Annotated provisional agenda

Opening of the session

The forty-second session of the Board will be opened by the Acting President of the Board, H.E. Mr. Aliyar Lebbe Abdul Azeez.

Item 1. Election of officers

In accordance with rule 23.1 of the rules of procedure, each year, at the commencement of its regular session, the Board shall elect from among the representatives of its members a President, three Vice-Presidents and a Rapporteur. Rule 23.3 stipulates that the offices of the President, the three Vice-Presidents and the Rapporteur shall be subject to equitable geographical rotation within a five-year cycle described in appendix A to the rules of procedure. Accordingly, for the forty-second session, the President should be elected from members of the Board among the African States included in List A of Annex I to the Constitution. The three Vice-Presidents should be elected from members of the Board among the Asian and Pacific States in List A, the States included in List B and the States included in List D, respectively. The Rapporteur should be elected from among the representatives of members of the Board among the States included in List C.

Item 2. Adoption of the agenda

A provisional agenda for the forty-second session, based on the provisional agenda adopted in decision IDB.41/Dec.17, is submitted to the Board for adoption in document IDB.42/1.
The Board will have before it:

- Provisional agenda (IDB.42/1)
- Annotated provisional agenda (IDB.42/1/Add.1)
- List of documents (IDB.42/CRP.1)

Item 3. Annual report of the Director General for 2013

In accordance with Article 11.6 of the Constitution, the Director General is to prepare an annual report on the activities of the Organization.

Article 9.4 (d) of the Constitution stipulates that the Board shall request members to furnish information on their activities related to the work of the Organization. In decision IDB.1/Dec.29, Member States were requested to inform the Board on their activities related to the work of the Organization when reviewing the annual report. Member States may wish to include this information in the oral statements delivered by their representatives under this item. Such statements would be reflected in the summary records of the Board.

Due to the reduction of the number of sessions of the Board in non-General Conference years (decision IDB.39/Dec.7 (f)), and in line with the practice established in 2012, the annual report was presented through the thirtieth session of the Programme and Budget Committee to the current session of the Board. Annotations in relation to the annual report and its content were contained in the annotated provisional agenda of the Committee session (PBC.30/1/Add.1).

In line with Article 9.4 (d) of the Constitution and decision IDB.1/Dec.29, Member States delivered statements, which included information on their activities related to the work of the Organization, at the thirtieth session of the Committee.

The Board will have before it:

- Annual Report of UNIDO 2013 (including programme performance report) (IDB.42/2)

Item 4. Report of the Programme and Budget Committee

Article 10.4 (d) of the Constitution requires that the Programme and Budget Committee “report to the Board at each regular session on all activities of the Committee and submit advice or proposals on financial matters to the Board on its own initiative”. The report of the Committee on the work of its thirtieth session is reflected in document IDB.42/7. The following subjects and documentation, dealt with by the Committee at that session, are of relevance to the work of the Board at its current session. Annotations are contained in the annotated provisional agenda of the thirtieth session of the Committee (PBC.30/1/Add.1). At that session, the Committee recommended to the Board the adoption of a number of draft decisions, as indicated in the report of the session and under the respective subheadings below. Following the recommendations made by the External Auditor, the Committee also requested the Director General to present a report on the efficiency gains, including savings in administrative costs, achieved through the implementation of the Programme for Change and Organizational Renewal (PCOR) with emphasis on the introduction of the enterprise resource planning (ERP) system to the Board at its
forty-second session (Conclusion 2014/2). In compliance with this mandate a report will be presented to the Committee under agenda item 4 (a).

4 (a) Report of the External Auditor for 2013

- Conclusion 2014/2 of the Programme and Budget Committee
- Report of the External Auditor on the accounts of UNIDO for the financial year 1 January to 31 December 2013 (IDB.42/3)
- Efficiency gains achieved through the implementation of the Programme for Change and Organizational Renewal (PCOR). Report by the Director General (IDB.42/8)

4 (b) Financial situation of UNIDO, including unutilized balances of appropriations

- Conclusion 2014/3 of the Programme and Budget Committee
- Financial situation of UNIDO. Report by the Director General (IDB.42/4)
- UNIDO’s financial contribution to the United Nations Resident Coordinator system. Report by the Director General (IDB.42/6 and Add.1)
- Financial Regulations of UNIDO. Note by the Secretariat (PBC.30/CRP.2)
- Status of assessed contributions. Note by the Secretariat (IDB.42/CRP.2)

4 (c) Mobilization of financial resources

- Conclusion 2014/4 of the Programme and Budget Committee
- Mobilization of financial resources. Report by the Director General (IDB.42/5)
- Funding performance. *Annual Report of UNIDO 2013* (IDB.42/2, chapter 1)
- Projects approved under the Industrial Development Fund, trust funds and other voluntary contributions in 2013 (PBC.30/CRP.4)

Item 5. Provisional outline of the medium-term programme framework, 2016-2019

At its fifteenth session the General Conference decided that the medium-term programme framework 2010-2013 (document IDB.35/8/Add.1) remains in force until the end of 2015 (decision GC.15/Dec.17). The Conference furthermore requested the Director General to submit from 2015 onwards, on a quadrennial basis, to the Board in the second year of the biennium, through the Committee, a draft medium-term programme framework for four years, taking into account the Lima Declaration: Towards inclusive and sustainable industrial development. In line with decision IDB.41/Dec.17 the above-mentioned agenda item was included in the provisional agenda and the Board will have the following documentation before it:

- Provisional outline of the medium-term programme framework, 2016-2019. Note by the Secretariat (IDB.42/9)
Item 6. Activities of the Office for Independent Evaluation

By decision IDB.29/Dec.7, the Board requested the Secretariat to report on evaluation activities on a biennial basis.

