Programme and Budget Committee  
Twenty-fourth session  
Vienna, 3-4 September 2008  
Item 2 of the provisional agenda  
Adoption of the agenda  

Annotated provisional agenda  

Opening of the session  

The twenty-fourth session of the Programme and Budget Committee will be opened by Ms. T. Feroukhi (Algeria) in her capacity as Acting Chairperson of the twenty-third session.  

Item 1. Election of officers  

In accordance with rule 17.1, each year, at the commencement of its regular session, the Committee shall elect from among the representatives of its members a Chairman and three Vice-Chairmen, and from among the delegations of its members a Rapporteur. Rule 17.3 stipulates that the offices of the Chairperson, the three Vice-Chairpersons and the Rapporteur shall be subject to equitable geographical rotation within a five-year cycle in accordance with appendix A to the rules of procedure. According to that appendix, the Chairman of the twenty-fourth session should be elected from members of the Committee from Asian States in List A, and the three Vice-Chairmen from the States in List B, States in List C and States in List D. The Rapporteur should be elected from members of the Committee from the African States in List A.  

Item 2. Adoption of the agenda  

A provisional agenda for the twenty-fourth session, prepared by the Director-General in consultation with the Acting Chairperson of the Committee in accordance with rules 8 and 9 of the rules of procedure, is submitted to the Committee for adoption in document PBC.24/1 as stipulated in rule 12.
The Committee will have before it:

- Provisional agenda (PBC.24/1)
- Annotated provisional agenda (PBC.24/1/Add.1)
- List of documents (PBC.24/CRP.1)


Financial regulations 11.9 and 11.10 stipulate that the reports of the External Auditor, together with the audited financial statements, shall be transmitted through the Committee to the Board in accordance with directions given by the Conference. The Committee shall examine the financial statements and the audit reports and submit recommendations to the Board, which shall forward them to the Conference with such comments as it deems appropriate.

The Committee in its conclusion 1987/19 requested the Director-General to submit each year to the Board through the Committee a clear and detailed financial performance report itemizing the utilization of financial resources, as well as a programme performance report describing the level of programme implementation. Subsequently, the Board at its seventh session (decision IDB.7/Dec.11 (e)) approved the incorporation of the programme performance report in the annual report. Likewise the General Conference in its resolution GC.4/Res.2 (2) requested the Director-General to fully incorporate in future annual reports the programme performance report according to Board decision IDB.7/Dec.11 (e). Thus, the *Annual Report of UNIDO 2007* contains the programme performance report for 2007.

The Committee will have before it:

- Report of the External Auditor on the accounts of UNIDO for the financial period 1 January 2006 to 31 December 2007 (PBC.24/3-IDB.35/3)
- Annual Report of UNIDO 2007 (including programme performance report for 2007) (PBC.24/2-IDB.34/2)

**Item 4. Financial situation of UNIDO**

The report by the Director-General to the Board at its thirty-fourth session (IDB.34/8), amended through a note by the Secretariat (IDB.34/CRP.2), covered a wide range of issues within the context of the financial situation. That information will be updated in a document submitted to the present session.

The Committee will thus have before it:

- Financial situation of UNIDO. Report by the Director-General (PBC.24/5-IDB.35/5)

**Item 5. Accounting standards**

At its twelfth session, the General Conference decided that UNIDO adopt the International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS), effective
1 January 2010, as part of the United Nations system wide adoption of those Standards (GC.12/Dec.14).

In accordance with a related decision (IDB.33/Dec.5), the Board at its thirty-third session, requested that the policymaking organs be kept informed of developments relevant to UNIDO with respect to IPSAS.

The Committee will thus have before it:

- International Public Sector Accounting Standards. Progress report by the Secretariat (PBC.24/6-IDB.35/6)

### Item 6. Mobilization of financial resources

At its twenty-fifth session the Board adopted decision IDB.25/Dec.5 on funds mobilization for integrated programmes. In that decision in paragraph (i), the Board, inter alia, requested the Director-General to maintain a continuous dialogue with Member States in order to actively sustain the common resource mobilization efforts. A report on progress made will be submitted to the Board through the Committee, and should be considered in conjunction with the *Annual Report of UNIDO 2007*, which provides information on mobilization of financial resources for that year.

The Committee will have before it:

- Mobilization of financial resources. Report by the Director-General (PBC.24/7-IDB.35/7)
- Projects approved under the Industrial Development Fund, trust funds and other voluntary contributions in 2007 (PBC.24/CRP.2)

### Item 7. Medium-term programme framework, 2010-2013

In accordance with General Conference decision GC.2/Dec.23, and as subsequently modified in decision GC.6/Dec.10, the Director-General is requested to submit to the Board in the first year of each fiscal period, through the Committee, a draft medium-term programme framework for the four years that follow the current fiscal period. Furthermore, in compliance with paragraph (b) (v) (d) of the same decision, the Director-General will indicate a general ceiling for the biennium 2010-2011 based on anticipated resources and on programme activity.

The Committee will have before it:

- Medium-term programme framework, 2010-2013. Proposals of the Director-General (PBC.24/8-IDB.35/8)

### Item 8. Date of the twenty-fifth session

The following dates have been reserved for the policymaking organs of UNIDO in 2008 and 2009:
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**Item 9. Adoption of the report**