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Extensions of country programmes

Note of the Administrator

Summary

The present note contains information on the extensions of the country programmes for Brazil, Dominican Republic, Ghana, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, the Philippines, Trinidad and Tobago, and Ukraine. Requests for first one-year extensions of country programmes are approved by the Administrator and presented to the Executive Board for information. Requests for second one-year extensions, two-year extensions and exceptional extensions of country programmes are submitted to the Executive Board for approval.

Elements of a decision

The Executive Board may wish to take note of the first one-year extensions of the country programmes for Brazil, the Lao People's Democratic Republic and Trinidad and Tobago from 1 January to 31 December 2016, and for the Dominican Republic, Ghana, and Ukraine from 1 January to 31 December 2017.

The Executive Board may wish to approve the two-year extension of the country programme for the Philippines from 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2018.



Annex

Table 1. For information by the Executive Board: extensions of country programmes

Country	Years covered by original CPD	Year(s) covered by extension already approved	Year(s) proposed for new extension	Extension		Reason and explanation		
				One-year	Two-year	United Nations harmonization	In-country political development	Other
Brazil	2012-2015	N/A	January – December 2016	Yes			The purpose of the extension is to align with the national development cycle and ensure alignment with the 2016-2020 national development plan.	
Dominican Republic	2012-2016	N/A	January – December 2017	Yes			In light of the elections that will be held in May 2016, the one-year extension is to align with the government's next plurennial plan and the next UNDAF, which will be extended through 2017.	
Ghana	2012-2016	N/A	January – December 2017	Yes			The purpose of the extension is to align the programme cycle with the national development strategy, the Ghana Shared Growth and Development Agenda II (2014-2017).	
Lao People's Democratic Republic	2012-2015	N/A	January – December 2016	Yes			The purpose of the extension is to align with the 8 th National Socio-Economic Development Plan (NSED) 2016-2020 and to harmonize with the UNDAF, which was extended through 2016 to align with the next national development plan.	

Trinidad and Tobago	2012-2015	N/A	January – December 2016	Yes			The extension will allow time for critical engagement with the new Government, elected in September 2015, to ensure alignment with national priorities and the United Nations Multi-Country Sustainable Development Framework, 2017-2021.	
Ukraine	2012-2016	N/A	January – December 2017	Yes			Given the current situation in the country and the range of new and competing priorities and challenges, the extension will provide both the Government and UNDP time for a meaningful consultation with a view to agreeing on strategic priorities for the next country programme.	

Table 2. For approval by the Executive Board: extensions of country programmes

Country	Years covered by original CPD	Year(s) covered by extension already approved	Year(s) proposed for new extension	Extension		Reason and explanation		
				Second One-year	Two-year	United Nations harmonization	In-country political development	Other
Philippines	2012-2016	N/A	January 2017 – December 2018		Yes		The purpose of the extension is to align with the national planning processes and to harmonize with the UNDAF, which have been extended to seven years (2012-2018).	

UNDAF — United Nations Development Assistance Framework.
 CPD — country programme document.