

**Follow-up to the decisions taken by the Boards at the Annual Session 2024 regarding the JIU report on the governance and oversight functions of the Executive Boards of the UNFPA/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF and UN-Women**

**Implementation Roadmap**

**12 September 2024**

*Disclaimer: The following roadmap is an ascertainment of what MS carefully negotiated during the Annual Session 2024 and shouldn't request more or less from MS. It should also – in no way – alter the meticulously negotiated time-line of the implementation process.*

Formal and informal updates to the Executive Board			
Action	Responsibility	Timeline	Notes
<p>Provide an update on the implementation of the decision related to the assessment of how the Executive Board executes its governance and oversight functions at the second regular session 2024</p> <p><i>Para. 9 UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS EB decision 2024/12; Para. 9 UNICEF EB decision 2024/15; Para. 8 UN-Women EB Decision 2024/3</i></p>	Bureaux	Second regular sessions 2024	A (verbal) update by the respective Presidents on behalf of the Bureaux consisting of an overview of the proposed road map with actions requested by the decision and related timelines.
<p>Conduct a joint informal consultation of the Executive Boards with the Joint Inspection Unit on the report by the first regular session 2025</p> <p><i>Para. 12 UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS EB decision 2024/12; Para. 12 UNICEF EB decision 2024/15; Para. 11 UN-Women EB Decision 2024/3</i></p>	Bureaux	Mid-January 2025	Since two joint informal consultations have already been held in 2024 with the current Bureaux, Board members, observers and the JIU, it is considered more appropriate to schedule the next joint informal consultation with the new Bureaux after their election in early January 2025.

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<p>Include an item for decision on the progress of the consideration of the JIU report on the agendas of every formal session, until decided otherwise</p> <p><i>Para. 8 UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS EB decision 2024/12; Para. 8 UNICEF EB decision 2024/15; Para. 7 UN-Women EB Decision 2024/3</i></p>	Bureaux	Starting with the second regular session 2024 and until otherwise decided	
<b>Information Gathering Exercise</b>			
<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Timeline</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Propose an outline for the information notes to ensure consistency to the extent possible	Bureaux	30 September 2024	While an outline may be proposed to ensure consistency to the extent possible, there is a possibility that both the management and the Directors of the independent offices information notes will have supplements to the proposed outlines.
<p>Submit information notes with entities management's initial views on the JIU report</p> <p><i>Para. 10 UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS EB decision 2024/12; Para. 10 UNICEF EB decision 2024/15; Para. 9 UN-Women EB Decision 2024/3</i></p>	Entities' management	November 2024	Draft short notes to be received in time for the respective November Bureau meetings with the aim to have the information notes finalized by end November 2024.
Submit information notes with the initial views of the directors of the independent offices on the JIU report	Directors of independent offices	November 2024	Draft short notes to be received in time for the respective Bureau meetings in November with the aim to have the information notes finalized by the end of November 2024

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<p><i>Para. 11 UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS EB decision 2024/12; Para. 11 UNICEF EB decision 2024/15; Para. 10 UN-Women EB Decision 2024/3</i></p>			
<p>Conduct an open and inclusive consultation with Executive Board members and observers on information and analysis needs to support the working group on the Joint Inspection Unit report</p> <p><i>Para. 13 UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS EB decision 2024/12; Para. 13 UNICEF EB decision 2024/15; Para. 12 UN-Women EB Decision 2024/3</i></p>	To be decided by the Bureaux	Since these consultations will be led by member states, reflections and deliberations by the regional groups in the remaining months of 2024 will help shape the expected format and timelines. <sup>1</sup> .	The current Bureaux will prepare a comprehensive handover for the new Bureaux, including the status of consultations and deliberations by member states, as well as their respective preparations for these efforts to be spearheaded by the new Bureaux.
<b>Working Group (WG)</b>			
<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Timeline</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<p>Request, in consultation with the regional groups and in collaboration with the bureaux of participating Boards, nominations of members or observers of the Executive Boards to participate in the working group</p> <p><i>Para. 16 UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS EB decision 2024/12; Para. 16 UNICEF EB decision 2024/15; Para. 15 UN-Women EB Decision 2024/3</i></p>	Bureaux	Member States to consult and reflect on the membership of the Working Group and identify a first list of members before the end of 2024 so that it may be confirmed by the time the new Bureaux are elected, no later than mid-January 2025.	As per Executive Board decision, the WG should comprise up to an aggregate of 15 members, with equal representation of the 5 regional groups. The current Bureaux will prepare a comprehensive handover for the new Bureaux, including the status of consultations and deliberations by member states, as well as their respective preparations for these efforts to be spearheaded by the new Bureaux.

<sup>1</sup> Bureaux to express their commitment to undertaking an open and inclusive consultation process with Board members and observers related to the JIU report and supporting the working group.

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<p>Develop Working Group TORs through a cross-board and cross-regional consultative process, to enable the operationalization of the working group</p> <p><i>Para. 15 UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS EB decision 2024/12; Para. 15 UNICEF EB decision 2024/15; Para. 14 UN-Women EB Decision 2024/3</i></p>	Bureaux	<p>Draft TORs developed by the first regular session 2025. An initial draft to be prepared by UNICEF Bureau by October 2024. Regional groups to consult and reflect on the Working Group's ToRs, the first draft of which to be developed through the experts of the current Bureaux and to be included in the comprehensive handover to the new Bureaux.</p>	<p>TORs to be developed taking into account TORs developed for similar working groups (including the WFP working group on governance). Secretaries to share relevant examples with the Bureaux.</p>
<p>Present the TORs to the Executive Board for adoption at the first regular session 2025</p> <p><i>Para. 15 UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS EB decision 2024/12; Para. 15 UNICEF EB decision 2024/15; Para. 14 UN-Women EB Decision 2024/3</i></p>	Bureaux	<p>Presentation and adoption of draft Working Group ToRs at the first regular session 2025</p>	<p>The new Bureaux would spearhead the development and finalization of the ToRs and as such would present draft ToRs for adoption at the first regular session 2025</p>