation

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note* of the annual report on the evaluation function, of the evaluation of the UNFPA capacity in humanitarian action, and of the programme of work and budget of the Evaluation Office in 2020;
2. *Welcomes* the efforts made by UNFPA and the 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. *Encourages* UNFPA to strive to progressing towards an allocation of at least 1.4 per cent and up to 3 per cent of its total programme expenditure to the evaluation function, as embedded in the UNFPA Evaluation Policy of 2019;
4. *Reaffirms* the role played by the evaluation function and underscore the importance of high-quality, independent evaluative evidence in the context of the UNFPA strategic plan, 2018-2021, and its contribution to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and to a principled, efficient and timely response to the existing humanitarian needs;
5. *Acknowledges* the conclusions reached by the evaluation offices of UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF and UN-Women in their evaluability assessment of the common chapter, and requests management, in consultation with the independent evaluation offices, to develop the necessary tracking framework within the respective integrated results and resources frameworks of their current strategic plans, following the recommendations of the joint report on the evaluability assessment of the common chapter, dated 30 March 2020;
6. *Welcomes* the management response to the evaluation of the UNFPA capacity in humanitarian action and *requests* UNFPA to track and monitor progress of work outlined in the management response against the evaluation's recommendations, and to share this progress with the Executive Board at the annual session 2021, including an update on the impacts of COVID-19 on the implementation of recommendations.

4 September 2020

2020/20

United Nations Office for Project Services

The Executive Board

With regard to the midterm review of the UNOPS Strategic Plan, 2018-2021 (DP/OPS/2020/5):

1. *Takes note* of the midterm review of the UNOPS Strategic Plan, 2018-2021, and its annexes;
2. *Welcomes* UNOPS support to the operational results of the United Nations, Governments and other partners and the intent to sustain its focus and direction;

3. *Underlines* the continued relevance of the UNOPS strategic framework as the basis for driving the ambition to become a better known and recognized resource for the United Nations and Member States;
4. *Recognizes* that the management results achieved reconfirm the relevance of the non-programmatic business-to-business value proposition expressed in its contribution goals, and the ability to safeguard the viability of the unique demand-driven and self-financed business model for the medium and longer term;
5. *Encourages* the continued attention of UNOPS on focusing its efforts based on the evolving operational context and policy guidance and on management oversight needs to ensure accountability, building on its technical expertise and the comparative advantages of its implementation mandate;
6. *Takes note* of the increasing demand for UNOPS to expand implementation capacity for sustainable development, including in direct support of countries and in the most fragile situations, while demand has remained relatively stable from United Nations entities;
7. *Notes* the progress achieved in promoting and enabling countries' sustainable infrastructure impact investment and the potential for additional added value in the areas of quality infrastructure and sustainable public procurement;
8. *Reiterates* its encouragement to UNOPS, inter alia, through the UNOPS client board, to improve its value proposition to United Nations entities in order for them to take advantage of UNOPS efficiency and effectiveness, emphasizing technical expertise in quality infrastructure, sustainable public procurement, and sustainable infrastructure impact investment;

With regard to the annual statistical report on United Nations procurement, 2019 (DP/OPS/2020/6):
9. *Takes note* of the annual statistical report on United Nations procurement, 2019;
10. *Welcomes* the data and analysis contained therein;
11. *Reiterates* its encouragement to UNOPS and other United Nations entities to continue to achieve greater value for money and to take further measures for the purpose of increasing procurement from countries with economies in transition, developing countries and least developed countries.

4 September 2020

2020/21

Overview of decisions adopted by the Executive Board at its second regular session 2020

The Executive Board

Recalls that during its second regular session 2020, it:

Item 1

Organizational matters

Adopted the agenda as orally amended and approved the workplan for its second regular session 2020 (DP/2020/L.3);

Approved the report of the annual session 2020 (DP/2020/18);

Approved the tentative workplan for the first regular session 2021;

Joint segment

Item 2

Internal audit and investigation

Adopted decision 2020/10 on the reports of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS on internal audit and investigations and management responses;

Item 3

Ethics

Adopted decision 2020/11 on the reports of the ethics offices of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS;

Item 4

Protection against sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment

Took note of the presentations made by UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS on protection against sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment;

Item 5

Financial, budgetary and administrative matters

Adopted decision 2020/12 on the joint comprehensive cost-recovery policy;

Item 6

Working methods of the Executive Board

Adopted decision 2020/13 on the working methods of the Executive Board;

Item 7

UNDP structured funding dialogue

Adopted decision 2020/14 on the UNDP structured funding dialogue;

Item 8

UNDP evaluation

Adopted decision 2020/15 on UNDP evaluation (including the annual report on evaluation and the evaluation of UNDP support to middle-income countries);

Item 9

UNDP country programmes and related matters

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

Africa: Eswatini ([DP/DCP/SWZ/4](#)), Uganda ([DP/DCP/UGA/5](#));

Asia-Pacific: Indonesia ([DP/DCP/IDN/4](#) and [Corr.1](#)), Timor-Leste ([DP/DCP/TLS/3](#) and [Corr.1](#));

Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States: Belarus ([DP/DCP/BLR/4](#)), Bosnia and Herzegovina ([DP/DCP/BIH/4](#)), Kazakhstan ([DP/DCP/KAZ/4](#)), Serbia ([DP/DCP/SRB/3](#)), including the results and resources framework for Kosovo¹ ([DP/DCP/SRB/3/Add.1](#)), Turkey ([DP/DCP/TUR/4](#)), Turkmenistan ([DP/DCP/TKM/3](#));

