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2013/1

Oral report of the Administrator on the implementation of the UNDP gender equality strategy

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note of* the oral report on the implementation of the UNDP gender equality strategy, 2008-2013;
2. *Recognizes* the importance of gender equality in achieving sustained and inclusive economic growth, poverty eradication and sustainable development, as reflected in General Assembly resolution 67/226 on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system;
3. *Takes note of* the efforts of UNDP in achieving concrete gender-equality development and institutional results in 2012;
4. *Takes note of* the progress UNDP has made to systematically integrate gender dimensions in the country programme documents submitted to the Executive Board, and encourages UNDP to continue to do this;
5. *Urges* UNDP to continue to allocate a level of expenditure appropriate to the importance of gender equality, and reiterates its request to UNDP to strengthen its capacity for gender mainstreaming, within the context of its programming and the overall agenda for organizational change;
6. *Requests* UNDP to ensure the mainstreaming of gender-equality perspectives in the preparation of the UNDP strategic plan, 2014-2017, taking fully into account the findings of the midterm review of the implementation of the current gender equality strategy;
7. *Requests* UNDP to update the Executive Board at its annual session 2013 on the steps and timeline for the preparation of the next gender equality strategy, and looks forward to the presentation of that strategy at the first regular session 2014, together with a report on the implementation of the gender equality strategy in 2013;
8. *Takes note of* the partnership of UNDP with the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) and urges UNDP to continue to work closely with UN-Women to advance gender equality on the basis of complementary and synergetic relationships;
9. *Appreciates* the commitment of UNDP to addressing gender parity for staff at all levels of the organization; requests UNDP to further improve gender parity at mid-to-senior levels; and further requests UNDP to take steps to ensure the representation, at all staff levels, of women from programme countries, at headquarters, regional and country levels, keeping in mind the principle of equitable geographical representation, in the framework of the forthcoming UNDP report on the gender parity strategy;
10. *Commends* UNDP on the work of the Gender Steering and Implementation Committee in strongly encouraging senior management on gender equality and requests the Committee to be vigilant in holding senior managers accountable for achieving results in gender equality;
11. *Requests* UNDP to include, in its future annual reports on the implementation of its gender equality strategy, the actions it has taken to implement the United Nations System-Wide Action Plan on Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women.

1 February 2013

2013/2

Evaluation (UNDP)

(a) Evaluation of the UNDP contribution to poverty reduction, and the management response;

(b) Evaluation of UNDP support to conflict-affected countries in the context of United Nations peace operations, and the management response

The Executive Board

With regard to the evaluation of the UNDP contribution to poverty reduction (DP/2013/3), and the management response thereto (DP/2013/4):

1. *Takes note* of the evaluation of the UNDP contribution to poverty reduction and the management response thereto;
2. *Takes note of* the findings and the conclusions of the evaluation of the UNDP contribution to poverty reduction, and requests UNDP to take them fully into account when preparing its next strategic plan, global programme and regional programmes, and to ensure that poverty eradication is a central component of that process;
3. *Urges* UNDP to implement the recommendations of the evaluation report when planning its programmes and projects and to report to the Executive Board, at its second regular session 2016, on the steps taken in this regard;
4. *Reaffirms* that eradicating poverty is the greatest global challenge facing the world today;
5. *Acknowledges* the efforts undertaken by UNDP to address the multidimensional challenges of poverty in a sustainable manner by adopting enabling strategies that impact the social determinants of poverty;
6. *Urges* UNDP to strengthen its pro-poor focus and work with relevant stakeholders at the country level, in order to better contribute to achieving the Millennium Development Goals, to national efforts for poverty reduction, and to reducing rising inequalities;
7. *Requests* that UNDP prioritize its contributions to capacity development and policy advice, based on the principles of national ownership and sustainability;
8. *Emphasizes* the need for UNDP to strengthen its country-level capacities, as well as incentives to learn from its activities, and encourages, upon request of the national government and as appropriate, that the lessons are included in national policy and programme development;
9. *Encourages* UNDP to develop a clear and robust results framework that demonstrates complete results chains that establish results at the output, outcome and impact levels, with a view to better assessing the UNDP contribution to poverty reduction;
10. *Encourages* UNDP to strengthen its efforts to create more effective integration of its focus areas for poverty reduction at the country level and stronger partnership with other United Nations organizations, in order to support poverty eradication in all its dimensions;