The Board will have before it:

• Activities of the Office for Independent Evaluation. Note by the Secretariat (IDB.42/10)

Item 7. Activities of the Joint Inspection Unit

In accordance with the follow-up scheme to recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit (decision IDB.24/Dec.11), the Board will have before it the following document:

• Activities of the Joint Inspection Unit. Report by the Director General (IDB.42/11)

Item 8. UNIDO activities in environment and energy

At its fifteenth session the General Conference adopted resolution GC.15/Res.4 and provided a number of recommendations on the intertwined areas of environment and energy. In compliance with paragraph (l) of the resolution, a report on further developments regarding its implementation will be provided to the Board.

The Board will have before it:

• UNIDO activities related to environment. Report by the Director General (IDB.42/12)

• UNIDO activities related to energy. Report by the Director General (IDB.42/13)

Item 9. Implementation of the Lima Declaration: Towards inclusive and sustainable industrial development

(a) UNIDO’s assistance to Member States towards achieving enhanced levels of inclusive and sustainable industrial development

(b) UNIDO and the post-2015 development agenda

(c) Implementation of the recommendations relating to the management criteria contained in the “Strategic Guidance Document”

At its fifteenth session the General Conference adopted the Lima Declaration: Towards inclusive and sustainable industrial development (GC.15/Res.1) calling on UNIDO to enhance its support for the efforts of countries towards achieving inclusive and sustainable industrial development. In paragraph 13 of the Declaration, the Director General was requested to regularly report to the General Conference on UNIDO’s assistance to Member States towards achieving enhanced levels of inclusive and sustainable industrial development and on its developmental impact. At the same session the General Conference adopted resolution GC.15/Res.2 which took note of UNIDO’s active engagement in the process of elaboration of the post-2015 development agenda, and requested the Director General to present a
The Conference also invited the Director General to advance UNIDO’s international industrial cooperation activities with middle-income countries (GC.15/Res.5) and requested that a report be presented to the Board on related UNIDO activities. The Conference also welcomed the outcome document of the informal working group on the future, including programmes and resources, of UNIDO, entitled “Strategic Guidance Document” (GC.15/Dec.18). In the same decision, the Conference endorsed the recommendations relating to the management criteria contained in the “Strategic Guidance Document” and requested the Director General to report on their implementation.

The reporting mandates emanating from resolution GC.15/Res.1 regarding UNIDO’s assistance to Member States and GC.15/Res.5 in relation to cooperation with middle-income countries will be combined in document IDB.42/14. The Board will thus have before it reports on the following areas of activities:

- UNIDO’s assistance to Member States towards achieving enhanced levels of inclusive and sustainable industrial development. Report by the Director General (IDB.42/14)
- UNIDO and the post-2015 development agenda. Report by the Director General (IDB.42/15)
- UNIDO activities related to the implementation of the recommendations relating to the management criteria contained in the “Strategic Guidance Document”. Report by the Director General (IDB.42/16)

**Item 10. Report on the work of the Multilateral Diplomatic Committee in UNIDO**

At its fifteenth session, the General Conference considered a report of the Chair of the Multilateral Diplomatic Committee in UNIDO, on the Committee’s work to date (GC.15/CRP.4). At its forty-second session, the Board will be apprised of any further developments.

**Item 11. Personnel matters**

By decision IDB.1/Dec.18 the Board decided to accept the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC) statute. The Board will be informed of any recent ICSC decisions and recommendations adopted by the General Assembly that are of relevance to UNIDO, as an organization in the United Nations common system. The documentation under this item will also contain information on personnel-related developments in UNIDO.

The Board will have before it:

- Personnel matters. Report by the Director General (IDB.42/17)
- List of UNIDO staff. Note by the Secretariat (IDB.42/CRP.3)

**Item 12. Matters related to intergovernmental, non-governmental, governmental and other organizations**

Guidelines regarding relationships with the organizations mentioned in Article 19.1 of the Constitution were established by the General Conference in
decision GC.1/Dec.41. In accordance with these guidelines, the Director General shall (a) present the draft texts of agreements with other organizations of the United Nations system to the Board for its approval; (b) circulate among the members of the Board information on intergovernmental organizations that have expressed the wish to enter into agreements with UNIDO and seek the approval of the Board before concluding an appropriate relationship agreement with the organizations concerned; and (c) circulate among the members of the Board information on international and national non-governmental organizations and other organizations seeking consultative status, following which the Board shall decide whether to grant consultative status to the organizations concerned in accordance with the guidelines established by the Conference.

The Board will have before it information concerning organizations on which decisions are required.

**Item 13. Provisional agenda and date of the forty-third session**

In accordance with rule 10.2 of the rules of procedure, the Director General shall submit to the Board at each regular session the provisional agenda for the following regular session. A provisional agenda will be proposed in the following conference room paper:

- Provisional agenda and date of the forty-third session. Note by the Director General (IDB.42/CRP.4)

The following dates have been reserved for the policymaking organs of UNIDO in 2015:

- 27-29 May Programme and Budget Committee, thirty-first session
- 22-26 June (tentative) Industrial Development Board, forty-third session
- 30 November-4 December General Conference, sixteenth session

**Item 14. Adoption of the report**

In accordance with rule 71, the draft report of the Board shall be prepared and submitted by the Rapporteur.