

Board of Trustees

Sixty-Fifth Session

21 – 22 November 2024

UNITAR/BT/65/5

9 December 2024

Geneva, Switzerland

KEY CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SIXTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Item 5: Programming and reporting

Item 5a: 2022-2023 Programme Performance Report, 2023 Results Report and key performance indicators

The Board took note of the observations made and welcomed the results achieved, as reflected in the 2022-2023 Programme Performance Report, the 2023 Results Report and the update on the key performance indicators.

Item 5b: Programme highlights

The Board welcomed the programme highlights presented, thanked the Directors for their engagement and took note of the observations made.

Item 6: Strategic matters

Item 6a: 2024 Summit of the Future

The Board took note of the outcomes of the 2024 Summit of the Future and the Global Digital Compact and the observations made on UNITAR's work and the implications for the planning exercise of the 2026 to 2029 strategic framework.

Item 6b: Preliminary consultations on preparations for the 2026 to 2029 strategic framework

The Board took note of the observations made and requested Management to keep the Board apprised in mid-2025 and to report to the Board at its Sixty-Sixth Session with a draft strategic framework covering the period from 2026 to 2029 for its consideration.

Item 7: Partnerships

Item 7a: Implementation of the Partnership and Resource Mobilization Strategy

The Board took note of the Finance Committee's observations and Management's report on the implementation of the Partnership and Resource Mobilization Strategy and requested that Management report to the Board at its Sixty-Sixth Session.

Item 7b: Guidelines for Partnership Engagement with the Private Sector

The Board took note of the Finance Committee's observations and approved the Guidelines on Partnership Engagement with the Private Sector, with the Executive Director having full authority for approving partnerships with the private sector.

Item 7b: Proposed revisions to the Policy Guidelines on Agreements with Implementing Partners

The Board took note of the Finance Committee's observations and approved the revisions to the Policy Guidelines on Agreements with Implementing Partners as contained under Annex 8, with the understanding that Management would assign a four-point rating scale for assessing implementing partner performance.

Item 8: Offices located outside of UNITAR Headquarters**Item 8a: General guidelines on the opening of offices outside of UNITAR Headquarters**

The Board took note of the Finance Committee's observations and approved the general guidelines on the opening of offices outside of UNITAR Headquarters.

Item 8b: Doha Office

The Board took note of the Finance Committee's observations Management's update on the proposed opening of a regional office in Doha, The State of Qatar.

Item 9: 2024 Risk Report

The Board took note of the 2024 Risk Report and requested Management to report to the Board at its Sixty-Sixth Session with the results of an assessment of UNITAR's risk management maturity.

Item 10: Finance and budget**Item 10a: Audited financial statements for the year-ended 31 December 2023 and Report on the Board of Auditors**

The Board took note of the Finance Committee's observations and the financial report and audited financial statements for the year-ended 31 December 2023 and the Report of the Board of Auditors.

Item 10b: Report on the 2024 internal audit

The Board took note of the Finance Committee's observations and the 2024 report of the internal audit and Management's response.

Item 10c: Report on the application of the cost recovery approach and update on the General Fund

The Board took note of the Finance Committee's observations and Management's report on cost recovery and the update on the General Fund as well as the observations made, and requested Management to report to the Board with the results of the study on cost recovery including the operational reserve issue at its Sixty-Sixth Session.

Item 10d: Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

The Board took note of the Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

Item 10e: Proposed revision to the programme budget for the biennium 2024-2025

The Board took note of the Finance Committee's observations and the observations made. The Board adopted the revision to the programme budget for the biennium 2024-2025, as proposed,

and requested Management to provide the Board with a mid-year financial update on the programme budget.

Item 10f: Strategic business continuity funds

The Board took note of the Finance Committee's observations and Management's update on the strategic business continuity funds.

Item 10g: Update on use of the revolving fund from the General Fund

The Board took note of the Finance Committee's observations and Management's update on the use of the revolving fund from the General Fund.

Item 10h: UNITAR Investment Management and Returns Strategy

The Board took note of the Finance Committee's observations and Management's update on the UNITAR Investment Management and Returns Strategy.

Item 10i: Supplementary funding plan for the unfunded UNITAR ASHI liabilities

The Board took note of the update on the supplementary funding plan for the unfunded UNITAR ASHI liabilities.

Item 11: Elections

The Board elected His Excellency Mr. Ib Petersen and Her Excellency Ms. Amina Mohamad as the next Chair and Vice Chair of the Board, respectively, with the term of the Chair effective 1 June 2025 and the term of the Vice Chair effective immediately. The Board elected Mr. Petersen to the Finance Committee.

Item 14: Dates of the Sixty-Sixth Session of the Board and adoption of the Sixty-Fifth Session's conclusion and recommendations

The Board set the dates of the Sixty-Sixth Session for 20 to 21 November 2025, adopted the key decisions and recommendations of the Sixty-Fifth Session, and agreed to adopt the report of the conclusions and recommendations of its Sixty-Fifth Session as a follow-up to the session, as has been done in the past.

Item 15: Any other business (approved by the Board through circulation)

The Board welcomed the Global Framework on Chemicals (GFC), as established at the fifth session of the International Conference on Chemicals in September 2023. The Board was pleased to note the engagement and contributions of UNITAR and the Executive Director in the development and final establishment of the GFC. The Board supports UNITAR's continued, active work on the GFC and the commitment to implementing its multiple elements to enhance the sound management of chemicals and waste around the world.