With regard to the evaluation of UNDP support to conflict-affected countries in the context of United Nations peace operations (DP/2013/5), and the management response thereto (DP/2013/6):

11. *Takes note of* the evaluation of UNDP support to conflict-affected countries in the context of United Nations peace operations and the management response thereto;
12. *Takes note of* the conclusions and findings of the evaluation of UNDP support to conflict-affected countries in the context of United Nations peace operations, and, in this regard, urges UNDP to implement the recommendations of the evaluation report when planning its programmes and projects;
13. *Welcomes* UNDP efforts to establish an early alert and action system, as well as promote the appropriate use of conflict analysis, recognizing that these are critical steps for UNDP to better leverage its presence on the ground into quick and effective action;
14. *Welcomes* the planned efforts of UNDP and humanitarian partner organizations to establish a common definition of early recovery and a common set of guiding principles on the scope and funding mechanisms for early recovery activities in the immediate aftermath of conflict, such as consolidated appeals;
15. *Urges* UNDP to follow through on its stated intention to strengthen collaboration with other United Nations organizations involved in integrated United Nations peace operations, especially the United Nations Department of Political Affairs and the United Nations Department of Peacekeeping Operations, to enhance coordination and, in particular, to better prepare for the transition period, commencing with the drawdown of peacekeeping missions;
16. *Recognizes* that there are difficulties in attracting and retaining female staff in conflict-affected countries, and urges UNDP to take action to improve the gender balance of its workforce in these settings and to continue its broader efforts to improve the capacity of country teams to achieve results;
17. *Encourages* UNDP to ensure that all nationally and directly implemented programmes and projects carried out in conflict-affected countries clearly outline their objectives aimed at national capacity-building, in line with a well-planned exit strategy.

1 February 2013

2013/3

Review of UNDP engagement in direct budget support and pooled funding

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note of* document DP/2013/7 on the review of UNDP engagement in direct budget support and pooled funding;
2. *Recognizes* that the primary value-added contribution of UNDP lies in supporting national capacity and policy development;
3. *Agrees* to maintain the changes in the rules and regulations, as contained in document DP/2008/36, for a subsequent pilot period, 2013 to 2014, in order to continue to provide country offices with the needed flexibility in a direct budget-support environment, and for UNDP to gain different experiences from this work, recognizing that these rules and regulations may be further refined, with a view to strengthening transparency and accountability in the context of the harmonized regulations and rules currently under consideration at the United Nations;

4. *Requests* that appropriate evaluations and audits of the activities during the pilot periods 2008 to 2012 and 2013 to 2014 be undertaken in order to provide information about the impact of these activities, particularly on the UNDP contribution to national capacity and policy development, and to learn from the experience gained; and further requests that the findings and recommendations be shared within UNDP and with the members of the United Nations Development Group;

5. *Requests* UNDP to provide a report, prior to the first regular session 2015 of the Executive Board, on the UNDP approach to assessing, prior to allocating funds, the full range of risks associated with the provision of direct budget support and pooled funding, and on the actions taken to continuously monitor and review those risks, with recommendations on the most appropriate approach to assessing the associated risks;

6. *Requests* UNDP to submit the evaluations and audits, as well as any refinement of the rules and regulations, for the consideration of the Executive Board at its first regular session 2015, in order for the Board to adopt a decision on continued UNDP engagement in direct budget support and pooled funding.

1 February 2013

2013/4

UNDP programming arrangements

The Executive Board

1. *Recalls* decision 2012/1 on the second review of the programming arrangements, 2008-2013, and decision 2012/28 on the programming arrangements, 2014-2017;

2. *Takes note of* the note on the programming arrangements dated 24 January 2013, presented informally at the first regular session 2013;

3. *Approves* the target for resource assignment from the core (TRAC)-2 resource facility, which continues to use non-formula based criteria, with organizational priorities and incentives built therein to enhance UNDP ability to effectively respond to differentiated country needs;

4. *Endorses* protection measures to shield resource allocations with respect to TRAC-1 and programme support to resident coordination activities from the impact of programming base levels potentially falling below \$700 million;

5. *Takes note of* the rationale for including the United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF) in the programming arrangements, and agrees to its inclusion in these arrangements;

6. *Further requests* UNDP to provide a comprehensive formal proposal at the annual session 2013 to include UNCDF in the programming arrangements, and that this proposal should, inter alia, include the implications such an inclusion would have on the core resources available for programming, especially the rationale for making it an annual recurring expenditure;

