Performances indicators

Report by the Director-General

Summary

Provides information on the development of performance indicators to be applied to the work of UNIDO, as a follow-up to discussions of the intersessional working group on the future role and functions of UNIDO (IDB.19/6, para. 5), explaining the developments that have occurred since the nineteenth session of the Board.

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Introduction

1. In recent sessions of the policy-making organs, considerable interest has been shown in performance indicators to monitor and assess the work of UNIDO. In decision IDB.18/Dec.14, the Board requested the intersessional working group on the future role and functions of UNIDO to further develop, in consultation with the Secretariat, a set of criteria and indicators that would allow the future assessment of the implications and monitoring of the implementation of the UNIDO reform process, in particular through the programme and budgets. Subsequently, in resolution GC.7/Res.1 on policy framework of UNIDO, the General Conference requested the Director-General to keep the Member States informed about the implementation of the Business Plan, inter alia, through a range of performance indicators. In accordance with a proposal of the intersessional working group on the future role and functions of UNIDO (IDB.19/6, para. 5), a conference room paper reporting on progress of the work on performance indicators was issued to the nineteenth session of the Board (IDB.19/CRP.2).

II. CURRENT STATUS

4. The radical programmatic transformation that has taken place since the nineteenth session of the Board has necessitated a complete review of the suggested performance indicators discussed in document IDB.19/CRP.2. In particular, the definition of the service modules and the service management cycle have completely changed the way UNIDO provides services to client countries. For these reasons, the Secretariat is designing a new set of performance indicators with greater relevance to the transformation process of the Organization. These may also include some indicators suggested in document IDB.19/CRP.2 whose relevance still applies. A conference room paper with suggested indicators will be issued to the Board at its twentieth session. Subject to their finalization and acceptance, the newly-developed indicators will be applied to the 1999 programme performance report to be issued in conjunction with the annual report, as well as to the programme and budgets, 2000-2001.

III. ACTION REQUIRED OF THE BOARD

5. The Board may wish to take note of the information contained in the present document and to provide guidance for further action.