Latin America and the Caribbean: Colombia ([DP/DCP/COL/3](#));

¹ All references to Kosovo are understood to be in the context of Security Council resolution 1244 (1999).
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Approved the two-year extension of the country programme for Burkina Faso from 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2022 and three-year extensions of the country programmes for Mauritius and Seychelles from 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2023 (DP/2020/23);

Took note of the first one-year extensions of the country programmes for Bahrain, Cameroon, El Salvador, Guinea-Bissau and Libya (DP/2020/23) and the first two-month extension of the country programme for China from 1 January to 28 February 2021 (DP/2020/23/Add.1), already approved by the Administrator;

Item 10

United Nations Volunteers

Adopted decision 2020/16 on the United Nations Volunteers;

Item 11

United Nations Capital Development Programme

Adopted decision 2020/17 on the midterm review of the UNCDF Strategic Framework, 2018-2021, including the annual report on results achieved in 2019;

UNFPA segment

Item 12

UNFPA structured funding dialogue

Adopted decision 2020/18 on the UNFPA structured funding dialogue;

Item 13

UNFPA evaluation

Adopted decision 2020/19 on evaluation in UNFPA (including the annual report on the evaluation function and the evaluation of the UNFPA capacity in humanitarian action);

Item 14

UNFPA country programmes and related matters

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

Eastern Europe and Central Asia: Belarus (DP/FPA/CPD/BLR/3), Bosnia and Herzegovina (DP/FPA/CPD/BIH/3), Kazakhstan (DP/FPA/CPD/KAZ/5), Serbia (DP/FPA/CPD/SRB/2), including the results and resources framework for Kosovo (DP/FPA/CPD/SRB/2/Add.1),² Turkey (DP/FPA/CPD/TUR/7), Turkmenistan (DP/FPA/CPD/TKM/5);

Asia and the Pacific: Indonesia (DP/FPA/CPD/IDN/10 and Corr.1), Timor-Leste (DP/FPA/CPD/TLS/4);

Latin America and the Caribbean: Colombia (DP/FPA/CPD/COL/7)

Took note of the first one-year extensions for the country programmes for Algeria, Cameroon, El Salvador, Lebanon, Libya, Mozambique, Tajikistan, Zambia and Zimbabwe (DP/FPA/2020/10) and the first two-month extension for China from 1 January to 28 February 2021 (DP/FPA/2020/10/Add.1), which were approved by the UNFPA Executive Director;

Approved the two-year extension of the country programme for Burkina Faso, the second, six-month extension for the country programme for Madagascar and the fifth, one-year extension for the country programme for Yemen (DP/FPA/2020/10);

² All references to Kosovo are understood to be in the context of Security Council resolution 1244 (1999).

UNOPS segment

Item 15

United Nations Office for Project Services

Adopted decision 2020/15 on the United Nations Office for Project Services;

Item 16

Other matters

Heard a statement by the Chairperson of the UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS/UN-Women Staff Council.

4 September 2020

**TENTATIVE WORKPLAN
EXECUTIVE BOARD OF UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS
FIRST REGULAR SESSION 2021
(1 – 4 February, New York)**

<i>Day/Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Subject</i>
Monday, 1 February	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 second regular session 2020 • Adoption of the annual workplan 2021 of the Executive Board <p style="text-align: center;">JOINT SEGMENT</p>
		2	RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BOARD OF AUDITORS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNDP, UNCDF, UNFPA and UNOPS reports on the status of implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors for 2019 (<i>D</i>)
		3	FOLLOW-UP TO UNAIDS PROGRAMME COORDINATING BOARD MEETING <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint UNDP and UNFPA report on the implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the Programme Coordinating Board of UNAIDS
		10	OTHER MATTERS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address by the Chairperson of the UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS/UN-Women Staff Council
	3 – 5:30 p.m.		UNDP SEGMENT
		4	HUMAN DEVELOPMENT REPORT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on the Human Development Report consultations (GA resolution 57/264)
		5	UNDP COUNTRY PROGRAMMES AND RELATED MATTERS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation and approval of country programme documents • Extensions of country programmes
Tuesday, 2 February	10 a.m.– 1 p.m.		UNDP SEGMENT (cont'd)
			INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE WITH THE ADMINISTRATOR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Update on impact of and response to COVID-19
	3 – 5:30 p.m.	6	EVALUATION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluation of UNDP support to climate change adaptation, and management responses (<i>D</i>) • Evaluation of UNDP support to conflict-affected countries, and management response (<i>D</i>) • Evaluation of UNDP support to the Syrian refugee crisis response and promoting integrated resilience approach, and management response (<i>D</i>)

Wednesday, 3 February	10 a.m.– 1 p.m.		<p style="text-align: center;">UNFPA SEGMENT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">STATEMENT BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Update on impact of and response to COVID-19
	3 – 5:30 p.m.	7	<p>EVALUATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formative evaluation of UNFPA support to South-South and triangular cooperation, and management response
		8	<p>UNFPA COUNTRY PROGRAMMES AND RELATED MATTERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation and approval of country programme document • Extensions of country programmes
Thursday, 4 February	10 a.m.– 1 p.m.	9	<p style="text-align: center;">UNOPS SEGMENT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">STATEMENT BY THE UNOPS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Update on impact of and response to COVID-19
	3 – 5:30 p.m.	10	<p>OTHER MATTERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption of pending decisions
		1	<p>ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption of the tentative workplan for the annual session 2021