7. *Endorses* the principles of global strategic presence, and, as UNDP presence should be based on the differentiated development needs of countries and a no 'one-size-fits-all' approach in order to ensure efficient and effective response to national development priorities, agrees on the differentiated approach of physical presence, and requests UNDP to provide comprehensive information, in a formal report, on its implementation for the middle-income countries with gross national income per capita above \$6,660;

8. *Endorses* the further rationalization of the lines in the programming arrangements framework, contained in the note on programming arrangements dated 24 January 2013, as follows:

- (a) With respect to the programme activities cost classification category:
 - (i) a country window covering TRAC-1, TRAC-2, TRAC-3 and the Programme of Assistance to the Palestinian People;
 - (ii) a regional window covering regional programmes;
 - (iii) a global window covering the global programme, including the Office of Development Studies, and the Human Development Report Office;
- (b) With respect to the development effectiveness cost classification category:
 - (i) South-South cooperation programme;
 - (ii) development support services;
 - (iii) economists' programme;
 - (iv) gender mainstreaming;
 - (v) policy advisory services;
 - (vi) United Nations Capital Development Fund
- (c) With respect to the United Nations development coordination cost classification category:
 - (i) support to the resident coordinator;

9. *Requests* UNDP to provide, prior to the annual session 2013, more information on the performance of the functions financed under the following fixed lines: development support services, economists' programme, policy advisory services, as well as the Office of Development Studies, as a basis for considering the funding requirements for these functions;

10. *Requests* UNDP to present an informal draft budgetary proposal for the programming arrangements framework within the integrated budget, for consultation with the Executive Board at its annual session 2013, and for formal consideration at its second regular session 2013.

1 February 2013

2013/5

Thematic evaluation of UNFPA support to maternal health, 2000-2011, and the management response

The Executive Board

1. *Notes* the thematic evaluation of UNFPA support to maternal health, 2000-2011, and the management response to that evaluation;
2. *Recalls* decision 2012/26, and welcomes the presentation of the thematic evaluation, the presentation of the management response, and the subsequent discussion as an opportunity for the Executive Board to engage in evidence-based, strategic discussions, as well as an important step in promoting transparency and a culture of evaluation in UNFPA;
3. *Welcomes* the recognition, in the thematic evaluation, of the important contribution that UNFPA has made towards improving maternal health in many countries, for example, by guiding important policy changes and coordinating maternal health support, and by helping to develop capacity in areas such as midwifery, emergency obstetric and newborn care, family planning and fistula repair;

4. *Welcomes* the conclusions and findings of the thematic evaluation and notes that it raises a number of critical, strategic issues that require the continued attention and follow-up of management, including in the context of developing the UNFPA strategic plan, 2014-2017, such as the need to:

- (a) strengthen medium-term to long-term strategic planning at the country level;
- (b) better define the operational implications of targeting the needs of women and girls in the most vulnerable situations;
- (c) improve staff and organizational capacity in maternal health, ensuring the proper mix of skills in the organization in order to maximize comparative strengths and reflect the strategic focus of UNFPA;
- (d) strengthen results-based monitoring and evaluation at the country level and increase the focus on the generation of knowledge and learning;

5. *Welcomes* the efforts currently undertaken by UNFPA to enhance its work in maternal health and to address many of the issues identified in the thematic evaluation, and looks forward to continued, robust implementation of these initiatives;

6. *Notes* the importance of building, maintaining and continuously assessing partnerships with civil society, policymakers, national governments and other United Nations organizations, including the Health 4+ (the World Health Organization, UNFPA, UNICEF, the World Bank, the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS and the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women), in order to address weaknesses in health systems and improve maternal health in the long term; and encourages UNFPA to continue to enhance its efforts in this key aspect of improving maternal health, including through joint programming;

7. *Further notes* the need to strengthen results-oriented monitoring, and encourages UNFPA to strengthen monitoring systems in its programmes, including by ensuring that the results frameworks for country programmes and thematic funds are fully aligned with the UNFPA results framework during the next strategic plan period, 2014-2017;

8. *Welcomes* the recognition, in the thematic evaluation, of the UNFPA Maternal Health Thematic Fund as a catalytic tool to facilitate evidence-based maternal health programming in priority countries, and encourages UNFPA to continue its work to better integrate the UNFPA Maternal Health Thematic Fund into its organizational structures and planning;

9. *Requests* UNFPA to fully take into account the recommendations of the thematic evaluation in its strategic and operational response, including in the context of the development of the next UNFPA strategic plan, and to include an update on the implementation of this decision in the annual report of the Executive Director for 2013, to be presented at the annual session 2014.

1 February 2013

2013/6

UNDP and UNFPA draft country programme documents for Egypt

The Executive Board

1. *Recalls* its decisions 2001/11 and 2006/36 on the programming approval process;
2. *Notes* the request by Egypt to present the UNDP and UNFPA draft country programme documents to the annual session 2013 of the Executive Board;

3. *Decides* to review and approve, on an exceptional basis, the UNDP and UNFPA draft country programme documents for Egypt at the annual session 2013 of the Executive Board.

1 February 2013

2013/7

Reports of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors, 2010-2011

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note of* the reports of UNDP (DP/2013/8), UNFPA (DP/FPA/2013/1) and UNOPS (DP/OPS/2013/1) on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors for 2010-2011;

2. *Encourages* UNDP, in cooperation with UNFPA and other members of the United Nations Development Group, to take actions to ensure that the common guidelines for the harmonized approach to cash transfers are used systematically, including the revision of those guidelines, if necessary;

3. *Commends* UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS for their efforts in implementing the international public sector accounting standards and looks forward to the continuation of this process;

With respect to UNDP:

4. *Notes* the unqualified audit opinion issued by the United Nations Board of Auditors;

5. *Welcomes* the progress made by UNDP in addressing audit-related priorities in 2010-2011;

6. *Supports* ongoing UNDP management efforts to address the revised top nine audit-related management priorities for the 2012-2013 biennium;

7. *Underlines* the need to improve project management and ensure satisfactory internal control at the country level, and encourages a more detailed account of these efforts, including the follow-up of fraud cases, in the UNDP report on internal audit and investigations, 2012;

With respect to UNFPA:

8. *Notes* the unqualified audit opinion issued by the United Nations Board of Auditors;

9. *Commends* the progress made by UNFPA in addressing audit-related priorities in 2010-2011, in particular with regard to cooperation with national partners;

10. *Welcomes* the further actions initiated by UNFPA in implementing the recommendations of the United Nations Board of Auditors for the 2010-2011 biennium, and looks forward to further progress in implementing the remaining 17 long-standing recommendations from the Report of the Board of Auditors, 2009, to ensure that all recommendations are acted upon as a matter of priority;

11. *Supports* ongoing UNFPA management efforts to address audit-related management priorities for the 2012-2013 biennium;

12. *Encourages* a more detailed account of the efforts to follow up fraud cases in the annual report on UNFPA internal audit and oversight activities, 2012;

13. *Encourages* UNFPA to intensify its efforts to fill vacancies and ensure an efficient recruitment process;

14. *Welcomes* the adoption of revised procurement policies and procedures by UNFPA, underlining the need to keep these processes under review to ensure continuing compliance by all business units;

With respect to UNOPS:

15. *Notes* the unqualified and unmodified audit opinion issued by the United Nations Board of Auditors for the biennium 2010-2011;

16. *Welcomes* the progress made by UNOPS in addressing audit-related priorities highlighted by the United Nations Board of Auditors;

17. *Supports* ongoing UNOPS management efforts to address the special challenges faced by UNOPS in transitioning from the United Nations system accounting standards to the international public sector accounting standards.

1 February 2013

2013/8

Report of the Administrator of UNDP and of the Executive Directors of UNFPA and UNOPS to the Economic and Social Council

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note of* the report of the Administrator of UNDP and of the Executive Directors of UNFPA and UNOPS to the Economic and Social Council (E/2013/5);

2. *Encourages* UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS to continue to enhance reporting, taking into account the relevant guidance in General Assembly resolution 67/226 on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system;

3. *Decides* to transmit the above-mentioned report to the Economic and Social Council, together with the comments and guidance provided by delegations.

1 February 2013

2013/9

Road map towards an integrated budget, beginning 2014, and update on cost recovery

The Executive Board

1. *Recalls* UNDP/UNFPA decision 2012/27 and United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) decision 2012/20, which requested further development of the harmonized conceptual framework and calculation methodology for cost-recovery rates, and also recalls the need to implement General Assembly resolution 67/226 on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system, in particular chapter II, section D, on ensuring full cost recovery, proportionally from core and non-core funding sources, and providing incentives to increase core funding;

2. *Recognizes* that full cost recovery, proportionally from core and non-core resources, will lead to fewer resources being drawn from core resources to finance the management

costs of non-core contributions, and a larger share of core resources being allocated to programme activities, thereby providing incentives for core contributions;

3. *Approves* the harmonized methodology for calculating cost-recovery rates presented in document DP-FPA/2012/1-E/ICEF/2012/AB/L.6, which is further developed in the present document (DP-FPA/2013/1-E/ICEF/2013/8), and welcomes the increased transparency and proportionality in the new harmonized framework;

4. *Endorses* a general, harmonized cost-recovery rate of 8 per cent for non-core contributions that will be reviewed in 2016, with the possibility of increasing the rate if it is not consistent with the principle of full cost recovery, proportionally from core and non-core funding sources, as mandated by the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system; and decides that the review of the cost-recovery rate will take place after the analysis and independent assessment of the reports mentioned in paragraphs 15 and 17, below;

5. *Underscores* that the principle of harmonized rates will also apply to differentiated cost-recovery rates, with the aim of promoting collaboration among United Nations organizations and avoiding competition in resource mobilization, and further endorses the following differentiated cost-recovery rate structure:

(a) a harmonized 1 per cent reduction for the thematic contributions at the global, regional and country level in UNDP, UNFPA and UNICEF (8 per cent - 1 per cent = 7 per cent), with the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) maintaining the 8 per cent as a temporary arrangement;

(b) maintaining the existing preferential rates for government cost-sharing, South-South contributions and private-sector contributions;

6. *Decides* that existing agreements will be honoured using the previous cost-recovery rates and that new or renewed agreements will comply with the present decision;

7. *Decides* that, on an exceptional basis and when the urgency of the circumstances requires, the Administrator of UNDP and the Executive Director of UNFPA may consider granting a waiver of the cost-recovery rates on a case-by-case basis, taking into account specific priorities, modalities that incur lower management costs, and harmonization goals, and that the Executive Board will be informed of these waivers in the annual financial reports;

8. *Decides* that the new cost-recovery methodology and related rates will be applied as of 1 January 2014;

9. *Notes* the guiding principles of the integrated budget contained in: (a) the joint note of UNDP, UNFPA and UNICEF on steps taken towards the integrated budget and the mock-up of the integrated budget, submitted at the second regular session 2012; and (b) the mock-up of the integrated resource plan, with a harmonized presentation of the cost-recovery amount, contained in table 6 of the present document (DP-FPA/2013/1-E/ICEF/2013/8);

10. *Reiterates* the need for regular consultations with the Executive Board on the UNDP and UNFPA integrated budgets, 2014-2017, and requests UNDP and UNFPA to present for review, their informal draft integrated budgets, including core and non-core resources, as a part of the discussion of their respective draft strategic plans, 2014-2017, at the annual session 2013;

11. *Requests* UNDP and UNFPA to provide fully transparent and consistent costing proposals that will enable contributors to understand those costs that are directly charged to programmes and projects, as well as the cost-recovery rate that is applied;

12. *Stresses* the need for increasingly efficient and transparent use of the cost-recovery resources, and requests that UNDP and UNFPA provide, in their annual financial reports to the Executive Board, the amounts received from cost recovery and the use thereof;

13. *Requests* UNDP and UNFPA to further pursue efficiency and cost effectiveness with a view to reducing management costs, in the effort to minimize the necessary cost-recovery rate, as mandated by the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system, and to include information and analysis in this regard in the midterm review of their integrated budgets;

14. *Requests* UNDP and UNFPA to each prepare an integrated budget proposal, based on the above approved cost-recovery rates and the conceptual framework of the integrated budget;

15. *Requests* UNDP and UNFPA, in collaboration with UNICEF and UN-Women, to include in the midterm review of their integrated budgets, information on the implementation of the approved cost-recovery rates, including the approved underlying calculation methodology and the inclusion of each cost category; their actual cost-recovery rates for the two previous financial years; and an analysis of compliance with the principle of full cost recovery, funded proportionally from core and non-core resources, as mandated in General Assembly resolution 67/226;

16. *Further requests* UNDP and UNFPA, in the context of the midterm reviews of their integrated budgets, in collaboration with UNICEF and UN-Women, to recommend adjustments to the approved cost-recovery rates, as required, to be presented at the annual session 2016 of the Executive Board;

17. *Requests* that an independent and external assessment be performed in 2016 on the consistency and alignment of the new cost-recovery methodology with General Assembly resolution 67/226.

1 February 2013

2013/10

Overview of decisions adopted by the Executive Board at its first regular session 2013

The Executive Board

Recalls that during its first regular session 2013, it:

Item 1

Organizational matters

Elected the following members of the Bureau for 2013:

President: H.E. Mr. Roble Olhaye (Djibouti)
 Vice-President: Mr. Andy Rachmianto (Indonesia)
 Vice-President: Mr. Eduardo Porretti (Argentina)
 Vice-President: Mr. Boyan Belev (Bulgaria)
 Vice-President: Ms. Merete Dyrud (Norway)

Adopted the agenda and workplan for its first regular session 2013 (DP/2013/L.1).

Adopted the report of the second regular session 2012 (DP/2013/1).

Adopted the annual workplan for 2013 (DP/2013/CRP.1).

Approved the tentative workplan for the annual session 2013.

Agreed to the following schedule for the remaining sessions of the Executive Board in 2013:

Annual session 2013: 3 to 14 June 2013 (New York)

Second regular session 2013: 9 to 13 September 2013.

UNDP segment

Item 2

Gender in UNDP

Adopted decision 2013/1 on the oral report of the Administrator on the implementation of the UNDP gender equality strategy.

Item 3

Country programmes and related matters (UNDP)

Approved the following final country programme documents:

Africa: Cameroon, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Liberia and South Africa

Asia and the Pacific: Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan (common country programme) and the subregional programme for the Pacific Island Countries and Territories

Arab States: Libya, Sudan and the United Arab Emirates

Latin America and the Caribbean: Haiti and Nicaragua.

Adopted decision 2013/6 on the UNDP and UNFPA draft country programme documents for Egypt.

Item 4

Evaluation (UNDP)

Adopted decision 2013/2 on: (a) Evaluation of the UNDP contribution to poverty reduction, and the management response; and (b) Evaluation of UNDP support to conflict-affected countries in the context of United Nations peace operations, and the management response.

Item 5

Financial, budgetary and administrative matters (UNDP)

Adopted decision 2013/3 on the review of the UNDP engagement in direct budget support and pooled funding.

Item 6

Programming arrangements

Adopted decision 2013/4 on the UNDP programming arrangements.

UNFPA segment**Item 7****Evaluation (UNFPA)**

Adopted decision 2013/5 on the thematic evaluation of UNFPA support to maternal health, 2000-2011, and the management response.

Heard a briefing on the draft revised UNFPA evaluation policy.

Item 8**Country programmes and related matters**

Approved the following final country programme documents:

Africa: Cameroon, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Liberia and South Africa

Arab States: Sudan

Asia and the Pacific: Pakistan (common country programme)

Latin America and the Caribbean: Haiti and Nicaragua

Adopted decision 2013/6 on the UNDP and UNFPA draft country programme documents for Egypt.

UNOPS segment

Heard an update from the Executive Director, UNOPS.

Joint segment**Item 9****Recommendations of the Board of Auditors**

Adopted decision 2013/7 on the reports of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors, 2010-2011.

Item 10**Report to the Economic and Social Council**

Adopted decision 2013/8 on the report of the Administrator of UNDP and of the Executive Directors of UNFPA and UNOPS to the Economic and Social Council.

Item 11**Financial, budgetary and administrative matters**

Adopted decision 2013/9 on the road map towards an integrated budget, beginning 2014, and update on cost recovery.

Item 12**United Nations Capital Development Fund**

Heard a presentation on the preliminary 2012 results and an update on the stakeholder consultations on the future of UNCDF.

Joint meeting

Held a joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP on 4 February 2013, which addressed the following topics: (a) operationalizing the recommendations of the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system; and (b) leveraging South-South and triangular cooperation.

Also held the following briefings and informal consultations:

UNDP

Informal consultation on the preliminary findings of the evaluation of the UNDP strategic plan, 2008-2013;

Informal consultation on the road map leading to the UNDP strategic plan, 2014-2017;

Briefing on the UNCDF ongoing stakeholder consultation process mandated by the Executive Board (as per decision 2012/12);

UNFPA

Informal consultation on the UNFPA strategic plan, 2014-2017;

UNOPS

Informal consultation on the preparation of the UNOPS strategic plan for 2014-2017: discussion of key issues.

**TENTATIVE WORKPLAN
EXECUTIVE BOARD OF UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS
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<i>Day/Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Subject</i>
Monday, 3 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 2013 <p style="text-align: center;">UNFPA SEGMENT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">STATEMENT BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR</p>
		10	ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report of the Executive Director: Cumulative report on implementation of the UNFPA strategic plan, 2008-2013 (decision 2011/39) Statistical and financial review, 2012 UNFPA report on the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit in 2012
	3 – 5 p.m.	10	ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (cont'd) <i>Informal consultation on the draft UNFPA strategic plan, 2014-2017</i>
	5 – 6 p.m.		<i>Informal consultations on draft decisions</i>
Tuesday, 4 June	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	11	FUNDING COMMITMENTS TO UNFPA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report on contributions by Member States and others to UNFPA and revenue projections for 2013 and future years
		12	UNFPA COUNTRY PROGRAMMES AND RELATED MATTERS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft country programme documents and extensions of country programmes
	3 – 5 p.m.	13	EVALUATION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> UNFPA revised evaluation policy (decision 2012/26)
	5 – 6 p.m.		<i>Informal consultations on draft decisions</i>
Wednesday, 5 June	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	15	JOINT SEGMENT INTERNAL AUDIT AND OVERSIGHT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reports of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS on internal audit and investigations, and management responses
		16	REPORTS OF THE ETHICS OFFICES OF UNDP, UNFPA AND UNOPS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reports of the Ethics Offices of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS on activities for 2012, and management responses
	3 – 4 p.m.	17	FIELD VISITS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reports on field visits
	4 – 6 p.m.		<i>Informal consultation on draft decisions</i>

Thursday, 6 June	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	14	<p style="text-align: center;">UNOPS SEGMENT STATEMENT BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR</p> <p>UNITED NATIONS OFFICE FOR PROJECT SERVICES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual report of the Executive Director • UNOPS strategic plan, 2014-2017
	3 – 5 p.m.		
	5 – 6 p.m.		<i>Informal consultations on draft decisions</i>
Friday, 7 June	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.		
	3 – 5 p.m.		
Monday, 10 June	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	2	<p style="text-align: center;">UNDP SEGMENT STATEMENT BY THE ADMINISTRATOR</p> <p>ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cumulative review of the strategic plan and annual report of the Administrator: performance and results for 2012 (decision 2011/14)
	3 – 5 p.m.	2	<p>ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR (cont'd)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNDP report on the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit in 2012 • Statistical annex
		3	<p>UNDP STRATEGIC PLAN, 2014-2017</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft strategic plan, 2014-2017 (decision 2012/9)
	5 – 6 p.m.		<i>Informal consultations on draft decisions</i>
Tuesday, 11 June	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	4	<p>FUNDING COMMITMENTS TO UNDP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Status of regular funding commitments to UNDP and its funds and programmes for 2013 and onwards
		5	<p>HUMAN DEVELOPMENT REPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on Human Development Report consultations (GA resolution 57/264)
	3 – 6 p.m.	6	<p>UNDP COUNTRY PROGRAMMES AND RELATED MATTERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report on global programme performance and results (decision 2011/18) • Draft country programme documents • Extensions of country programmes
Wednesday, 12 June	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	7	<p>EVALUATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual report on evaluation and the management response • Evaluation of the UNDP strategic plan, 2008-2013, and the management response • Evaluation of the global programme and the management response • Evaluation of the regional programme for Africa and the management response • Evaluation of the regional programme for Arab States and the management response • Evaluation of the regional programme for Asia and the Pacific and the management response • Evaluation of the regional programme for Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States and the management response • Evaluation of the regional programme for Latin America and the

			<p>Caribbean and the management response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluation of the fourth cooperation framework for South-South cooperation and the management response
	3 – 5 p.m.		EVALUATION (continued)
	5 – 6 p.m.		<i>Informal consultations on draft decisions</i>
Thursday, 13 June	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	8	<p>UNITED NATIONS CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report on results achieved by UNCDF in 2012
		9	<p>UNITED NATIONS VOLUNTEERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report of the Administrator on the evolution of the role and function of UNV since its inception
	3 – 4 p.m.		<i>Informal consultations on draft decisions</i>
		18	<p>OTHER MATTERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adoption of decisions
		1	<p>ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adoption of the tentative workplan for the second regular session 2013 Closing of the session
Friday, 14 June			